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Christmas 2018 - we beg to differ!



Archbishop Christopher Prowse - Apostolic Administrator of the Wagga Wagga Diocese



Recently I came across a beautiful saying that is so suitable to Christmas.

“A lighted candle came into a darkened room and said: “I beg to differ.”

On the first Christmas, it was night. Luke’s Gospel makes this clear by observing that “there were shepherds... keeping guard over their sheep during the watches of the night” (Lk 2/8). It seems that Jesus was born in the middle of the night. People were sleeping.

Yet, it was not simply the absence of the sun that caused this midnight. Another type of “darkness” was at play: inhospitality.

The fact that St Joseph and Mary were in a stable in the first place was “because there was no room for them in the inn.”(Lk.2/7) The Holy Family, at least at this crucial moment of salvation history, were homeless due to the absence of hospitality in Bethlehem.

Into this “darkened room” comes the lighted candle” of

Jesus.

His coming was prefigured by the Angel of light’s encounter with the Shepherds. This heavenly light “stood over them and the glory of the Lord shone round them”. (Lk.2/9)

Here the cosmos or universe is communicating a language for us all. It is that the dawn begins at midnight. It is that darkness will not have the last word – the light begs to differ. There is hope. There is light. There is a tomorrow of joy. For Christians that LIGHT IS JESUS, our hope, and glory!

In Australia today there seems so much midnight darkness.

For example, I am aware of much mental illness, especially in our rural areas. There has been a spate of tragic suicides in farming districts in recent times. Anguish and trauma arises from this in families and friends. How will they cope this Christmas?

Then there is even more

homelessness. For most, Christmas is a time of gatherings for Church and family reunions. Sadly, for too many, the thought of family gatherings is a heartache and not a reason for joy. The darkness of loneliness arises in the hearts of some marriages and families.

Finally, the lost, the least and the last in society are always there but at Christmas their basic needs are more prominent. Groups like our St Vincent de Paul offer practical help to those confronting the darkness of insecurity – even for the most basic of needs.

Into all this “darkened room” comes the “lighted candle” of the Christ-child who says in a thousand ways to the encircling gloom: “I beg to differ.”

The creation and sustaining of a “culture of tenderness”, as Pope Francis would helpfully describe it, is a true light in the darkness. Living in Jesus we

will not allow human selfishness and aggression to have the last say. With Jesus – never! There is always mercy and forgiveness.

It is certainly true to say at Christmas – “Isn’t it great to be loved!” But it is even greater to say “Isn’t it great to love!”

Jesus is always found in the latter. Jesus is forever the redemptive light that scatters the darkness of sin.

If this is what Jesus does, so must we do the same this Christmas. This is not done in a sentimental and trivial manner but something real and practical.

As St Francis of Assisi expressed it beautifully in his Peace Prayer: “Where there is darkness, let me bring your light.”

In being the light of Jesus this Christmas in many unspoken ways, we shout out to the cynical and self-absorbed darkness of today: we beg to differ!



Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people:

Luke 2:9-12 (NRSV)

Prayer Intention for December

Evangelization: In the Service of the Transmission of Faith

That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.



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Prayer for the month...

Lord, God of Love, hear our prayer!

God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission. I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good; I shall do His work. I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it if I do but keep His commandments. Therefore, I will trust Him, whatever I am, I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him, in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him. If I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him. He does nothing in vain. He knows what He is about. He may take away my friends. He may throw me among strangers. He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink, hide my future from me. Still, He knows what He is about. Amen.

Visit this link to hear the Pope deliver his December prayer:
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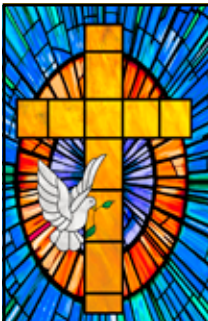
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Prayer for the election of a Bishop

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.

Children off Nauru protest

by Peter McPhee

On Tuesday October 16th. 40 Year 11 St Francis College students, together with 3 staff members, travelled to Canberra to protest against the ongoing detention of children on Nauru; a bi-partisan policy of the Australian Government.

Disgusted at the inhumane detention of young people for more than five years on Nauru and the gradual physical and mental disintegration of the health of these young people, our students believed strongly that they could no longer ignore this cruel and inhumane policy.

As one of the students stated to the media: ‘We have hope, a vision, goals and a plan for our future; the young people on Nauru can have none of these aspirations.’

Prisoners have an end date for their gaol term, these young people don’t even have that.

They are deprived of hope solely because they sought protection and asylum from Australia.

The students gathered at midday on the lawn outside Old Parliament House and were joined there by representatives from ‘Rural Australians for Refugees’ (RAR) travelling from all over Australia (about 2000 in number).

The St Francis College students led the march to the current House of Parliament holding aloft the banner they had made which stated: “Kids Off Nauru” accompanied by a painting of a young refugee child.

Many of the RAR members commented that they were delighted and encouraged to be led in the march by young people who were taking a powerful stand for other young people who suffer needlessly and cruelly from psychological and physical breakdown.

The rally was addressed by a number of relevant speakers, two of these being a psychologist and a medical doctor from Medicin San Frontier (Doctors without Borders) who had been recently forcibly removed from the detention centre by the



Students walked from the old parliament house to the new parliament house in Canberra.

Nauruan government.

They told of a grim and desperate story of a people, essentially all genuine refugees, who in seeking Australia’s protection had been locked up in an ‘off-shore hell hole’ for more than five years. The majority of these people are still being left to ‘rot’ slowly on Nauru.

It was disappointing that there was not a speaker available to address the rally from either of

the two major political parties. The Member for Farrer, Susan Ley, did however speak with three of our students inside the House.

The students returned to Leeton inspired by the passion and sense of justice as witnessed in the RAR participants. They could also say that their own level of consciousness was raised in regard to the plight of the young people and older

refugees on Nauru (and Manus).

The day was certainly very educational and a true testimony to Gospel values, I believe.

The symbol of the Cross on our Christian schools is not there for decoration, it should be a sign that calls us to action. Hopefully the St Francis College student’s day at the rally for refugees in Canberra gave witness to that christian action.



Christmas Appeal - Uganda

The rain is coming down fast and heavy, flooding parts of the dirt road and making it slippery for the small group of young children walking in the darkness. Hushed chatter can be heard, interrupted by the sound of the engine from a motorbike in the distance. Having walked for several kilometres already, mostly on an empty stomach, they are starting to fatigue. But the children know the dangers of walking these paths and do not dare to stop.



Just weeks earlier, on the exact same road, a group of three young girls were violently snatched as they were walking to school. While one girl managed to escape, her two friends have not been seen since.

Sadly, although it is rare, abduction and child trafficking is a terrifying reality in rural areas in Uganda. Local missionary and head teacher, Sister Cecilia Namudira, together with her fellow Cistercian Sisters of Charity, runs the Mother Claudia Nursery and Primary School, a place that not only provides education for children, but also a safe home to board during the term, instead of travelling long and dangerous routes.

“I fear for the safety of the children every day. We ask them to walk together in groups as very few parents can afford to send the children to school on boda bodas (motorbikes). For the girl child, walking these distances increases their vulnerability to possible situations of sexual abuse and

exploitation.” – Sister Cecilia

The Christmas story tells of Mary and Joseph being turned away before a kind heart offered them much-needed safety and shelter in the stable. In a similar way, Sister Cecilia and the Cistercian Sisters have begun to offer shelter for some of the children at Mother Claudia. The boarding arrangement initially started with children sleeping in classrooms and staff rooms as there was no boarding house. With the need so great and urgent, the Sisters simply could not wait until they had the funds to build a boarding house.

As the school continues to grow and attract the interest of more parents and children—mainly because of the quality of education the Sisters offer and the Christian values they instil—there is an urgent need to complete two dormitories, including the water and toilet facilities needed for the boarding students, and also to build more dormitories and new classrooms.

This Holy Season, as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, I ask you to please keep the Sisters and children at Mother Claudia in your prayers.

To donate visit: <https://catholicmission.org.au/our-work/christmas-appeal-uganda>



Council for Australian Catholic Women

by Katherine Klapdor

You may have heard of the Council for Australian Catholic Women (CACW). The CACW formed in response to the 1999 *‘Woman and Man, One in Christ Jesus Report’* that focused on women in the Catholic Church. You can read the Report yourself at opw.catholic.org.au/resources-menu-resources-94/woman-and-man-one-in-christ-jesus-resource-kit.html#.W7quLHszbcs The Report was commissioned through the 1996 Australian Bishops’ Conference and not unsurprisingly, two major themes emerged: the need to recognise and affirm all genders as equal before God, and to respond to the changing role of women in society. The CACW exists “to ensure that the dignity of women is honoured and their gifts are given space to flourish for the sake of the Church’s life and mission” (ACBC Social Justice Statement 2000)

‘To live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often’ (Plenary Council website)

There are CACW Teams in a number of Dioceses across Australia working to progress the role of women in the Church, and carry out the recommendations of Catholic Bishop’s Conferences. Many women (and some men) have taken part in the Wagga Wagga Diocese CACW Team’s inspirational programs such as

the Women’s Spirituality Days. The Team is now working on the next Women’s Spirituality Day, which will held on Saturday 31 August, 2019 at Kildare College. Our guest speaker is Sally Neaves, the Eco-Education Coordinator at Rahamin Ecology Centre in Bathurst; and Jill McCorquodale, an experienced facilitator based in Melbourne, will facilitate the Day. In this time of drought, we are promoting hope and respect for the land using an eco-spirituality approach. You can read more on this topic in *Laudato Si – Pope Francis’ Encyclical on human ecology*. We look forward to coming together again and experiencing the support, strength and inspiration that arises from these gatherings. It is a wonderful opportunity to respond to the call from our future. The Team is also supporting you, the Church community, in voicing your experiences and ideas for building our future through the Catholic Bishop’s

nation-wide consultation process called Plenary Council. Find out more about this at plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au. Plenary Council is the highest form of assembly of the entire Church with legislative powers. This involves consulting with the community leading up to the national meetings of the Council (made up of laity, religious and



Wagga Wagga Diocese CACW Team meeting at the St Mary’s Hall, Lockhart. (L-R) Elizabeth Madden, Bernadette Kennedy, Liz Rothe, Catherine Cutler, Judy Pattison, Margaret Walsh, Anne Brown, Carmel Byrne, Katherine Klapdor, Virginia Gawler and Jane Plum.

clergy with the bishops) in 2020 and 2021. The CACW is facilitating group discussions, speaking with individuals, recording discussion outcomes, and collating and forwarding this information to the Plenary Council, and will report back to the Church community. Our response to the main question of, *What is God asking us of us in Australia?* will be through the lens of issues affecting women in a rural diocese. You can also ‘have your say’ online at the Plenary Council website. Over 10,000 responses from across Australia have been received already. To read how the Broken Bay Diocese is working through the Plenary Council go to www.bbcatholic.org.au and search for Plenary Council. The closing date for voicing your experiences and hopes and ideas for the future of the Church

community is Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2019. The options for getting your message and ideas to the Plenary Council include 1) meetings of small groups e.g. co-workers, friends at Church, volunteer or craft group, family members; 2) meetings with individuals e.g. speaking with a CACW team member over the phone or face-to-face; 3) writing a letter or 4) responding on-line at plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/have-your-say/. Bishop Peter A Comensoli describes five factors (and there may be probably others) that indicate why we have reached a decisive moment requiring change in how our Church community operates: •The shameful and shocking findings and slow response of the Church hierarchy to •The abuse described in the Australian Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to

Child Sexual Abuse. •Religious belief and practice, as traditionally understood e.g. Church attendance, has waned and there is a fall in the numbers of nuns and priests. •To engage youth the Church must become part of the ‘digital world’. •Catholics want to actively participate in decision making in their local faith communities and move from ‘maintenance’ to ‘mission/action’. •The growing diversity of the people of our nation and fewer that identify as ‘religious’ needs to be considered in terms of how best we can work together. To be involved in the Plenary Council consultation activities or if you are interested in being involved with the CACW please email us (cacww.waggawagga@gmail.com) and we’ll direct it to your local contact person.

Living Word

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GONE FISHING: Jesus’ choice of his first disciples was surprising, to say the least. Instead of waiting for followers to come to him, he went looking for them. For starters, none of these four men were scholars; none was pursuing a career in rabbinical or priestly training. They were all working-class guys, fishermen who expected to spend their lives on the sea, or as Acts 4:13 described them later, they were “unschooled, ordinary men.” As we read in Mark 3:13: “He called to him those whom he wanted.” Jesus wants you and me to follow him, not just as companions but also as sharers in his mission. So when someone becomes a follower of Jesus, what are they signing up for? What have we signed up for? These days maybe it’s to help Jesus fish people out of a sea of a secularist ideology that says you can be perfectly happy with the goods of the world. As Augustine said, our hearts are made for God. We are ordered by an innate natural desire toward ultimate truth, ultimate goodness, and ultimate beauty. No wealth, pleasure, honour or power in this world can finally satisfy that longing in the heart, which is why the secularist ideology is a deadening ideology. Christians are meant to be fishers of men, but when we operate according to our own agendas and efforts, we will catch nothing. We must act under the Lord’s direction. If we follow Christ, we will do great good indeed.

Mission conference the perfect prelude to an Extraordinary Month of Mission



Dr Carol Zinn SSJ, Executive Director of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious

Catholic Religious Australia and Catholic Mission have combined again to present the fourth Mission: one heart many voices conference, and everyone is welcome to register and attend.

The Conference will be held in Sydney from May 13 to 15, 2019.

This will be the fourth time this Conference has been organised and it is regarded as one of Australia's premier conferences on mission. It will take place five months before the Extraordinary Missionary Month, declared by Pope Francis in celebration of the 100th anniversary of Pope Benedict XV's apostolic letter *Maximum Ilud*.

'The intention behind Pope Francis' call for an Extraordinary Missionary Month is to nurture a spirit of missionary transformation in each of us personally as well the Church's life and pastoral activity,' said Peter Gates, Deputy National Director of Catholic Mission, which

organises the conference jointly with Catholic Religious Australia. 'This conference is a critical opportunity for participants to prepare for this extraordinary time.'

This conference will focus on themes of radical inclusion, encounter and dialogue. It is designed to challenge you to consider contemporary Mission in the light of Popes Francis' teaching, witness and leadership.

Mission: one heart many voices 2019 is for those who are inspired to strive creatively for justice, peace, reconciliation and God's mission of love. As we journey together towards Plenary Council 2020, the conference is a unique opportunity to listen, converse and experience the many and diverse voices that are an expression of the one heart of mission. The conference will explore the complexity and issues surrounding leadership, formation, theology and the practice of mission.

Over three days Mission: one heart many voices 2019 will be home to some of the many voices of mission with the hope to empower participants with a vision of mission that is scriptural and theological, enabling, encouraging and inspiring us all to take up the challenges the Gospel and Pope Francis lay before us.

Dr Carol Zinn SSJ, Executive Director of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious, will headline the conference, sharing her unique insight on education, business and international NGOs.

She will be joined by the secretary of the Pontifical Council for Culture, Bishop Paul Tighe, as well as Ravina Waldren, and Robert Fitzgerald AM, among a host of other presenters and workshop facilitators.

'The quality and diversity of the international and local speakers is extraordinary to have at one gathering,' said Mr Gates. 'When you add to that the breadth and depth of experience and wisdom that the participants bring, then the conference cannot but be a special experience for all.'

'It is an environment designed to offer inspiration and energy for living the joy of the Gospel and leading mission coupled with practical learning and experience that enables improved quality of work and ministry,' said Mr Gates.



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Above all, the conference purpose is to affirm, inspire, nurture and imagine. It will enable participants to 'go forth boldly' (EG 261) and lead mission with a heart for the future.

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Conference Organisers:



Bishop Paul Tighe, Secretary of the Pontifical Council for Culture



Holy Trinity Primary School

Holy Trinity students in Wagga Wagga held a mufti day on Tuesday 4 December and were asked to bring in a new toy instead of a gold coin. Wow what a effort for the Vinnies Christmas Appeal. **Well done to the Holy Trinity community!**

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Fr John Frauenfelder's 50th Anniversary of Priesthood

On Sunday 9th December the Sacred Heart Parish North Albury gathered to recognise and celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Fr John Frauenfelder's ordination to the Priesthood. Fr John was

ordained on 10th December 1968 in the Sacred Heart Parish North Albury by the Bishop of Wagga Wagga, Dr Carroll. It was his first ordination performed in the diocese since he became Bishop and the first

ordination ceremony for the parish of North Albury. Fr John over the years has worked in a number of the parishes of the Wagga Wagga Diocese and for many years he served as assistant priest in the North

Albury Parish. At present Fr John's ministry is with the Diocese of Broken Bay.

Fr John concelebrated the 9.30am Mass with Fr Martin Cruickshank and Fr Bernie Thomas. At the conclusion

of Mass Justin Clancy, the President of the Sacred Heart Parish Council presented a gift to Fr John on behalf of the Parish. Following the Mass the parishioners gathered in the Hall for morning tea.

Left: Fr Martin Cruickshank, Fr John Frauenfelder and Fr Bernie Thomas
Below: Fr John Frauenfelder celebrating his 50th Anniversary



Above: Parishioners gathering in the hall for morning tea

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Crossroads Mission

by Joseph Slee

Earlier this year I embarked on an adventure of sorts to the USA. This was not your average holiday however. The main purpose of my trip was to participate in the Crossroads Prolife walk across America.

The Crossroads mission is a response to the call of St. Pope John Paul II to “be not afraid” and to spread the “Gospel of life”. At World Youth Day in Denver 1993 he said, “Christ needs you to enlighten the world and to show it the path of life. Do not be afraid to go out into the streets and public places like the first apostles, who preached Christ and the good news of salvation in the squares of cities, towns and villages. This is no time to be ashamed of the Gospel of life”.

Taking this call quite literally, Crossroads was founded, and now conducts pro-life walks each Summer across the United States, Australia and Canada. Each summer, college-age young people walk on five walks in 3 countries to help build a Culture of Life. Walking over 20,000 kilometres in 3 countries, these young people hope to convert the hearts and minds of others – at the grass-roots level – by witnessing to the dignity and sanctity of all human life, from the moment of conception to natural death.

My experience of Crossroads was one that I shall never forget. It was both spiritually and socially uplifting. Walking for several hours each day wearing bright

t-shirts with PRO-LIFE written on them, was not quite my idea of a relaxing holiday. It was more of a pilgrimage. Lots of walking, putting up with the hot summer sun and the elements, the odd blister and occasionally having to endure personality clashes within our own group. But like on a pilgrimage, we embraced the suffering, as it gave our walk purpose. Like Christ who suffered on His walk to Calvary to redeem humankind, we could offer our suffering with His, for our redemption.

Walking through the cities and countryside, it was really encouraging to discover that people are generally more pro-life than we might think. Talking to people along the way we received mostly positive responses. Of course, there were a few negative responses and some interesting discussions, but these were far outweighed by the support and kind words of encouragement we received from strangers. There was one instance where we were invited to lunch at a famous buffet restaurant in Pennsylvania. The owners and a few members of the community dined with us and provided all we could eat at no charge. We didn't worry about the extra calories, as we would soon walk them off.

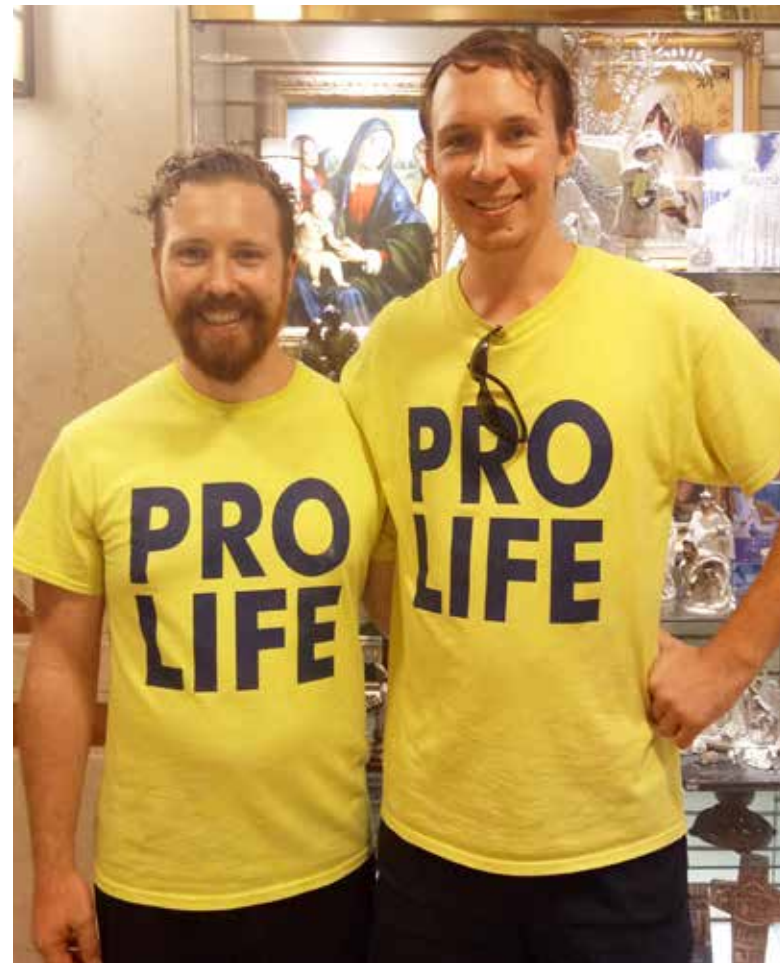
On the weekends we would visit different church parishes and speak to the parishioners about our journey and the Crossroads mission. Crossroads is funded entirely by donations, and the generosity I witnessed during my time there was outstanding.

From simple monetary and food donations, to some of the amazing host families who welcomed us into their homes.

One weekend we were hosted by the Little sisters of the poor in New Jersey, where they ran a retirement home. We were only there for two days, but in this time, we managed to get to know a majority of the residents and the sisters who cared for them. Before we left, one of the residents gave us a bag full of sandwiches and cupcakes that she had made herself. These were possibly the tastiest sandwiches I have eaten, you could tell they were made with a dash of extra love. The short time I spent there really struck a chord, that being Pro-Life does not mean being exclusively about babies, but for people at all stages of life. We are all God's creation, and we are all called to love one another at every stage of being.

As we travelled along, we would also collect prayer intentions from parishioners and people we met along the way and include them in our daily prayers. It was very humbling, that as we walked, we could offer countless sacrifices and prayers in repayment for the generosity and grace we had received along the way.

The greatest moment of joy I felt on my journey was of course at the end of our pilgrimage. When all three groups arrived together at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington DC. It was an amazing sense of achievement and comradery experienced with these other



Joseph Slee and Ben Slee

groups of young adults who had a similar journey to us but on different routes. It was even more rewarding for me as I was reunited with my younger brother Benedict, who was participating on one of the other routes. We spent the last weekend together speaking in parishes around DC and celebrating the culmination of our journey.

I will be participating in Crossroads again this summer in Australia which will run from Jan 4th- Feb 6th, starting in Brisbane and finishing in Melbourne. Now more than ever do we need to be reminded that life is precious. With politicians recently passing laws allowing abortion legally in QLD and already allowed in

VIC and TAS, now is not the time to simply fold over to the waywardness of society. People need to be encouraged that life is a gift and should be cherished at all its stages. If we do not protect our fellow members of society at their most vulnerable, what hope do we have of building a culture of respect for life and people.

It is our hope and prayer that through our witness, we are able to change hearts and minds and to build a culture of life for the future.

If you would like to get involved with Crossroads or if you would like to donate towards the Crossroads mission you can do so through their website www.crossroadsaustralia.org



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Church calls for empowerment of people with disability

On December 3 Australia's bishops urged all Catholics to promote, empower and recognise the gifts of people with disability.

Bishop Don Sproston, Auxiliary Bishop of Perth and the newly-appointed Bishop Delegate for Disability Issues, said that as the Church prepared for Advent, it was appropriate to observe the International Day of People with Disability, held each year December 3.

This year's theme is "Empowering persons with disabilities and ensuring inclusiveness and equality" – inspired by the United Nations' 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

"The 2030 Agenda, pledging to 'leave no one behind', is an ambitious plan of action of the international community towards a peaceful and prosperous world, where dignity of an individual person and equality among all is applied as the fundamental principle," Bishop Sproston said.

"It is critical to ensure the full and equal participation of persons with disabilities in all spheres of society and includes active participation in our Church and faith communities to create enabling environments

by, for and with persons with disabilities."

In his address to people with disability last year, Pope Francis said: "We are all different. There is no one exactly like another. Differences are a richness because I have something and you have something else and by putting the two together we have something more beautiful, something greater."

Pope Francis added that people must not be afraid of diversity, but see it "as the path to improvement, to be more beautiful and richer".

Bishop Sproston said people's faith calls and challenges them to take action to ensure communities are open and active in promoting opportunities that include people with disability.

"This includes work opportunities, empowering people with disabilities to take an active role in leadership and ensuring our faith communities are accessible physically and attitudinally, guaranteeing 'no one is left behind'," he said.

"In particular, we need to ensure that people with disability living in remote and rural areas, those who are new to our country and those struggling with the ever-increasing daily expense of living are supported and

encouraged in the most practical and appropriate manner.

"This timely theme is an invitation and call to us to create and ensure a change in societal attitude that sees disability as a burden to humanity and a costly experience to society."

We Are All Different

Loving God, author of all gifts; We praise and thank you for all the gifts you have entrusted to us.

Pour out your Spirit upon us so that, true to our baptismal promises, we may form faith communities that recognise and promote the gifts in all people so that we may all share in the mission of Jesus.

Inspire us to be a Church that is welcoming and accepting,



and which sees everyone as an expression of Christ.

May our faith communities nurture and commission all members to live our particular gifts as a reflection and imitation of Jesus' life.

Give us the courage to be the light of welcome in the darkness of exclusion, a voice of gentleness in the wilderness of the unheard and an outstretched hand of love to those longing for community. Amen.

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God loved the world – so much – that he sent his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life [John 3:16]. Jesus did not come as an emperor/prime minister; soldier/conqueror; nor as a politician/dictator; nor as a merchant/monopoliser; nor as a businessman/financier; nor as a scientist/cyber-tech; Jesus came as a baby. Each year at Christmas, Come to Bethlehem is the West Wagga Parish's reinforcement of this important God News.

A sleepy, fragile, needy and lovely baby. He chose to be born into a family with a Mum and foster Dad who loved him with all that the human heart is capable. His parents were fallible but also profoundly humble, human and holy.

Jesus descended from heaven to earth not to blame or to condemn, but to capture the hearts of individuals, each and every one of them – without exception. His own people, the Jewish nation of Israel, although they were

waiting for him expectantly, sadly didn't recognise him. Indeed, the leader at the time was so fearful of losing his kingly position that he exterminated all the little boys under two years of age.

Later as a grown man, Jesus spoke openly and kindly to those who cared to listen. He proved his consideration to all who came to him, by healing them, teaching them and forgiving all who asked this of him. And still, most of

his own people did not recognise the Saviour of the world. Jesus is among us now [Mt 25:40]. He is in the poor, the neglected, the persecuted and exiled, the refugee, in the unwanted baby and even in the grieving mother who sobs for her child that is "no more" [Mt 2:18].

Christmas is a time to recall that each person, irrespective of how they see themselves, is reminded that all are loved by

God; all without exception is invited to come to him and to receive his healing, forgiveness and abundant grace. He is waiting for you! Don't miss out during this blessed Season. Go to your place of worship; with the angels, the shepherds, the saints and the sinners, joining the chorus of adoration singing "Come let us adore him."

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Caritas Australia urges government to adopt Global Migration Compact



Syrian refugees in Turkey. Photo by Patrick Nicholson, Caritas Internationalis.



Caritas Australia, the Catholic Church's international aid and development agency, urges the Australian Government to adopt the Global Migration Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, after its recent decision to withdraw from the historic multilateral agreement.

The Global Compact is expected to be the first,

internationally negotiated agreement, prepared under the guidance of the United Nations, to cover all dimensions of international migration in a holistic and comprehensive manner. Over 190 countries have signed up to the agreement.

The Compact, which emerged out of the United Nations 2016 New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants (New York Declaration), aligns closely with the work of the global Caritas network to "Share the Journey" with migrants and refugees. This movement aims

to support the displaced as they seek safe passage and eventually re-settlement in new lands.

Pope Francis launched this "Share the Journey" campaign in 2017 saying that "migrants are our brothers and sisters in search of a better life, far away from poverty, hunger, exploitation and the unjust distribution of the planet's resources, which are meant to be equitably shared by all."

The Compact presents a framework for comprehensive international cooperation on migrants and human mobility

and Caritas Australia's Director of Advocacy and Communications, Nic Nelson, said that it would be appropriate for the Australian government to sign up to the Compact because it would properly reflect our community values and provide leadership in our region.

"Australia has a proud history of leading the way with international agreements to global problems," Mr Nelson said. "This is a time to again show such leadership as one of the world's most successful multicultural countries".

Caritas Australia is adding its endorsement of the Compact along with a number of other faith-based and non-Government actors, including; the Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office, Jesuit Refugee Services, Settlement Services International, UNICEF Australia and many more.

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National Day of Sorrow & Promise

In a collective response from Catholic religious orders across the country, religious women and men held a National Day of Sorrow and Promise on Sunday, 2 December 2018, the beginning of Advent and the start of a new Church year. This is to reflect a new way of being Church in Australia.

The day emerged to acknowledge survivors of abuse within the Catholic Church and all those who have been hurt by that abuse. Underpinning this, is a clear promise for a better, safer future.

“Action is happening. The process is already under way to reform the Church’s practices to ensure that safeguarding is integral in all that we do as part of our ministry and outreach in the community. This at the heart of our mission,” said Monica Cavanagh rsj, President of Catholic Religious Australia (CRA).

While this reform is underway, Sr Monica is clear that “We must continue to hold and honour those who spoke their stories to break the silence.”

In addition to apologising again for the tragedy of abuse, the purpose of the day was also to acknowledge those who work in the interests of persons harmed by abuse and those who work for the safety of the vulnerable.

Catholic religious women and men gathered in solidarity, to recognise their pain in collaboration with their own local communities in different cities and towns across the nation.

Promise Statement

As Catholic Religious of Australia, we are stirred by sorrow for the failings of the past.

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WE promise to act to prevent abuse, respond with compassion and justice and put the protection of children and the vulnerable at the heart of all our ministries

WE promise to support all those walking courageously with the abused and those working fearlessly for the prevention of abuse

WE promise to work tirelessly and humbly to build a culture in our Church which is loving and answerable to the wider community

WE promise to partner with those who have been abused, with governments, civil agencies and society at large to continue to learn and work towards a safer, more respectful and accountable Church

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When super Typhoon Haiyan struck the Philippines on 8 November 2013, an estimated 14 million people were affected and over 6,300 people were killed. Within hours of making landfall, Caritas Australia and the wider Caritas International network, which also includes Catholic Relief Services and NASSA/Caritas Philippines, were on the ground responding to an emergency which devastated entire communities. Through the support of the Australian community, Caritas was able to provide emergency support to those affected including up to 20,000 tarpaulins, 1 million water purification tablets to help 16,000 families, 18,000 emergency shelter supply kits and 5,000 water, sanitation and hygiene kits, and 5,000 non-food item kits.

For Caritas Australia’s partners on the ground, the fifth anniversary of the Typhoon is a chance to reflect not just on the extent of the devastation caused by the typhoon but



Caritas commemorates fifth anniversary of Typhoon Haiyan



Destruction of Typhoon Haiyan in Tacloban City. Credit Kent Truog-Catholic Relief Services

also on recovery efforts and community restoration projects. “Mothers clung to their children. Even the very toughest people, police and military men (broke down). Strong winds and waves almost

‘ate alive’ several families living on the shore line of Tacloban,” says Jing Rey Henderson, Communications and Partnership Development Coordinator at Caritas Philippines. “When we approached the affected communities and asked, ‘What kind of help do you need?’ people told us that they needed housing. At that time people told us that conditions were really bad for those living in temporary shelters.” Since super Typhoon Haiyan, one of the other significant achievements of Caritas in the Philippines, through

partnership with other members of the Caritas network, is emergency prevention, preparedness and mitigation. Subsequent hazard situations in the Philippines caused less damage and loss of life because of preparedness strategies. “More than the income we can make out of the environment, we need the environment to protect our home,” local tribeswomen told me,” Ms Henderson said. “Your support of our super Typhoon Haiyan response and all the other emergencies that have elapsed since then, like (last month’s) Typhoon Mangkhut, is appreciated.

What we can only promise is that we will make good on the donations and the generous support.” An anniversary commemoration of super Typhoon Haiyan took place in the city of Palo, Leyte on Nov 16-17. The memorial paid tribute to the memory of the deceased and celebrated the work of recovery crews and volunteers.

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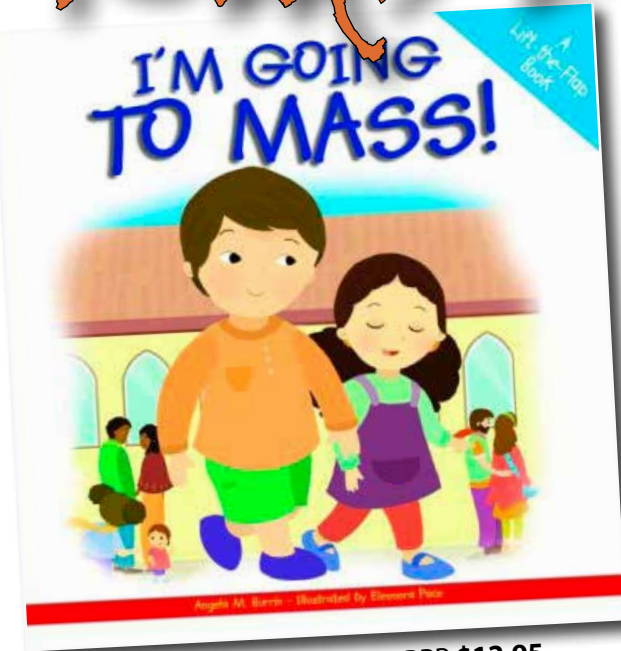
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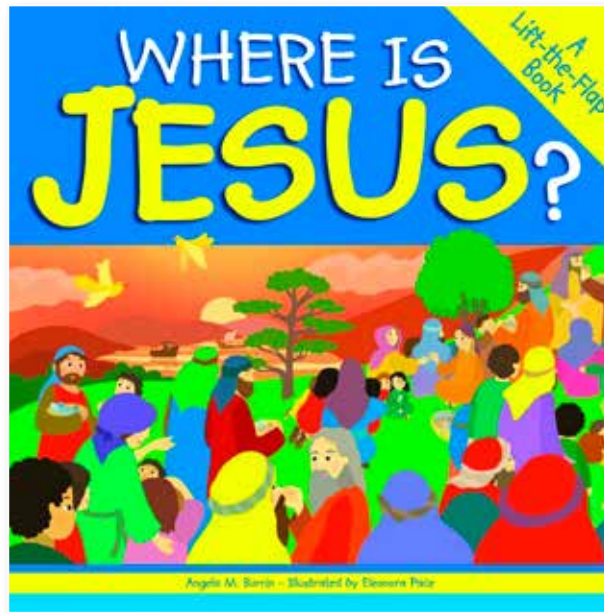
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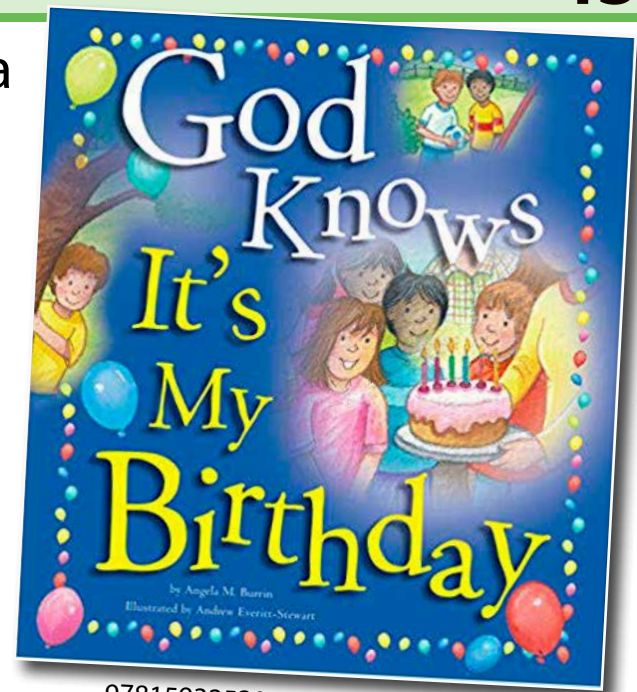
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Parish Feast Day of All Saints'

by Rev. Dr. Brancik

Whilst the eve of the first of November, the Feast of All Saints or All Hallows, signals for some the Americanised celebration of Halloween, for us in the Church is it a very special celebration and more so for the parish of Tumbarumba. The celebration of the patronal feast of a parish should always be a great occasion for the parish family. On such a day, the parish especially remembers to ask the intercession of its heavenly patron to watch over all the children of God in the parish. We in Tumbarumba are blessed to have each and every saint in heaven interceding for us!

To commemorate this feast we ask the children of the parish to participate in the 'All Saints' parade'. Each child choses a particular saint and presents this saint in costume after Holy Mass. This coincides well with the celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation.

During the celebration of Confirmation, each candidate is asked to choose a name of another saint as their special patron. Their choice is motivated by their desire to imitate the life of this saint by the help of the sanctifying grace of the sacrament

and the outpouring of the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit. They are expressing openly within the assembly of the faithful their desire to live the life of grace, in short, to be saints. One of our candidates chose St. Hubertus as his special patron. This because St. Hubertus is known as the patron saint of hunters and mathematicians. Our second candidate chose the name of St. Bernadette; the simple holy maid of France who was privileged to see Holy Mary, Mother of God as the Immaculate Conception.

This desire to be saintly was also seen in the children who made their First Holy Communion on this occasion. The physical reception of the Body and Blood of Christ truly is the Real Presence of the Blessed Trinity in the soul. Without God we cannot be holy, saintly.

This year, two children were confirmed with the oil of Holy Chrism whilst three made their First Holy

Communion. Indeed the holiness of the parish is increased when our children participate so beautifully in the life of Grace. May we all remember the days when we received the Blessed Sacrament for the first time. **Let us always receive Our Lord as if it were for the first time, mindful of our call to holiness; to be saints.**



All Saints Debutante Ball

All Saints' Deb Ball 2018 was a huge success, with over 320 people attending. The Mighty Yak did a fantastic job keeping everyone dancing and entertained right till the end of the night.

The special guests for the night were Prue Horan. Prue was representing Mark Maclean who is the Acting Director of Schools, Diocese of Wagga Wagga.

Prue has been involved in Catholic Education for over 30 years, both in the Wilcannia, Forbes and Wagga Wagga Diocese. Prue has been

the Assistant Director for School and System Improvement for the past three years.

Reverend Dr Thomas Brancik has been Parish priest of the parish for the last six years. Father Brancik has a Doctorate in Church Law and is the Judicial Vicar of the Diocese of Wagga Wagga.

Mr Daniel Francis - Dan is the principal of All Saints Tumbarumba. Dan is married to Simone and they have three children, 7-year-old twins Sophie and Ryan and little baby Will.



The matron of honour for the night was Hilary Richards. Hilary attended All Saints' as a child.

She is married to Mark Richards and they have three children, Phoenix and Phoebe both attend All Saints' with Paxton following in a few years. Both Hilary and her husband Mark are the proud owners of a local café Dare to Bite.

Jorje Ernst did a wonderful job teaching the Debutantes and their partners the dances.

The Debutantes of 2018 All Saints Ball were:

1. *Anna Huszka partnered by Charlie Bergin*

Anna wore a one shoulder, A-line dress that featured diamante beading over the shoulder and

around her waist.

Anna is an exchange student from Hungary. Her parents are Imberdare and Eerdi, she has a brother named Balarsh and a sister Dooda.

Partnering Annawas Charlie, his parents are Nikki and Pat Wilesmith. Charlie has a sister named Brinley and a younger brother Cooper.

2. *Katie Kellam was partnered by Liam Roberts*

Katie wore an A-line princess style gown. It had a beautiful beaded bodice with rhinestone beaded straps.

Liam's parents are Michelle and Peter.

3. *Courtney Jones and Jack Goldspink*

Courtney's gown had a stunning lace bodice that came in at the waist. The beautiful sweetheart neckline and lace straps added a soft touch to her gown.

Courtney's parents are Michael and Sharon. She has a big sister Elizabeth, and little sisters Maddison and Rhianna.

Jacks mum is Erin, his younger brothers are Kody, Zane and Archie.

4. *Molly Bourke and Lachlan Fisher*

Molly's dress featured layers of soft tulle and a fitted sparkling bodice and a beaded waist band. Her dress was finished off with a delicate corset back.

Molly's mum is Jackie, her

dad is Mark. She has four siblings - Billie, Dean, Grace and Tommy.

Lachlan's parents are James and Jodie, he has three sisters - Madison, Alyssa and Tahlia and a brother Jack.

5. *Jaymeii Metcalf-Salter partnered by Gus Taylor*

Jaymeii wore a one of a kind princess A-line style gown, featuring a handmade french lace bodice with capped sleeves and finished with a satin corset back.

Jaymeii's parents are Sheree and Dwayne Salter. She has three brothers Wyatt, Kaleb and Vaughn.

Gus is the son of Bryan and Jill Taylor, his two sisters are Mirri and Hannah.

6. *Emma Hubbard partnered by Dan Strike*

Emma wore a classic V-neck gown with a beautifully detailed cut out back, the skirt was fitted with a split down the front.

Emma's parents are Catherine and Darren, with sisters Amy, Holly-Lyn and Lydia, she also has a brother named Joel.

Dans parents are Michelle Thomson and Dean Strike, he has a brother Gus and sister Lilly.

7. *Asheleigh Dodwell partnered by Darcy Rixon*

Asheleigh wore a classic gown with an illusion lace neckline. Her lace gown was fitted and beautifully

finished with a satin belt around the waist.

Her parents are Robert and Kay Dodwell. Asheleigh is the younger sister of Danielle, Emily and Clayton.

Darcy's parents are Tim and Karine, he has a brother Jock and a sister Tess.

8. *Kimberley Staib and Jack Radford*

Kimberley's long flowing chiffon gown was detailed with a silver pendant, it had a corset style back with delicate lace straps.

Kimberley's parents are Sharon and Kelvin Staib, she also has a brother named Byron.

Jack is the son of Bernie and Stephen and step father Allan. His siblings are Eli, Jade, Nick, Hannah and Imogen.

9. *Kira-Lee Brown partnered by Ben Lonergan*

Kirra-Lee wore an A-Line gown with shoestring straps, the lace bodice was finished with a sweetheart neckline, flowing into a chiffon skirt, her dress was finished off with a beaded belt.

Her mum is Natasha and her two brothers are Logan and Ethan.

Bens parents are Peter and Theresa Lonergan. He has a sister Zoe and brother Callam.

10. *Katrina Saunders partnered by Kane Stewart*

Katrina was wearing a white satin one shoulder gown; her dress had a lace up back and flows into a gathered tulle skirt.

Katrina's mum is Sandra, her siblings are Vanessa, Jeremy, Jasmine and Cassandra.

Kane's parents are Kathy and Bailey, he has two brothers - Zakk and Flynn.

Past student of All Saints' Molly Bourke was joined by Courtney Jones to make a speech on behalf of all of the debutantes and their partners.

Jaymeii Metcalf-Salter and Asheleigh Dodwell had the honor of cutting the cake which was made by Vanessa Chaffey.



The Marian Way

by **Heath Neville**
MCC - Director of Missions

Is there such a thing as too much charity? Winston Churchill stated, “You might make a living on what you get... but we make a life by what we give.” Marian Catholic College (MCC) fosters a holistic approach to learning. The College sees value in building each student’s capacity to serve others. Currently, in today’s climate, there is no better lesson than that of gratefulness, acceptance and the ability to seek change when it is needed. In the closing of our school year, and reflecting on our most recent acts of charity, I was intrigued into contemplating what the MCC community has achieved in 2018 as we make a life by what we have given. This life is nothing short of amazing and stands in defiance of such an opening question.

On Friday the 7th of December, at our closing Mass, the students walked down the aisle with over 36 Christmas Hampers of charity that will be delivered to families in need around Griffith through the St Vincent De Paul Society. Each hamper contained over 23 items ranging from gift vouchers to bonbons donated by students at an average cost of \$5. This small, combined gift creates an overwhelming message of care expressed by our students and staff to the value of up and towards \$5000. Is it results such as these we should focus on in the lead up to Christmas as a vital checkpoint in the health and wellbeing of our vibrant faith community?

It is rare that we publicise and highlight our qualities of compassion, inclusiveness, stewardship and care especially

as we wait for HSC results to surface in the coming weeks. We will analyse these results and applaud much deserved commitment to an academic life. There will be photos of those who ranked highest and we will quickly meet and discuss strategies around using this year’s data of NAPLAN and HSC to ensure future success and enrolments. May I offer an alternative focal point? Take nothing away from our core business of learning, however, let us marvel at community achievement of our students including the recently graduated in 2018 as an alternative.

Is there such thing as too much charity? Maybe only, when you are doing it for the wrong reasons! This article will not rank the students on who gave the most on a scale of 100 and nor will it mention the names of the community, staff and students who led and/or orchestrated the success of the many campaigns. For then it would be too much. Let us look at the impacts instead as we would with academic success.

Project Compassion was a little project that kicked off our Year of Youth and our fundraising and charity for 2018. It intended to grow the generosity and kindness in our homeroom families. Expectations were exceeded by the true spirit of our Marian family. Enough funds were raised to support 25 young people to attain a diploma in Enterprise Development Training to provide them with income-generating skills in Nepal. Furthermore, left over funds were used to supply materials for children to learn carpentry at the Matuba Children’s Centre in Mozambique.

2018 saw our youth speak up in action around the future of our environment when they initiated a water bottle recycling program that further funded the already existing CAREVAN cooking program. The cooking program has seen classrooms



full of kids volunteering at lunchtime to cook for a local van that delivers the meals to the less privileged at night. It was impossible to calculate the number of meals that have been produced by Marian in order to assist this wonderful local program. Once again, for data purposes let us simply say over 1000 meals. The funds raised so far by the recycle program was minimal, but the effect was immeasurable, as at a recent assembly a group of young men spoke up by choice, around the importance and needed support with a vision of a future for recycling in our community. This proved the initiative a flying success and once again students demonstrated education beyond the classroom and that of a worldview.

iCare kits was the social justice initiative of Term 2. This year we were able to develop 36 kits that were presented

to the Linking Communities Organisation on behalf of the College. The work Linking Communities does is a vital resource in our community and we were pleased we could support their group and the people they help. The bags

We are charitable, we are students and staff that care, we are a community of wonder, learning and peace where the challenges of today prepare us for the challenges of tomorrow...

that the items are in were also purchased from Cotton On; the bags were a part of their Cotton On foundation range of products, which means the cost of the bags goes directly towards one of their programs in Southern Africa or Uganda. Cotton On presented the College with an award of thanks for giving \$100 towards their program supplying books and bricks for a school in Uganda.

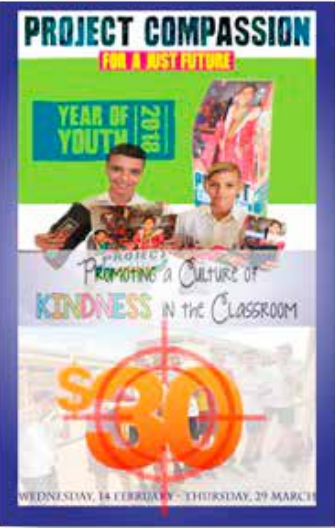
The year was only half way through and Marian had already been involved in two Catholic Youth Festivals and had the added honour of John Angotti touring from America performing in the school hall. He spent nearly two days with the school, and in this time assisted in writing the lyrics of our new school song. He agreed to do this, because as he told the students during his concert, “I

believe this school is on fire!” These words resonated with the students and their charity and service stepped up another level. In Term 3, students and staff decided to give to rural aid. They ran a farmers market every Friday supplying produce

and baked goods from home. We were aiming for \$1000 which would buy 10 bales of hay. We were able to raise 6 times that amount which resulted in Marian supplying a full truckload of hay to regional NSW farmers.

There was still more to come... Term 4 saw Marian issue a challenge to all the schools in the Diocese through John Goonan and Catholic Mission, to raise much-needed funds to purchase a school bus for St John’s in Hakha, Myanmar. The goal is \$41,506 and latest reports indicated the schools were steadily creeping towards it. Marian decided to hold its first ever Colour Run to assist on Friday 30th of November. It ran in conjunction with another one of our important charity days, Project Samoa. We were

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Lantern tour for the tercentenary of the birth of Nano Nagle

by Patrick Donohue
Mount Erin Heritage Centre

On Tuesday the 27th of November, Kildare Catholic College played host to representatives from the eleven surviving schools that were founded by the Presentation Sisters from their base at Mount Erin, here in Wagga.

The occasion was the concluding liturgy celebrating the pilgrimage of a replica of the lantern that Nano Nagle carried on her nightly forays into the slums of Cork, Ireland, administering succour to the poor and the sick, the elderly and the destitute.

Born of a wealthy Irish family in 1718, Nano, who had enjoyed a life of privilege in Louis XV's Paris, chose to dedicate herself to educating the children of Ireland – at the time an act of treason. At night, guided only by her lantern, she chanced further dangers, and cared for the needy. By these deeds she became known as the 'Lady of the Lantern', a potent symbol, of bringing light, and hope, to the downtrodden and lowly.

She went on to found the Presentation Order of Sisters, who carried on with her mission of educating, and empowering, students, eventually spreading their educative and ministering endeavours to the four corners of the globe, including, of course, Wagga.

The Lantern Tour, a commemoration of the 300th anniversary of Nano's birth,

commenced on the 31st of July this year, with a ceremony held at St. Michael's Cathedral, and thence journeyed around the extant schools founded by the Presentation Sisters.

The first school to receive the replica lantern was St Mary's P.S. Hay (1883), with it progressing around each school sequentially, relative to their founding: St. Joseph's P.S. in Johnston Street followed (1886), thence: St Mary's Young (1886); St Columba's P.S., Berrigan (1904); St. Brendan's P.S., Ganmain (1906); St. Joseph's P.S., Lockhart (1908); St. Francis Xavier's P.S., Urana (1941); Maria Goretti P.S. – now Henschke P.S., Wagga (1953); Sacred Heart P.S. (1960); Mater Dei Catholic College, Wagga (2004); and Kildare Catholic College (2004).

They also established St. Thomas Aquinas' P.S. at Tarcutta in 1961, but it has since closed, and so wasn't a part of the pilgrimage.

The tour ended at Kildare Catholic College, which is the seventh of the successive schools that have been located on the 40 acres donated, for the purpose, by John Donnelly of Borambola station. The first of these seven were St. Mary's and St. Brigid's Primary Schools, housed in the Convent, which was constructed with funds donated by John Cox of Mangoplah station, and opened in 1876.

Prior to the building of the Convent, the Sisters conducted their classes in the stables

belonging to St Michael's presbytery – demolished in 1950.

The triumphal climax of the Tour saw students from each of the schools process onto the stage of the hall at KCC with their school banners, and replica lanterns, led by Nano herself, who, as part of ceremony, delivered an address to those assembled. After readings and hymns – ably accompanied by the Kildare band, the Lantern was carried to the cemetery, where the early Sisters rest, thence to the Chapel for a reflection, and then finally to the Mount Erin Heritage Centre, where the Lantern is now housed.

The Lantern Pilgrimage has reinvigorated the legacy of Nano, and the Sisters that took up her challenge both in Ireland, and subsequently across the globe. Everyone came away with a renewed appreciation of the strength, fortitude, and faith that guided and inspired these women then, and we ourselves today, to ensure that their memory, and their mission to educate, empower, and advocate – especially for those without voice or means – is continued with augmented effort and application.

The Mount Erin Heritage Centre is located in the Kildare College grounds, and is accessed via Edmondson Street. The Centre is open to the public every Tuesday, Wednesday, and the first Saturday of each month from 10am till 2pm, as well as by appointment.

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The St Michael's stables were demolished in 1950.



All of the original schools were represented.



Students visited the cemetery of the Presentation Sisters.



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Above: Lantern presentation from left: Helen Wheeler; Patrick Donohue; Mary Dwyer; Robyn Gooden; Sr. Alexis Horsley; Sue Todd; Sr. Barbara Weber; Gwen Lloyd; Rod Whelan (Principal Kildare Catholic College). Absent: Pat Sheridan; Bernadette Rava.

Right: Sr. Margaret Barclay (Assistant Congregation Leader)





From Colombia, a story of forgiveness without limits

Her name is Pastora Mira Garcia and through acts of Christian love and forgiveness in the face of hatred and violence, she has become one of Colombia's best-known women of faith as her nation is still grappling with the aftermath of decades of unrelenting violence. The past 60 years saw an armed struggle involving Marxist guerillas, government troops and extreme right-wing militias. By the time a controversial peace deal was struck with the largest guerilla group in 2016, by some estimates as many as 900,000 people had died in the conflict and seven million Colombians were displaced.

In September 2017, when Pope Francis visited the country, Pastora was chosen to address the Pope and the nation at

On April 4, 1960, my father, Francisco Mira, was killed by political rivals. I was 4-years-old when his nine children were forced to see his murder. Pushing my mother aside, they shot him and then beheaded him in front of us.

large to give a testimony of her commitment to Christ's commandment to "love one another". She tells her story in an interview with the Pontifical Foundation Aid to the Church in Need. From the beginning, it has been the charism of the charity to promote reconciliation and forgiveness.

"On April 4, 1960, my father, Francisco Mira, was killed by political rivals. I was 4-years-old when his nine children were forced to see his murder. Pushing my mother aside, they shot him and then beheaded him in front of us.

"In 1999, my mother suffered a heart attack and died when militants of one of the country's warring factions knocked down the neighbors' front door.

"In 2001, my daughter Paola took her 5-year-old daughter along when she went to work at a rural school; they were captured by militants; two days later, they returned the girl, that is, my granddaughter. The family entered a very dark night, wondering what had become of Paola. We managed to recover her body after more than seven years of walking through fields and up and down mountains. I had insisted that de-mining equipment was brought in so that we could conduct our search safely.

"My younger brother was also seized on a highway and neither he nor the people who traveled with him have ever reappeared.

hurt him.' It took me some time to investigate and when at last I came to that house far away, I did not meet a man, but a wreck of a human being.

"It would have been very easy, given the circumstances in which he lived, to poison his food or use some other method to end his life—but fortunately I had received that message from my mother. I sat crying on the way back and made the decision to frequently visit him, along with some people who visited the sick; to help him heal, to bring him food and clothes. We did so for a long time.

"I had learned a very important lesson; when the mother of my father's murderer asked her son one day, 'Do you know who that person is who has been taking care of you? She is one of the many orphans you have left behind. She is the daughter of Pacho Mira.' He never looked me in the eye again. I understood that guilt is worse than pain.

"On May 19, 2005, attending to my son's vault in a mausoleum I felt a need to look up, and I saw a sculpture depicting of the Pietà. I said to the Virgin: 'Madrecita (dear Mother), forgive me for crying for my son, when I should stay calm because I had the blessing of being a mother.'

"Three days later, on my way home, I saw a young man who belonged to one of the illegal armed groups. He was hurt and crying out in pain. We brought him home. He was hungry; I gave him some food and coffee, plus a pair of shorts and a shirt that had belonged to my son. A friend who was a nurse came and we washed his wound.

"This young man lay down on my son's bed and, seeing his pictures on the wall, asked: 'Why are there photos of that dude we killed few days ago?' We were all shocked, my daughters and I, and the boy started crying and talking. I begged my dear God that it not be with a mother's heart that I would be feeling, nor be listening to the boy with a mother's ears—that He help me.

"In the end, I told the young man: 'This is your bed and this is your bedroom.' The boy cried and talked—it was as if we were giving him a beating. I passed him the phone and told him:



Pastora Mira Garcia is known as a woman of great faith in Colombia.

'There is a mom worried about you somewhere, please call her.'

I went to talk to my daughters, who said: 'Mom he cannot get out of here alive!' I answered them: 'Tell me what you want me to do, but the only thing I ask of you in return is that, when I finish being a murderer like him, you guarantee that my child is going to be sitting here with us.' They understood that it should not be an eye for an eye, nor a tooth for a tooth.

"I went back to the boy: 'Look, you cannot stay here anymore, go to a hospital.' He left and returned that same year in August, now demobilized and disarmed. When he used to meet me, he greeted me saying, 'Mom.' That December he died in a drug-related incident.

"His mother came to collect the body and I had the opportunity of helping her take the body back to her municipality. There is a fundamental principle: 'Love one another.' Lord, to the one who has hurt me, forgive him; heal me and make it so that, through your forgiveness, I can look him in the eye as a human being with the right to make mistakes—and to know that in his mistakes it was he who has failed."

Today, Pastora is dedicated to CARE, the Spanish acronym loosely translated as the

'Center for Getting Close to Reconciliation.' She founded it 13 years ago to discover different ways to promote the reconciliation of victims and perpetrators. Pastora is convinced that the way to bring reintegration is to fully understand what has happened; that is the foundation for genuine emotional and spiritual healing.

ACN supports reconciliation projects in different parts of the world. In Colombia, ACN has just approved a project to rebuild a church in Aquitania. In this village, both the church and the rectory were destroyed by the guerrillas. Because of the location and the surrounding forests, the fighting had been very intense there. Many people died in the fighting or by stepping on mines left by the insurgents. Finally the village was abandoned. People gradually returned after the government regained control and the area was de-mined. The people found only ruins and a church in very bad condition. In order for Aquitania to come to life again, the parish priest has asked for help to rebuild the church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. ACN is providing approx AUD \$31,000 for this project.



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John Kerrigan, Immersions Business Manager at Catholic Mission, says the Camino is more than just religious tourism, offering travellers a chance to reconnect with their spiritual selves.

'A pilgrimage such as this is both an internal and external experience. Regardless of why people set out on the Camino, the journey itself becomes a spiritual adventure, drawing them into a deeper retreat experience.'

'This is, after the famous Camino Francés, the most popular Camino route among pilgrims with good reason,' says Mr Kerrigan. 'The journey takes in lush forests, vineyards,

farmlands and small villages along with the historic cities which line the route.

'To be walking the Way of St James and sharing that deep spiritual experience with other pilgrims is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.'

Catholic Mission will operate two immersions in May and June 2019. Groups will meet in Lisbon, take in a full day in Fatima, before heading north and setting out on the Camino from Porto. The pilgrimage will also stop in historic Braga, before reaching its conclusion in Santiago de Compostela.

In the style of a true immersion, pilgrims will be asked to leave technology behind. 'The Camino is about freedom,' says Mr Kerrigan. 'To really immerse ourselves in the spirituality of

this ancient Christian journey, we encourage those who join us to take a break from social media for a few days.'

Places are limited with two groups of only eight pilgrims departing in May 2019, so don't delay in booking your place on this incredible adventure.

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Above: Dr Veronica Rosier (second from right) with Camino pilgrims.

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Catholics launch high octane faith based video series for kids

by **Dorothy Cummings McLean**
Journalist, Life Site News

A talented Catholic couple launched a children’s faith-filled video adventure series in November.

“*The Opus Joyous Show*”, video brainchild of Jason and Marie Taylor of Opus Joyous Studio, is a high action catechetical series featuring 3D animation, puppets, original music, along with rockets, ships, pirates, and a time travelling Bible. After a successful Kickstarter campaign, the Taylors have four 23 minute episodes ready to roll out.

A Catholic catechetical show for children “has been on my heart for years,” writer and director Jason Taylor said.

“In 1999, fresh out of college, I was hired in downtown Toronto to create a new website for kids featuring hockey based videos, animation, and games,” he said.

“It was leading edge at the time. And it had a wide reach. About the same time, I was really on fire with my faith. I think that was where the idea really started to take shape. I asked myself, ‘How do I do something like this but faith-based? How do I use my creative and technical skills for God?’”

Taylor had studied Multimedia

at Toronto’s Humber College, and his puppet career began when he was working as a full time camp director at the Canadian Diocese of Hamilton’s “Camp Brébeuf”.

“During this time I purchased puppets as a fun way to engage the campers during all camp skits, songs, etc. At the same time I heard about a puppet based video contest online which I decided to enter and won first place,” he said.

Later while working for the Archdiocese of Denver, Taylor collaborated with people who inspired him with their own creative approaches to evangelism. They included Catholic media pioneer Greg Willits; Kevin Knight, founder of newadvent.org, Jason Evert, Chris Stefanick and the priest-podcasters of “Catholic Stuff You Should Know”. Taylor also met people who worked at the Augustine Institute, now responsible for formed.org.

“They really set the bar high in terms of Catholic media production,” Taylor remarked.

According to the Opus Joyous website, the new show features “characters with character”-- some children, their family



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and their friends, among them a priest and a nun--who “work together with the grace of God to try and stop the evil villain Captain Barnacle and his shady plan for utter darkness upon the entire world.”

Opus is the little boy hero of the series and Joyous is his dog. There are also tall ships, one sporting Vatican flags as sails.

As did G.K. Chesterton with his sleuth detective Father Brown, Taylor modeled his priest character on a real life cleric.

“The priest is actually based on Fr. Steven Szakaczki,” he said. “Fr. Steven came forward with a generous pledge at the beginning of our initial fundraising campaign, and we named a puppet character after him.”

“In fact,” Taylor added, “the token phrase ‘Shocking! Simply shocking! Shocking indeed!’ often heard in the ‘Opus Joyous Show’ was directly inspired by the real Fr. Steven.”

The Taylors have five children, and although Jason Taylor says he likes “Veggie Tales”, he felt the lack of Catholic children’s entertainment.

“I like ‘Veggie Tales’: the music, the funny voices, and

story based faith content,” he said. “It’s a lot of fun and a great faith based Christian show.”

“That being said, as a Catholic parent, I also longed for a show that I could play for my kids that would encompass uniquely Catholic values and lessons that I’d like them to learn,” he explained.

“This was a big motivator in my decision to finally produce a Catholic video series for kids.”

Being a father, Taylor is keenly aware of the issues around children’s use of electronic media. As parents put on the brakes, are children going to want to watch a faith based

show in the screen time they’re allowed?

“That’s my goal, to create an authentically Catholic video series for kids that they are really going to enjoy watching,” Taylor said. “We took this to heart when we created the show.”

“My wife (puppeteer Marie) really was integral in this regards,” he continued. “At one point as I was reading an initial script, she looked at me and said, ‘You need more action’. This was a turning point in the scriptwriting process, and hopefully kids and parents will appreciate the edge of your seat scenes!”



Jason and Marie Taylor of Opus Joyous Studio with three of their children.

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Come to Bethlehem

by Fr Gerard Ryan CCS
West Wagga Wagga Catholic Parish



The city of Bethlehem, complete with camels and children's crafts, will be recreated again this year in the grounds of Holy Trinity Primary School, Bardia Street, Ashmont from Saturday December 22 to Christmas Eve.

Come to Bethlehem, which has attracted more than 30,000 patrons over the years, is one of those great achievements which began in 2003 when the Confraternity of Christ the Priest assumed West Wagga Wagga Parish.

The *Come to Bethlehem* display reconstructs the famous ancient city of Bethlehem and the various scenes depicted among its many exhibits are a synagogue; a carpenter's shop; a pottery shop and a mill. On the outskirts of the city is a small baby lying in a manger.

Now in its fifteenth year, the event is a unique celebration of Christmas that focuses on that time long ago when a small baby

was born. *Come to Bethlehem* is aimed at keeping the rustic baby Christ at the centre of Christmas festivities. Over 50 people dressed in costumes will take part in the display; as they participate in the various scenes, they recreate the atmosphere of the bustling marketplace of a time long ago.

The display is designed to appeal to families and many of the scenes are interactive. The young, the not so young but the young at heart are invited to try their hand at activities including cane basket weaving, mosaics and writing in Hebrew.

After walking through the city of Bethlehem, visitors are invited to step into the school hall to see a display of the history of various Christmas symbols including the Christmas tree, mince pies and nativity displays.

All Wagga Wagga and district residents are invited to attend the display and will be most welcome. *Come to Bethlehem* can be included when out and

about looking at the Christmas lights which are especially impressive around Ashmont.

***Come to Bethlehem* will be operating on the evenings of Saturday December 22; Sunday December 23 and Monday December 24 (Christmas Eve) from 8pm to 9.30pm. Admission is \$2 for adults and children are free.**

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Catholicism 101: Advent

by Scott P. Richert

In the Catholic Church, Advent is a period of preparation, extending over four Sundays, before Christmas. The word Advent comes from the Latin *advenio*, “to come to,” and refers to the coming of Christ. This refers, first of all, to our celebration of Christ’s birth at Christmas; but second, to the coming of Christ in our lives through grace and the Sacrament of Holy Communion; and finally, to His second coming at the end of time.

Our preparations, therefore, should have all three comings in mind. We need to prepare our souls to receive Christ worthily.

First We Fast, Then We Feast

That’s why Advent has traditionally been known as a “little Lent.” As in Lent, Advent should be marked by increased prayer, fasting, and good works. While the Western Church no longer has a set requirement for fasting during Advent, the Eastern Church (both Catholic and Orthodox) continues to observe what is known as Philip’s Fast, from November 15 until Christmas.

Traditionally, all great feasts

have been preceded by a time of fasting, which makes the feast itself more joyful. Sadly, Advent today has supplanted by “the Christmas shopping season,” so that by Christmas Day, many people no longer enjoy the feast.

The Symbols of Advent

In its symbolism, the Church continues to stress the penitential and preparatory nature of Advent. As during Lent, priests wear purple vestments, and the Gloria (“Glory to God”) is omitted during Mass. The only exception is on the Third Sunday of Advent, known as Gaudete Sunday when priests can wear rose-colored vestments. As on Laetare Sunday during Lent, this exception is designed to encourage us to continue our prayer and fasting, because we can see that Advent is more than halfway over.

The Advent Wreath

Perhaps the best-known of all Advent symbols is the Advent wreath, a custom which originated among German Lutherans but was soon adopted by Catholics. Consisting of four candles (three purple and one pink) arranged in a circle with evergreen boughs (and often a



fifth, white candle in the center), the Advent wreath corresponds to the four Sundays of Advent. The purple candles represent the penitential nature of the season, while the pink candle calls to mind the respite of Gaudete Sunday. (The white candle, when used, represents Christmas.)

Celebrating Advent

We can better enjoy Christmas—all 12 days of it, from Christmas Day to Epiphany—if we revive Advent

as a period of preparation. Abstaining from meat on Fridays, or not eating at all between meals, is a good way to revive the Advent fast. (Not eating Christmas cookies or listening to Christmas music before Christmas is another.) We can incorporate such customs as the Advent wreath, the Saint Andrew Christmas Novena, and the Jesse Tree into our daily ritual, and we can set some time aside for special

scripture readings for Advent, which remind us of the threefold coming of Christ.

Holding off on putting up the Christmas tree and other decorations is another way to remind ourselves that the feast is not here yet. Traditionally, such decorations were put up on Christmas Eve, but they would not be taken down until after Epiphany, in order to celebrate the Christmas season to its fullest.

No simple fix to address intergenerational disadvantage



Intergenerational welfare dependency cannot be addressed without first fixing factors affecting entrenched disadvantage, according to the Church’s peak national bodies for social services.

Catholic Social Services Australia (CSSA) and Jesuit Social Services, along with

Catholic Care Wilcannia-Forbes, are set to appear before the Select Committee into Intergenerational Welfare Dependence in Canberra next week.

In its submission to the Committee’s inquiry, CSSA states that factors driving entrenched disadvantage vary

greatly between locality and communities.

“While we recognise that work is an inherent part of the human condition, we also hold firm that the value and dignity of individuals must not be defined solely by their ability to participate in paid employment,” said Fr Frank Brennan SJ, CSSA’s chief executive officer.

“Our social safety net must therefore be able to support those unable to work to live a dignified life.

“Addressing entrenched disadvantage through the development of stronger and better coordinated social programs is an important piece of foundational work for the committee to consider.”

CSSA deputy CEO Joe Zabar said the Productivity Commission’s 2017 report

into human services offered a way forward in developing and implementing longer-term and sustainable services to families and communities in need.

“It is time now for state and federal governments to work with service providers and local communities and get on with implementing the changes,” Mr Zabar said.

“While services are critical to addressing intergenerational disadvantage, so too is the welfare payment system.

“Australia has one of the most targeted welfare payments systems in the OECD. We know from our joint published research that low-income households, in particular those on welfare payments, do not receive sufficient income to live a frugal but dignified life.

“When the level of Newstart is

so low that it becomes a barrier to employment, addressing that must be part of the solution.”

Fr Brennan said Australians deserved a welfare system which was fair, effective and efficient.

“More must be done to ensure that we don’t perpetuate the cycle of intergenerational disadvantage,” he said.

“While there is no simple fix to the many problems which cause intergenerational disadvantage, we have enough understanding to get things moving in the right direction.

“After all, a flourishing society is an inclusive one, where the poor, the vulnerable and the disadvantaged are supported in their time of need and given hope to fully realise their potential and live a life with dignity and respect.”





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I remember my first day of high school. I was scared. We had just moved into town and I didn't know anyone in the year group. I was scared the older kids might beat me up. I was scared of not making friends. I was scared of looking foolish.

Many young people struggle with fear today. I know young people that are afraid of failing tests and young people that are afraid of losing friends. I know young people that are afraid of gangs and violence. Fear is pretty normal, so don't feel ashamed if you feel it.

Just think about Luke's Gospel. Early Christians knew fear. Many were persecuted. Many thought the world might end any day. So Luke wanted them to remember Jesus' words when he wrote his Gospel.

When you feel fear "stand tall and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand". Where can you get this courage? Luke tells us to pray and be vigilant, which means we must think carefully about a Christian response before important decisions.

So this Advent, remember Luke's confidence. He knew that disciplined Christians could stand proudly, face their fears, and not be controlled by their fears. God might not remove that which scares us, but God gives us courage to live with integrity. The courage to live without surrendering to the "anxieties of daily life," whether those anxieties come from tests, family, gangs, or friends.

Jesus is coming again to free you from the fears that can control you. Spend extra time in prayer. Be more vigilant about the way you follow Jesus in your daily life. Do these things, and you'll know God is with you.

What worries do I most need Jesus to free me from?

What can I do this Advent to let Jesus come closer to me?





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- Saint Lucy -

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There is much legend surrounding St. Lucy, but one thing is clear. She believed in God, declared her beliefs and died for her beliefs. She was tortured and killed under the Christian persecutions of Diocletian. She is the patron saint of the blind and those with eye trouble.

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Recipe...



Melted Snowmen Cookies

These melted snowmen cookies are the perfect Christmas cooking activity for kids. Get playing now!

- #### Ingredients:
- 1/3 cup (80g) unsalted butter, softened
 - 1/2 cup (115g) caster sugar
 - 1 egg
 - 1 tsp vanilla extract
 - 1 1/3 cup (200g) plain flour
 - 1/2 tsp baking powder
 - pinch of salt
- To decorate:
- 1 cup (150g) pure icing sugar
 - licorice strips
 - red cachous
 - icing pens
 - small coloured sweets

- #### Method:
- To make the dough; Preheat oven to 180C (160C fan-forced) and line two trays with baking paper. Cream the butter and sugar together with an electric mixer until pale and fluffy. Add the egg and beat well. Fold in the vanilla, flour, baking powder and salt. Mix into a dough, shape this into a disc, then wrap in plastic and let rest in the fridge for 30 minutes. Roll out and cut into circles (using a cookie cutter or the base of a glass tumbler). Transfer these to a baking tray and bake for 10 minutes or until golden.
 - Let cool completely. Slice up a few licorice strips into thin strips for arms, scarves, etc. Tiny dots for eyes or triangles for bow ties.
 - Make up a basic white icing (just add a tiny bit of boiling water to pure icing sugar and stir, then add more water until you reach the desired consistency - should be fairly thick). Decorate the marshmallows with eyes, noses, mouths etc. You can use an icing pen here, or just use the white icing as glue for the cachous.
 - Decorate the cookies, spoon on a little white icing and spread over the surface of your cookie, then press the marshmallow down in the middle and decorate at will!



Send your coloured picture, word search or joke ideas with your name, age and school to:

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DECEMBER SAINTS & FEAST DAYS

Word Search

Find all of the words or phrases in the puzzle that are in **BOLD** in the word bank below:

L	U	C	Y	X	N	G	Y	K	K	D	R	R	K	H
Q	L	M	R	N	I	C	H	O	L	A	S	W	W	O
L	C	D	G	L	K	T	J	C	H	J	N	E	Q	L
L	P	T	X	D	Y	Z	J	R	U	H	P	K	I	Y
B	K	H	O	L	Y	K	P	A	O	U	N	L	M	F
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X	K	O	X	G	M	S	S	E	A	R	W	V	A	M
P	G	T	K	Y	T	T	P	E	N	S	K	I	T	T
Z	W	K	T	E	D	H	G	N	V	R	W	T	E	Y
K	D	X	R	D	E	L	T	N	X	X	V	Y	V	C
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- St. Francis Xavier
- St. **Nicholas**
- St. **Ambrose**
- Feast of the **Immaculate** Conception
- St. **Juan Diego**
- Our Lady of **Guadalupe**
- St. **Lucy**
- St. John of the **Cross**
- Nativity** of the Lord
- St. **Stephen**
- St. **John**
- Holy** Innocents
- St. **Thomas** Becket
- Holy** Family
- St. **Sylvester** I



Spot the Difference

Millie Mott sent us in this great picture to use.
Can you find and circle the seven differences?



ANSWERS: cloud missing on left, camel bell missing, tree trunk has changed to orange, rock on bottom is missing, extra star in the sky

Family Advent Missing Letters Poster

Can you guess the missing letters? See page 31 for the answers.

M _ R _	H _ I _ Y
A _ V _ T	K I _ S
C _ _ S _ S	M _ R _
C _ _ ST	R _ _ D _
A _ G _	P _ S _ S
C _ D _ E	M _ G _
W _ A _	W _ E _ N
C _ R _ Y	T _ S _ L
F _ I _ Y	J _ _ P _



Jokes...

What makes music on your hair?
A head band!

What do you call a bear with no teeth?
A gummy bear!

What did the left eye say to the right eye?
Something between us smells!

What did the hurricane say to the other hurricane?
I have my eye on you!

What has one eye but cannot see?
A needle!

Why don't you wear a cardboard belt?
That would be a waist of paper!

I don't think I need a spine. It's holding me back!

St Michael's Primary, Coolamon



On 30 November there were Swim Safety talk before lessons. Students learned how to help someone if they are in trouble in the water. Even small people can save a life by getting help and throwing a floating device to the person in need!



Sacred Heart Primary, Wagga



It was lovely to be able to thank the parent and grandparent helpers at their morning tea. We appreciate all you do for Sacred Heart.

Xavier High School, Albury

On 4 December Xavier's 2018 China Delegation were ready to go. Safe travels and have an amazing time. We can't wait to see your adventures.



Holy Trinity Primary, West Wagga



On November 22 Goodstart Glenfield came to visit Kinder at Holy Trinity Primary School.



St Joseph's Primary, Finley



Team sports of a different kind were on 16 November with a big focus on fun. There were plenty of giggles as the students participated in sack races and egg (tennis ball) and spoon races.

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All schools enrolling now for 2019

St Joseph's Primary School, Wagga Wagga



On Tuesday 27 November, kinder had an excellent time learning even more information about chicks from their guest speaker Anna.



The chicks in the classroom actually came from Anna's farm. The children were so attentive and made excellent notes on their clipboards.

St Columba's Primary School, Berrigan



On 27 November St Columba's Primary School attended the Tercentenary Liturgy in Wagga Wagga. Thanks Viv for driving them.



St Patrick's Parish School, Albury



Year 4 performed Christmas Carols at the Salvation Army K-Mart Wishing Tree on November 14. What wonderful community spirit.

St Mary's Primary School, Yoogali

St Mary's students enjoyed setting up stalls on Mission Day on 23 November and raising money for communities and schools in Myanmar (Burma).



All Saint's Primary, Tumbarumba



On 22 November the garden club were very active. Under the guidance of Janine, the students cooked up a storm for the rest of the school using produce grown at the school.



Mater Dei Catholic Primary School, Wagga Wagga



Congratulations to Elijah (Year 4) and Cassandra (Year 5) who have been selected to play in the Diocesan Tennis team to compete at the MacKillop Tennis Trials. Elijah has also been chosen as Team Captain. **Well done to both of these students.**

Mater Dei Catholic College

Friday evening 16th November the College formally farewelled Year 12 at the 2018 Graduation. The hall was transformed into an elegant dining and dancing space for this special occasion. The major awards were presented by the invited guests. Congratulations to all the recipients.



Kildare Catholic College



Above: Antoinette Plemming, Chloe Bateman, Emma van der Rijt and Emma Burkinshaw.
 Right: Svetlana Ida-Dury, Spencer Knowles, Quinn Elliott.
 Pictures by: Toby Vue



Above: James Forwood, Cam Linsell, Blake Robertson, Xavier Atkins, Dylan Robertson, Mitch Kinder and Jed Buchanan.
 Below: Meg Carey, Taylah Lees, Abbey Smith and Isabelle Toohey.



On 16th November it was a packed Victory Memorial Gardens as Kildare Catholic College's year 12 students came together to celebrate their formal. Perfect weather greeted the students in their glitz and glamour along with their family members.

Marian Catholic College

Friday 23rd of November MCC hosted the Year 12 Graduation. With 83 graduates and 570 guests the evening was a celebration of hard work and the end of Year 12's formal schooling. We were lucky to have special guests Father Christian and Father Grace attend and be apart of this special occasion.

We would like to thank the following people for all their helping in the organisation and running of this beautiful event. Tonetta

Iannelli, Julie O'Keefe, Michelle Quade, Francine Dilozenzo, Nicole Forrest, Rina Fisher, Joanne Smith, Tracey Davidson, Belinda Aventi, Matt Segrave, Lora Segrave, Simon Aventi, Warren Bock, John Martin, James Moore, Heath Neville, Renae Savage, Melinda Foschi, Joanne Glielmimi, Maree's Photography and the Yoogali Club.

We wish Year 12 all the best in their future endeavours.



St Francis De Sales Regional College



The St Francis de Sales Year 12 Graduation was held on 17 November at the Leeton Soldiers Club.



Xavier High School

Xavier High School in Albury held their graduation on 13th November at the Albury Entertainment Centre.



ACU academic appointed to Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission



Australian Catholic University's (ACU) Dr Emmanuel Nathan has been formally appointed by the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity to the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission (ARCIC).

The ARCIC was established in 1967 by Pope Paul VI and the Archbishop of Canterbury Michael Ramsey with the intention to make ecumenical progress between the Roman Catholic Church and the Anglican Communion. The sponsors are the Anglican Consultative Council and the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity (formerly the Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity). Archbishop of Birmingham, England, the Most Reverend Bernard Longley is the present Catholic co-chair of the Commission and the Right Reverend Philip Freier, Primate of Australia, is the Anglican co-chair.

The highly prestigious appointment reflects the strong credentials of Dr Nathan, a senior lecturer at ACU in biblical studies and the comparative study of sacred texts in the Abrahamic traditions.

"I am deeply humbled by the invitation and am looking forward to being of service to this commission in its great work to build bridges of understanding and dialogue between the Catholic Church and the Anglican Communion," Dr Nathan said. "More broadly, I hope this can serve to highlight the many religious dialogues taking place in the world today that are aimed at building greater understanding and coexistence between communities."

ARCIC is currently in its third phase and on the basis of the 2008 Common Declaration of Pope Benedict XVI and Archbishop Rowan Williams has been mandated to study, "the Church as Communion, local and universal, and how in communion the local and universal Church come to discern right ethical teaching."

The Commission has recently published an agreed statement, *Walking Together on the Way: Learning to be Church-Local, Regional, Universal*, which was completed in 2017. This document provides the ecclesiological background for the next phase of the Commission which is to study "how in communion the local and universal Church come to discern right ethical teaching."

In light of the significance of ARCIC in promoting Christian unity and dialogue, Dr Nathan is pleased to be joining other ACU colleagues within the Faculty of Theology and Philosophy who

are also recipients of Vatican appointments.

"I think especially to colleagues such as Msgr Professor Denis Edwards, Reverend Associate Professor Orm Rush, Dr David Kirchhoffer, Dr Gemma Cruz and Dr Edmund Chia," Dr Nathan said.

"I think too of colleagues already involved in ecumenical and interfaith dialogue such as Reverend Dr Michael Trainor (Jewish-Catholic relations), Associate Professor Stephen Downs and Dr Josephine Laffin (Catholic-Lutheran dialogue)."

As Australia's pre-eminent Catholic University, the



Dr Emmanuel Nathan

appointment of Dr Nathan reflects ACU's international reputation for excellence in theology, divinity and religious studies, which is currently ranked at 53 in the world (QS World University Rankings by Subject).

MCC fund raising a huge success

Marian Catholic College strongly encourages everyone in their community to show how they can respond compassionately to those in need around us. At their final briefing, the school captains announced the final amount raised last term for our farmers. **It was staggering to see that the charity of Marian raised \$5700 which was enough to buy a full semi load of hay as pictured right.**

MCC are extremely proud of the students and their capacity to give. There can never be enough charity and our students have proven this time and time again with their willingness to support others as much as they possibly can. **Thank you to all that gave a little or a lot as you can see it all counted!**



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Christmas Mass Times 2018

Cathedral Parish

St Michael's Cathedral
24 December - 12:15pm, Vigil 6:00pm, 8:00pm and Midnight - Carols commencing at 11:30pm
25 December - 8:00am, 10:00am and 5:30pm

Carmelite Monastery
24 December - 9:00pm Vigil
25 December - 9:30am

Mt Erin Chapel
24 December - Midnight Latin Mass

St Mary's Chapel - Vianney College
25 December - 9:00am

St Michael's Cathedral Reconciliation
19 December - 12:00pm-12:40pm
20 December - 12:00pm-12:40pm
21 December - 12:00pm-12:40pm
22 December - 12:00pm-12:40pm
23 December - 11:00am-12:00pm; and 4:30pm - 5:30pm

Koorungal Parish

Sacred Heart Church
20 December - 7:00pm 2nd Rite of Reconciliation
24 December - 8:00pm Vigil Mass
25 December - 8:30am and 10:00am

Mater Dei Primary School Hall
24 December - 6:00pm Vigil Mass

South Wagga Parish

Our Lady of Fatima Church
20 December - 10:00am Second Rite of Reconciliation
24 December - 7:00pm Outdoor Family Mass - Henschke Primary School Oval; 9:00pm Our Lady of Fatima Church; and 10:30pm Syro Malabar Rite
25 December - 10:30am (in Church)

St Patrick's Church Uranquinty
25 December - 8:30am

West Wagga Parish

Holy Trinity Church
Confessions: 21 December - 7:30pm and 22 December - 11:00am-12:00 noon
24 December - Christmas Vigil 6:45pm; Midnight Mass 12:00am
25 December - 9:00am and 5:30pm

San Isidore
25 December - 8:00am

Collingullie
25 December - 9:30am

Loretto Home of Compassion
25 December - 10:30am

Come to Bethlehem
22, 23 & 24 December - 8:00pm - 9:30pm Holy Trinity School Grounds

Albury Parish

St Patrick's Church
24 December - Sunday morning Masses as usual, 5:30pm Family Mass, 7:30pm Vigil Mass, 12:00am Midnight Mass
25 December - 9:30am and 5:30pm

Latin Adoration Chapel
25 December - 12:00am Latin Mass
Reconciliation 30 mins before and during Masses.

Coolamon Parish

Marrar - St Patrick's Church
24 December - 6:00pm

Coolamon - St Michael's Church
24 December - 7:30pm (School Grounds)
25 December - 9:00am

Corowa Parish

24 December - 6:00pm Vigil

Culcairn Parish

Culcairn
24 December - 8:00pm

Henty
25 December - 9:30am

Walla Walla
25 December - 11:30am

Darlington Point Parish

Coleambally
24 December - 8:00pm Christmas Vigil

Darlington Point
23 December - 6:00pm
24 December - 6:00pm Christmas Vigil

Finley Parish

24 December - 6:00pm Children's Mass
25 December - 10:15am

Holbrook Parish

Bowna
24 December - 6:00pm

Holbrook
24 December - 8:00pm
25 December - 8:00am

Howlong Parish

St Brigid's Howlong
24 December - 6:00pm Vigil

Walbundrie
25 December - 9:00am

Ganmain Parish

Ganmain
24 December - 6:00pm Vigil
24 December - 12:00am Midnight Mass
25 December - 9:00am

Ganmain Confession Times:

23 December - 9:00-10:00am (Visiting Priest)
24 December - 5:00-5:55pm; 11:30-11:55pm

Griffith Parish

Sacred Heart Church Griffith
24 December - 6:00pm and 10:00pm
25 December - 7:30am, 9:00am (Italian), 10:30am and 6:00pm

Marian Catholic College Chapel
24 December - 6:00pm
25 December - 9:00am
Confessions every Friday 4:30pm-5:30pm; every Saturday 11:30am-12:30pm
21 December - 7:00pm Second Rite (5 Priests)

Jerilderie Parish

24 December - 10:30am Weekend Parish Mass
25 December - 9:00am

Junee Parish

St Joseph's Church Junee
24 December - 7:00pm Vigil
25 December - 9:30am

St Joseph's School Hall
24 December - 5:00pm Vigil Mass for children and their families

Lavington Parish

Holy Spirit Church Lavington
24 December - 6:00pm and 9:00pm
25 December - 9:00am

St Mary's Church Jindera
24 December - 6:00pm
25 December - 9:00am

Leeton Parish

St Joseph's Church Leeton
Confessions - Every Friday 4:45pm-5:15pm; Every Saturday 5:30pm-5:50pm (before Mass)
21 December - 6:00pm Communal Penitential Service with Reconciliation
24 December - 10:00am, 6:00pm Christmas Vigil
25 December - 10:00am

St Patrick's Church Yanco
24 December - 8:00am
25 December - 8:00am

Lockhart Parish

St Mary's Church Lockhart
24 December - 8:30pm Vigil
25 December - 9:00am

Mulwala Parish

24 December - 8:30pm

Narrandera Parish

Narrandera
24 December - 6:00pm Vigil
25 December - 9:30am

Grong Grong
24 December - 8:00pm Vigil

Galore
25 December - 8:00am

North Albury Parish

St Anne's Primary School Hall
24 December - 6:00pm Vigil

Sacred Heart Church
24 December - 9:00pm
25 December - 9:30am

The Rock Parish

The Rock - St Mary's Church
24 December - 6:00pm Carols; 6:30pm Vigil Mass
25 December - 8:00am Latin Mass; 10:00am

Thurgoona Parish

24 December - Vigil 7:00pm, Midnight Mass
25 December - 9:30am

Tocumwal Parish

24 December - 8:00pm Vigil Mass
25 December - 8:30am

Tumbarumba Parish

24 December - 6:00pm Vigil
Midnight Mass 12:00am
25 December - 9:00am

Urana Parish

St Fiacre's Church Urana
24 December - 6:00pm Vigil

Yenda Yoogali Hanwood Parish

Yoogali
24 December - 7:00pm
25 December - 9:30am

Hanwood
24 December - 5:00pm
25 December - 8:00am

Yenda
24 December - 5:00pm

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attempting to run two charities on the same day and people were whispering “is this too much?” The students clearly did not think so. The day brought much awareness to our immersion program through song and dance. A celebration of Polynesian culture with students from various other schools all assisting in the cause. Project Samoa is vital in keeping two schools alive in Samoa, St Peters Primary School and St Paul VI College. The Bishop of these two schools has publicly stated that they would no longer exist without the aid of the Marian community. The day was once again a huge success

with both causes being assisted by the participation, enthusiasm and generosity of our students. There was colour and smiles everywhere. The students once again enriched their own and many others life’s by what they had given.

While there are people that have the ability to give and those who are in a position of need, there can never be enough charity. Marian Catholic College has shown that this year, with their tireless efforts of service and compassion. Schools will always be successful academically whilst we calculate, measure and collect the statistics of learning. It is what we do when we know

no one is watching that truly defines our character. We are charitable, we are students and staff that care, we are a community of wonder, learning and peace where the challenges of today (like the ones mentioned here) prepare us for the challenges of tomorrow, **we are Marian and proudly building holistic students that live the Marian way.**





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Henschke's Liturgy for Remembrance Day



Henschke Primary School in Wagga Wagga held a Remembrance Day Liturgy in November which was led by Year 4 students and Vietnam veteran, Tony Robinson.



Australian Film of the Year

The jury of the Australian Catholic Office for Film & Broadcasting has awarded its annual prize to Warwick Thornton's *SWEET COUNTRY*.

The film is set in 1929 in the outback of Australia's Northern Territory, and tells the story of an Indigenous farmhand, Sam Kelly (Hamilton Morris), who kills a white man in self-defence, and goes on the run from a small posse, led by Sergeant Fletcher (Bryan Brown), which pursues him to hunt him down. Sam is befriended by a concerned Christian preacher (Sam Neill).

The film is based on actual events, and the director of the movie is Indigenous. It targets black humiliation and white racism, and depicts terrible injustice in a country hostile to Indigenous peoples. Warwick Thornton directs a movie with historical and emotive significance, the film suggesting strongly that racism is still prevalent in a "sweet country", called Australia. It has striking images of the outback, and its cinematography is exceptional. Under Thornton's assured direction scenes of the outback capture the

isolation and harshness of the land brilliantly.

This is a powerful film of Indigenous hardship and injustice at an important period in Australia's history. The movie argues persuasively that Australians can live a much better life in the future by knowing and understanding the deep pain and tragedy of its past.

The Jury also commended Benjamin Gilmour's *Jirga*.

This year's jury: Rev Dr Richard Leonard (chair); Fr Peter Malone MSC; Professor Peter Sheehan; Mr Callum Ryan.



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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 - 7:00am
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)
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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.



Wagga Wagga Deanery

Chosen Youth Wagga
St Michaels Cathedral
Parish Centre after 5.30pm
Mass on selected Sundays.
Contact: (02) 6921 2164 or

FIRST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH
Youth Holy Hour 6.00pm
Where: St Michaels Cathedral

Young Adults Group
Who for: young adults
When: 7-8pm on the second & fourth Tuesday of the month
Contact: Parish 6962 1533

Murray Deanery

Albury Young Adults Group
Where: St Patrick's Parish Hall, Albury
When: Every Wednesday Night 7-8pm
Who for: Young Adults 18-35
Contact: Daniel Shaw 0402 289 811

Murrumbidgee Deanery

Griffith - Sacred Heart Parish
Where: Sacred Heart Youth Hut (white hut behind Presbytery)

Youth Group
Who for: Yrs 7-12
When: 7-8pm on the first & third Tuesday of the month

Immaculate Heart of Mary Youth Group
Where: Thurgoona Parish Centre
When: Every 2nd Wednesday 5:30pm-7pm. Dinner provided.
Who for: School Years 7 to 12 (high school)
Contact: (02) 6043 2222

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

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| 4 December 1991 | Mgr Leo Cecil Hatswell |
| 10 December 2016 | Fr Jan Stankiewicz |
| 11 December 1952 | Fr Robert O'Dea |
| 17 December 1993 | Fr Thomas Michael Buckdale |
| 19 December 2015 | Fr Rafe Beltrame |
| 20 December 2009 | Fr Robert Leaver |
| 21 December 1975 | Fr John Leighton Edwell |
| 21 December 2017 | Fr Kevin Flanagan |
| 22 December 1930 | Fr John Bonnar |
| 23 December 1960 | Fr Edmund Bernard Ryan |
| 24 December 2002 | Fr Maurice James Carse |
| 27 December 1952 | Mgr Patrick Joseph Hartigan |
| 28 December 2015 | Fr Warren Thomas Mossfield |
| 31 December 1948 | Fr John Corbett Glover |

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From the Missal: December

2nd December - First Sunday of Advent

Your liberation is near! The early Christians expected the Lord's return in glory to be very soon. St Paul explained to them that the Lord was delaying in coming for a good purpose, to give them the opportunity to grow in love and make progress in the kind of life they were meant to live. May we also make good use of the present time to deepen our love for one another that may be ready on the day Christ comes to set us free.

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| Jer 33:14-16 | The days are coming |
| Ps 24:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 | Walk in your truth |
| 1 Th 3:12-4:2 | Generous in love |
| Lk 21:25-28, 34-36 | Stay awake |

9th December - Second Sunday of Advent

Prepare a way for the Lord. The season of Advent is a time in which we prepare for the Lord's coming. We prepare for the feat of Christmas which commemorates his first coming as a child in Bethlehem. And we prepare also for his final coming in glory. We do this by heeding John the Baptist's call to repentance, and by striving for 'peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness'.

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| Bar 5:1-9 | The glory of God |
| Ps 125 | Like a dream |
| Phil 1:3-6, 8-11 | I pray with joy |
| Lk 3:1-6 | Prepare a way |

16th December - Third Sunday of Advent

Rejoice in the Lord! A theme of joy always runs through the liturgy of the Third Sunday of Advent. The joy of this day springs from our anticipation and excitement that the Lord's coming is very near. We ask the Lord to remove any sadness from our hearts that may hinder us from embracing the peace and hope which his presence will bestow on us this Christmas.

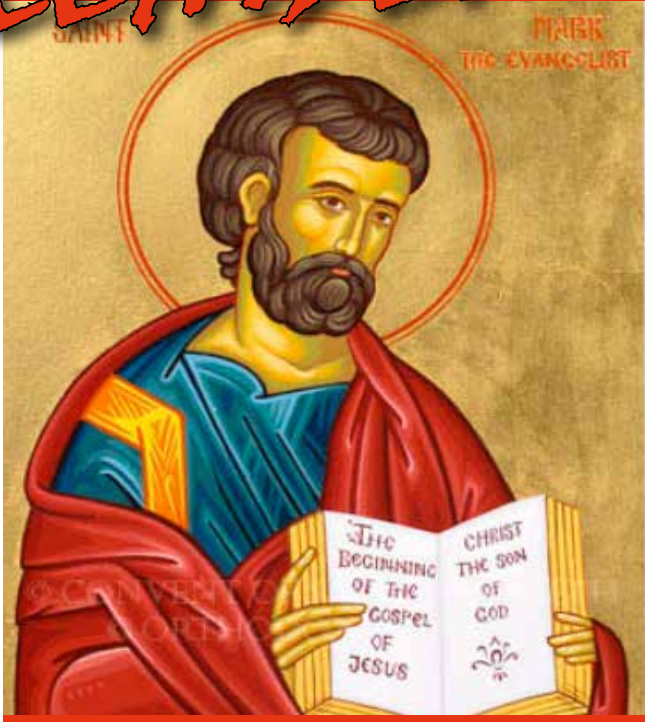
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| Zeph 3:14-18 | Rejoice and exult |
| Isa 12:2-6 | Glorious deeds |
| Phil 4:4-7 | The Lord is near |
| Lk 3:10-18 | The Spirit and fire |

23rd December - Fourth Sunday of Advent

Blessed is she who believed. From Bethlehem, the least of the clans of Judah, and from a peasant girl, Mary, one of the least of the Jewish people, God prepared a body for Jesus, the saviour of the world. As we rejoice in the saviour who has come to visit us, we also join Elizabeth in praising Mary for her faith, her love and her obedience.

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| Mic 5:1-4 | He will be peace |
| Ps 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 | Come to our help |
| Heb 10:5-10 | God, here I am! |
| Lk 1:39-44 | Mary greets Elizabeth |

30th December - The Holy Family (Feast)
God, bless our home. A house is made of materials



that are replaceable. But a home is founded on relationships, love, memories, joys and pains, births and deaths. No material compensation can ever be made for the loss of these. On this feast of the Holy Family we pray, 'God, bless our home', whatever its shape may be.

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| 1 Sam 1:20-22, 24-28 | I am the woman |
| Ps 83:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 | Hear my prayer |
| 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24 | God's children |
| Lk 2:41-52 | My Father's affairs |



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Meet Sharon and Ollie

Young mother Sharon has faced many challenges throughout her life, but she is determined to provide a better future for her son, Ollie.

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Your donation today to the Vinnies Christmas Appeal will help more wishes, just like Ollie's, come true.

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Please make a donation today.

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Dear Santa,
I have been a very good boy. I helped mum pack and ~~unpack~~ unpack everytime. Even when she is sad.
All i want this Christmas is to stop moving house so mum can be happy again. I miss my friends to.
Merry christmas
Oliver
Im sending you a photo so you can find me this year.



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