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Jesus asks us to pay attention to details



Dear Friends in Christ,

You may be aware that Pope Francis has recently published an Apostolic Exhortation, GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE (Rejoice and Exult) - On the call to Holiness in today's world.

Typical of all his writings, it's beautifully written and very accessible to all of us. I strongly recommend you read it prayerfully http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20180319_gaudete-et-exsultate.html

One section of the Exhortation that immediately caught my eye was the following:

"Let us not forget that Jesus asked his Disciples to pay attention to details.

The little detail that wine was running out at a party.

The little detail that one sheep was missing.

The little detail of noticing the widow who offered her two small coins.

The little detail of having spare oil for the lamps, should the bridegroom delay.

The little detail of asking the disciples how many loaves of bread they had.

The little detail of having a fire burning and a fish cooking as he waited for the disciples at daybreak". (Paragraph 144)

After some of my own personal meditation on this beautiful quote, and given our current circumstances of challenge here in Australia, I thought of adding a few other "little details" for our prayerful consideration.

The little detail of spending

sometime every day to be silent, still, and simple before Jesus in prayer.

The little detail of listening extra carefully at Mass to the Liturgy of the Word and the Homily.

The little detail of making quality listening time for an estranged member of your family.

The little detail of thinking

deeply about why homelessness (especially in winter) in our part of Australia is such a big social problem.

The little detail of asking ourselves the key question of our Plenary Council gatherings: *WHAT DO YOU THINK GOD IS ASKING OF US IN AUSTRALIA AT THIS TIME?*

The little detail of clarifying your attitudes, in the light of our

Catholic teachings, on current public issues, for example, Euthanasia (CCC 2278, 2324, 2277) and the Seal of Confession (CCC 1465-1467, 2488-2492).

Let us all meditate carefully on the great wisdom of this new Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis and add some "little details" from our own life into this litany of Grace and Hope.

Let's continue to pray for each other in our Archdiocese in these troubled times.

(CCC=Catechism of the Catholic Church) http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/_INDEX.HTM

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That priests, who experience fatigue and loneliness in their pastoral work, may find help and comfort in their intimacy with the Lord and in their friendship with their brother priests.



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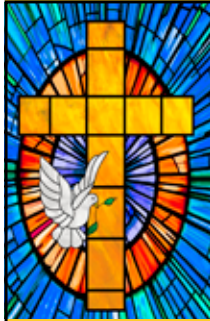
Questions for Reflection

Who are priests who have inspired you and your family? Pray for them. Who are priests who have irritated or scandalized you? Pray for them. What else might you do to show your support for them?

Scripture

Hebrews 5: 1-2 "Every high priest is taken from among men and made their representative before God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal patiently with the ignorant and erring, for he himself is beset by weakness."

Visit this link to hear the Pope deliver his July prayer:
<http://popesprayerusa.net/category/pope-video/>



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.

Multi faith Refugee Week prayer service for peace

by Joan Saboisky

The sun shone as people arrived and filled Our Lady of the Blessed Eucharist Church San Isidore on Sunday 24th June to pray for Peace. How badly the world needs peace was evident when Peggy Adamson announced that every two seconds one person is forcibly displaced because of conflict or persecution. She quoted figures just released by the United Nations Refugee Agency; currently 68.5 million people around the world have been forced from their home.

Antonio Gueterres, the UN Secretary General in a message added, our response to refugees is *not about sharing a burden. It is about sharing a global responsibility, based not only on the broad idea of our common humanity but also on the very specific obligations of international law. The root problems are war and hatred, not people who flee. Refugees are among the first victims of terrorism.*

The Prayer service for many years has traditionally been a fitting conclusion to Refugee Week Events held in Wagga Wagga, and a golden opportunity to welcome new arrivals to Wagga Wagga during the previous twelve months.

SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

This year two special anniversaries were acknowledged: the thirty years since the beginnings of the work of the Multicultural

Council and the forty years since the arrival to San Isidore of Khamleck and Nom Phraphone and their five children. They were the first refugee family welcomed in 1978 by the San Isidore refugee committee. In the late seventies a group of San Isidore families had been meeting and praying for some time with a desire to provide practical assistance to refugees. Work, with a significant volunteer contribution began in establishing cottages for accommodation on land made available by the Catholic Diocese of Wagga Wagga.

Noreen Junck (from the original San Isidore group) and Belinda Crain (Manager of the Multicultural Council) lit candles in gratitude for all the people embraced by these two remarkable histories and the people involved and supported by them.

SOLIDARITY IN PRAYING FOR PEACE:

During the service, led by Fr Paddy Sykes of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Parish, there was a richness and special flavour in the gathering when witnessing such a diverse group coming together in unity to offer prayers for peace. Those attending included: MARWA (Muslim Association Riverina Wagga Australia), Potowa Buddhist group, Baha'i, Yazidi, Quaker, Syro-Malabar Indian Community, Hindu Indian Community, Aboriginal Wiradjuri Spirituality, various Christian churches, various African, Burmese and Hazari communities. Services and charities such as Wagga TAFE, Red Cross, Wagga

City Council, Caritas, Medical profession, Amnesty International, and many volunteer groups also attended.

TRUST BUILDING, A LUBRICANT OF PEACE BUILDING:

Ron Lawler, the guest speaker drew on years of experience in various parts of the world through his involvement with Initiatives for Change International; a global organisation dedicated to building trust across world divides. He also reflected from his experience for 25 years as a senior manager in government agencies for Aboriginal and community services.

Ron noted that personal relationships are a key ingredient of an inclusive society and a key foundation of peace building. He explained *we more easily trust those whom we know and are less likely to condemn a whole group for the actions of a few. As a white Australian I am not held responsible for what my white brother up the street does.*

He further noted that Peace building may include many things such as: 1. Building community safety and connections; 2. Healing or the management of memories and trauma; 3. Resolution of current conflicts; and 4. As Pope Paul VI said in 1971, "If you want peace work for justice."

Ron observed that regional centres like Wagga Wagga have the advantage of being a close community where individuals feel they matter.

He encouraged *we should explore how to build further on the strong foundations we have in our community. We will experience peace in proportion to the trust building action that each one of us contribute.*

There is much to be done and it is in our hands.

SPECIAL WELCOME:

The service concluded with an applause of welcome to new arrivals. Our new friends were each presented with a welcome to Wagga card made by children at Sacred Heart School and a small gift from the West Wagga-San Isidore Refugee committee presented by Mary Crimmins and Margaret Walsh.

Supper in the hall concluded a memorable occasion.



Deputy Mayor Dallas Tout and his daughter Eliza (also volunteer support) with new Yazidi friends at the supper.



Noreen Junck (representing the original San Isidore Refugee Committee) celebrating the 40th Anniversary since the arrival of the first refugee family to San Isidore, Fr Paddy Sykes who led the Prayer Service, Belinda Crain (Manager of the Multicultural Council) celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the MCC Wagga Wagga.



Above: Ron Lawler (guest speaker) with his wife Cynthia and Aunt Mary Atkinson Wiradjuri Elder who did the Welcome to Country.

Below: New arrivals being welcomed. Photo by Gabrielle Robinson



Representatives of various faith groups in Wagga Wagga standing together in solidarity for peace and leading the congregation in a minute's silence for those who have died during the past twelve months: Uttamrao Kawadkan (Indian Hindu community), Waseem Afzal (Muslim Community), Patrick Flynn (Potowa Buddhist group), Aunt Mary Atkinson (Aboriginal Spirituality), Colin Wiese (Baha'i), Khaleel Hasan (Yazidi), Michael Bayles (Quaker), Fr Anto Francis (Syro-Malabar Indian Community).

Sister Barbara Webber shares a little of her very extraordinary life

by Jody Lindbeck
The Daily Advertiser

Sister Barbara Webber is a familiar face to many in Wagga. A much-loved teacher at Mount Erin High School for many years, she went on to become the director of Micah House. Jody Lindbeck sat down with Sister Barbara for a chat.

Sister Barbara, it's 60 years since you joined the Presentation Sisters?

Yes, I joined on June 3, 1958, so 60 years.

How did you decide you wanted to join the Presentation Sisters?

I came to Mount Erin as a boarder. The Presentation Sisters had a very strong influence on my life.

In those days there was a lot of emphasis placed on the three vocations in life: the married life, the religious life or the single life, and I guess I just felt that was something I could do.

So I found myself expressing interest. Six months later, after I left school in 1957, I joined the sisters. I made my first profession in 1961, and was sent to Sydney to teach at Five Dock at All Hallows School.

From then on, I moved around and found myself in some interesting situations.

What were some of those situations?

The first school I went to was at Five Dock. We had these huge classes. I remember I had 63 in grade three. The redeeming features of the school were the students themselves and the parents and the beautiful view of Hen and Chicken Bay.

I was there for two years and then I was moved back to Mount Erin. After that, I ended up back at Five Dock again. In 1970, my name came up to go to St Francis Xavier School at Urana.

It was so dry and dusty and so different. I can remember sort of closing my eyes and thinking 'Hen and Chicken Bay, water'. But wherever you go, you make the most of it and I had a wonderful year.

After Urana, it was back to Wagga to St Maria Goretti – now amalgamated with Henschke Primary – and at the end of 1974, I had the invitation to come back again to Mount Erin. I later went out to Ganmain, before I came back to the boarding school again.

I'm a bit like a recycled tin can, you know, I keep reappearing. All of my years have been extraordinary, but the boarding school holds a particular place in my heart.

A lot has obviously changed. You are wearing street clothes. You're no longer known as Sister

Assumpta, you're Sister Barbara. What has changed, what has remained the same for the Presentation Sisters?

When I joined the sisters, we couldn't keep our given name. We were asked to choose a religious name. Now, our lady's titles were obviously in fashion that year. I took Assumpta. My father was very amused. He used to call me Sump Oil.

We wore this very archaic dress. Most religious congregations were dressed in black and white with varying degrees of how that was presented and we wore that in the summer and in the winter. I'm not sure how sometimes. I can still feel the perspiration from gardening in January and then running into the chapel for prayer.

Now, in the early 60s, Pope John XXIII, who was a very visionary man, realised the church was not moving with the world and he called a Vatican Council and extraordinary changes came from that.

After the Second Vatican Council, the whole church was opened up, as it were. It was like the windows were opened and the Holy Spirit was sort of let out. It was a very difficult time because we really faced some very big, big changes.

So when this was all opened to us after Vatican II, it was like



Sister Barbara Webber in the Mount Erin Heritage Centre, a project that preserves the history of the Presentation Sisters in Wagga.

It was good that I lost that fear and I stepped out and took one pace. There's a little quote of Nano's "take one pace beyond" and when I took that one pace beyond, it really opened up another world.

a balloon bursting, and it was very challenging. You felt very secure in your routine. Then we were suddenly challenged to go out and do other things. Where was the need at the moment?

Now, I was a bit scared about all this, and I was really happy in the school scene.

Then I had a big turn in my life. I had the opportunity to go to Ireland and revisit the steps of our founder Nano Nagle, which was great. But then I had a stroke while I was over there.

So when I came home, it turned my life upside down. I still continued to do school pastoral care, but my energy level had dropped, so I went to work in the school office.

Then an advertisement appeared in the paper, looking for a co-ordinator for Micah House.

I saw it and I thought about it, but I didn't do anything. Then the advertisement appeared again and one of my friends told me there was the 'perfect job' for me in the paper. She asked why I hadn't applied.

I said 'I'm frightened, I'm scared, I'm not quite sure how I would manage that'.

Anyhow, her reassurance made me continue to think, so I applied for a job for the first time in my life at 60, and I got it.

I spent five-and-a-half at

Micah House and it was another great experience. The fears I had went out the doors very quickly. I am so grateful that I had the opportunity to have that job.

I hope I made a difference in their lives and I know they made a huge difference in my life.

Any regrets when you look back?

Maybe that I let fear perhaps rule my life at one stage there, when I was thinking about stepping out. But it was probably the right time because what I was doing was fulfilling for me and I think I made a difference in people's lives and was able to give that spirit of Nano.

It was good that I lost that fear and I stepped out and took one pace. There's a little quote of Nano's "take one pace beyond" and when I took that one pace beyond, it really opened up another world.

Speaking of Nano Nagle we are sitting in the Mount Erin Heritage Centre which was a dream of yours?

Yes, it was. Going back several years our archivist had a lovely little display, but then with progress, all the memorabilia was packed away in boxes. In 2013, we had our first meeting. We just knew we wanted to preserve this history.



Sister Barbara Webber (right) with then-Member for Riverina Kay Hull at 2001 Micah House Christmas lunch.

Sister Rosemary retires after 25 years as a prison chaplain

by Emma Horn
The Daily Advertiser

Sister Rosemary Terry has spent so long inside Junee Correctional Centre, that the day she left was one of sadness.

“There’s a part of me that still wants to be there,” she said.

“Working in the jail, I learnt a lot about people and got a greater insight into people’s struggles.”

For 25 years, she has been a chaplain in the prison. But now she has retired.

She admits it is not where she thought she would end up when she took her vows with the Presentation Sisters in 1961.

Then, aged 19, Sister Rosemary was expecting to spend her life as a teacher. For 20 years, she did teach. First infants, later primary and high school students.

Then she went to jail.

“I suppose it was a bit of a jump, from teaching infants to working with inmates,” she laughs.

“I don’t think I saw it as different at the time, in both places I was there to care for people and to give them hope.”

She started as a volunteer, attending the prison on a part-time basis.

“Those early years, I remember I found it difficult to leave the prison because in many ways, I took them with me.

“I’d leave, go off to meetings in Sydney or wherever, and then I’d come back to see them standing there at the gate, where I left them. For them it was always the same old routine.”

She can no longer remember her first day at the prison, but Sister Rosemary remembers the first feeling that accompanied her into the prison.

I had to go through all the locked doors and gates, and I remember that the security was quite daunting.

“But I always received a lot of respect from the inmates, and the staff were always very supportive.”

Sister Rosemary drew her courage from a few sources. Firstly, the story of Sister Nano Nagle, who founded the order of the Presentation Sisters 300 years ago in Ireland.

“She cared for the disadvantaged and marginalised, people like those I was meeting in the prison.”

Her second source of strength came through a film starring Sean Penn and Susan Sarandon. The true story of Sister Helen Prejean who worked with death-row inmates in America.

“Dead Man Walking came out when I was just starting out in the jail, it helped me see that walking alongside these inmates was a privilege.

It taught me I wasn’t there to change anyone, of course I hope they will change for the better, but as I’ve always said, the only person I can change is myself.

Compassion was the currency Sister Rosemary traded in, and it is what she believes sustained her for so long as a chaplain.

“It was always hope that I wanted to give, [as well as] support and encouragement, and even a challenge to look at their offending and make a change.”

“A lot of them would come in hopeless, and many of them left with hope. Hope was the best I could give them.”

Sister Rosemary continues to write to inmates and meet with those who have been released.

She admits that for some, coming back into society has been a challenge.



Sister Rosemary Terry has spent 25 years as a chaplain in Junee’s jail. Picture: Emma Horn.

“Sometimes, when they came out, and there was nothing for them, they’d lose the hope a little bit and I think we often criticise them for that, but we as a society need to keep giving them hope.”

“I’d like to see in the future, more be done to help them when they come outside.

“Employment is a big challenge, but I think sometimes you have to take the chance. Sometimes it won’t work out, but it’s worth it when it does.”

A letter from a former inmate who attended the prison chaplaincy’s Kairos program speaks of how she saw lives change inside the prison.

The writer had been in the jail for more than 12 years. He describes leaving the course ‘feeling warm and loved’ for the first time in his life.

It is these stories that help Sister Rosemary fondly remember her time in prison.

“At times we’ve presented God

as judgement and not love,” she said.

“We’ve gone too far into the rules and we’ve forgotten the relationship.”

“Jesus cared for those in need, and I always saw that as

my role too, to help them find relationship rather than rules.”

“Lots of people flash through my mind now that I don’t have contact with, and I just say ‘Lord, look after them, wherever they are’”

“A lot of them would come in hopeless, and many of them left with hope. Hope was the best I could give them.”





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St Patrick's Church, Matong Centenary Celebrations

by Fr. Justin Darlow
Parochial Administrator,
Ganmain Catholic Parish

On the 26th May 2018 a centenary celebration of the Blessing and Opening of St. Patrick's Catholic Church Matong was held.

The day began in the church with the celebration of Sunday Mass for the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. The church was almost entirely full. Mrs. Deidre McKinnon played the organ and the sonorous voices of the congregation were heard responding heartily to the Mass parts and hymns.

Following Mass a luncheon was held in the Matong Hall, during which, after some formalities and practicalities, various speeches were given regarding the history of the church and the people of the parish. Some of this history is now presented here.

It was Fr. Owen Clarke who organised the construction of St. Patrick's Catholic Church Matong. However, Masses had been celebrated at Matong for many years previously. Lorna H. Gilmore's book *The Settlers and Settlement of Ganmain* records some of this early history as do some newspaper accounts from around the time of its opening. As far back as the 1890's Narrandera's Fr. Gray had celebrated Masses in Mr. McCormick's home at Matong, with Matong coming under the jurisdiction of the Narrandera parish. On the 3rd

July 1900 Matong was officially proclaimed a village. At some stage Matong was placed under the parish of Junee and Monsignor Buckley held Masses in the Farmer's Home Hotel dining room. Apparently some people have even claimed that their baptism was conducted by Fr. Hartigan ("John O'Brien") in the bar of the same hotel! With the construction of the School of Arts building, Masses were held in that location for a further 14 years until St. Patrick's Matong was officially blessed and opened on Sunday, May 26, 1918. With the formation of the parish of Ganmain in 1906 Matong came under that parish and remains so today. In 1906 it was served by Fr. Daniel Griffin until August 1913 when Father Owen Clarke became the 2nd Parish Priest. Incidentally it was not until 1916 that Coolamon separated off from Ganmain to become a parish in its own right.

The building of St. Patrick's Church Matong had taken a little over 18 months: the foundation stone had been laid on the 15th October 1916. However, fundraising for the church began at least as far back as 1914. We know this because "The Annual Social in aid of the Proposed New Catholic Church for Matong" was advertised to be held in the School of Arts Hall on July 31st that year. (Gilmore, *The Settlers and*

Settlement of Ganmain, p.150) The construction of the church during the years of the First World War and the difficulties caused by drought attests to the faith, generosity and fortitude of the local people of Matong, including many non-Catholics. Indeed, the land for the site of the church was donated by Mr. W.F. Regan, a non-Catholic.

According to Pat Quinn, the first attempt at building a church was an utter failure: it fell over before it was finished! A new site was chosen and the church built at a cost of about £1,000 with in excess of this amount being raised by the end of the special meeting held on the day of opening. Mass was celebrated at 10:00am by Father Clarke, with Bishop John Gallagher, the Bishop of Goulburn, presiding with in excess of 500 people in attendance according to newspaper reports (cf. *The Catholic Press*, Thursday, June 13, 1918). A sermon was preached by the Reverend Father P. Maloney MSH, who had just completed a mission with the people, and who based his words on the text of Malachi (1:2): 'From the rising of the sun to the going down thereof, My name is great among the Gentiles, and in every place there is sacrifice and thanksgiving offered to My name. A clean oblation saith the Lord of Hosts.' Following the Mass a meeting was held



Inside St. Patrick's Church Matong on Sunday the 26th May 2018.
Photo courtesy of Zane Fraser.



About 75 people celebrated the Centenary Luncheon in the Matong Hall.
Photo courtesy of Zane Fraser.

at which the remaining £194 10s 6d was more than cleared by subscriptions totalling £203. (Cf. *The Temora Independent*, Friday, June 8, 2018, p.7) Some of the money seems to have been raised also by raffles and bazaars.

The Ganmain parish registers offer a few significant insights into the life of the local Catholics across the years. The first recorded baptism we have is of Jane Elizabeth O'Reilly from Matong performed in the private hospital Ganmain by Fr. Clarke on the 4th May 1912. In the early years baptisms were not infrequently done in homes and hospitals, particularly when there was a child in danger of death. The first baptism in the new church at Matong was on the 24th February 1918 for Leslie Francis Foster. Interestingly this was before the formal blessing and opening of the church. Further examination of the old Ganmain baptismal register indicates that, in 1918, 10 of the 19 recorded baptisms were of children from families living in the Matong area. This would

seem to indicate a sizeable local population in and around Matong. In the first 50 years of the church's existence there were large numbers of baptisms in the Ganmain parish. However, the effect of the Depression and the Second World War on the local community is evident in the sharp decline in the number of baptisms recorded as a result of those years. The most recent baptism in St. Patrick's Matong was that of Joseph Dennis in November 2010, the priest celebrant being Fr. Mark Whybrow.

As far as we can tell from the records, there has only ever been one occasion on which the Sacrament of Confirmation was received in St. Patrick's Catholic Church Matong. This occurred on the 26th April 1942 and was conferred by Bishop Henshcke for 13 children including Pat Quinn who was with us for the centenary celebrations. Apparently, on account of the rationing of supplies and other difficulties during the war years, Monsignor Owen Clarke told

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Cutting the centenary cake are (L-R) John Smith (Centenary Coordinator), John Doherty (one of the longest local attendees of the church) and Fr. Justin Darlow (Administrator of Ganmain Catholic Parish). Photo courtesy of Zane Fraser.

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St. Patrick's Church Matong today. Source: Author's own photograph.

Two weeks in Uganda: Many stories, many blessings

by Paul Blom
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Fr Joel Wallace with children from Uganda.

In late May and early June I had the great privilege to travel with Paul Fyfe and his wife Sue to Uganda to see first-hand the wonderful work of the charity Uganda Kids. Uganda Kids was set up and is run by the husband and wife team from Petrie Parish and past parents of Mt Maria College Petrie community. Paul and Sue Fyfe set up their charity after a trip they took to Uganda 10 years ago and saw such need everywhere they turned in the country that upon return to Australia they vowed to make a difference. From this beginning they have grown to the point that Uganda Kids have

helped support hundreds of young people to complete school in a country that can see education to be beyond many people's ability to pay. Uganda Kids has also provided drinkable water, finance for locally built school desks and donated seating. Computers and teaching facilities have been provided and orphaned children are fed and given an education. A farm has been purchased and established to grow food, a deep well has been dug and a road with proper drainage is being constructed to provide safe access. Also a secondary school is in the planning. With the help of Petrie and Albury Parishes

and other donors they have also helped pay for and build a new kitchen for St Joseph's primary school and a girl's dormitory for St Bruno's Secondary school. The trip was a real eye opener for me and our other travel companions who included Angela Smith (Petrie Catholic Parish Secretary), David McGovern (Director Catholic Mission Brisbane), Fr Joel Wallace (Parish Priest of Albury, member of the board of Uganda Kids), and Bronwyn Greatbatch (teacher from East Brisbane). The trip opened my eyes to the needs that exist everywhere in Uganda, it opened my eyes to the lack of the basics we take for granted but it also opened my eyes to the joy and wonder most of these people get from simple live and simple faith. It particularly opened my eyes to need for charity to be direct. That is, the need for a relationship to be built between the provider and receiver. The personal touch can go a long way and more directed support can be given where it is needed. It brings to mind a famous story called "The Starfish Reflection". The story goes something like this: Once upon a time, there was a wise man who used to go to the

ocean to do his writing. He had a habit of walking on the beach before he began his work. One day, as he was walking along the shore, he looked down the beach and saw a human figure moving like a dancer. He smiled to himself at the thought of someone who would dance to the day, and so, he walked faster to catch up. As he got closer, he noticed that the figure was that of a young man, and that what he was doing was not dancing at all. The young man was reaching down to the shore, picking up small objects, and throwing them into the ocean. He came closer still and called out 'Good morning! May I ask what it is that you are doing?' The young man paused, looked up, and replied 'Throwing starfish into the ocean.' 'I must ask, then, why are you throwing starfish into the ocean?' asked the somewhat startled wise man. To this, the young man replied, 'The sun is up and the tide is going out. If I don't throw them in, they'll die.' Upon hearing this, the wise man commented, 'But, young man, do you not realize that there are miles and miles of beach and there are starfish all along every mile? You



Fr Joel Wallace with a teacher from St Joseph's Primary in Ssaza, Masaka. can't possibly make a difference!' At this, the young man bent down, picked up yet another starfish, and threw it into the ocean. As it met the water, he said, 'It made a difference for that one.' Our journey included visits to schools, orphanages, hospitals and health care clinics all in the Masaka region. Part of the reason for the trip was to see the work of Uganda Kids but to also bring much needed resources and gifts. Each encounter with the people of Uganda gave us the opportunity to become part of a story that is still unfolding and one that we are blessed to be part of. Peace & Prayers For donations visit: www.ugandakids.org.au/



Bronwyn Greatbatch (teacher from East Brisbane), Paul Blom (Asst Principal Religious Education Mt Maria College), Fr Joel Wallace (Parish Priest of Albury, member of the board of Uganda Kids), Sue Fyfe, Angela Smith (Petrie Catholic Parish Secretary) and David McGovern (Director Catholic Mission Brisbane).



Ugandan children dancing in thanksgiving as part of the gift giving programme.



The image above is of Fr Joel Wallace near the finish line towards the end of the 4.5 hr high altitude marathon which raised AU\$250,000 for local charities, including Uganda Kids, which supports a parish, several schools and many families in the poorest part of the country (Masaka District). Brilliant effort Fr Joel!!!

Right: Wild elephants and water buffalo.



Urgent call to action: Oppose the sand mine

This mine will ruin the beauty, peace and tranquility of our sacred place of worship, *The Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy - Penrose Park*.

by Fr Damian Mosakowski
Save Our Sand Action Group

We are extremely concerned about this huge mine on our border. This is a 47 hectare open-cut pit, about the size of our Penrose Park, to 39 metres below the water table, which will reduce and pollute our and our neighbours water supplies. Noise, blasting and light pollution 24 hours a day will ruin our peace and tranquility and interrupt our worship. Dust will affect our health and damage our shrines. The grotto is a mere 120 metres from this destruction and the unique beauty of the shrine comes from its surrounding bush and wildlife. Everyone loves the interaction with the kangaroos, wallabies, koalas, achidnas and the many bird species that share this space. Clearing 63 hectares of native bush will harm our native flora and fauna and critically block this section of the Great Western Wildlife Corridor.

Opposing submissions were closed on June 21 and we will



keep you updated on the outcome. Please keep The Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy - Penrose Park in your prayers and if you are able to, make a much needed donation.

Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy

Fr. Augustine Lazur, who arrived in Australia in 1981, established the shrine of our Lady of Mercy in the Southern Highlands of New South Wales in 1984. The Shire is dedicated to Our Lady under the title of Our Lady of Mercy as represented by

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But the Shrine has grown much since its founding, and now has many other smaller shrines build by pilgrims and devoted to the best loved saints of all over the world. People of many different nationalities come to Penrose Park to visit their shrines for days of prayer.

Poland. The Pauline Fathers, who arrived in Australia in 1981, now have 2 monasteries and 4 parishes.

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Pauline Fathers - Order of St. Paul the First Hermit

The Order of St. Paul the First Hermit, commonly know as the Pauline Fathers, was established around 1250 in Hugury by Blessed Eusebius. The Pauline Fathers spread rapidly to many of the neighbouring countries and soon had thousands of monks. A highlight in the Order's history took place in 1382 when they became the custodians of the miraculous picture of Our Lady, known as the Black Madonna, believed to be painted by St Luke the Evangelist. It is now in their mother house at Jasna Góra in





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Catholic Religious Australia stands tall and strong with newly elected leadership



The 42nd National Assembly of Catholic Religious Australia began on Tuesday, exploring the theme of “Religious in Australia: Evolving with Hope” continuing the tradition of courageous and prophetic leadership which the women and men of religious congregations are known for.

“I have a vision about the Church becoming a community of disciples rather than a hierarchy. As President, I will be guided by God, and trust that the Holy Spirit can accomplish great things through our work together.”

A significant part of the gathering is the election of the new President and Council.

Resounding applause assented to the election of Sr Monica Cavanagh rsj, Congregational Leader of the Sisters of St Joseph into the role of President.

“It is a great honour to be elected by my peers to the role of President,” said Sr Monica, “I believe the voice of religious

men and women is very important at this time in the life of the Church and the community. We are called to be the prophetic voice – we must be courageous and respond as ecclesial women and men.”

After a structural review, CRA has moved away from State representation to a more holistic model of shared

leadership. The new Council members take on this role with great energy and passion for responding to the challenges and opportunities of today’s Church and society.

They are a Council who stand together and are committed to strengthening the voice of the religious in Australia. The new Council members include:

- Peter Carroll fms

- Eveline Crotty rsm
- Patty Fawkner sgs
- David Hawke fsc
- Mary-Clare Holland op
- Anne Lane pbvm
- Tom McDonough cp
- Clare Nolan rsc
- Paul O’Keeffe fsp
- Noreen Reynolds op
- Brian Vale ssc
- Lucy Van Kessel pbvm
- Stancea Vichie mss

Sr Ruth Durick osu, Provincial of the Ursuline Sisters and outgoing President is confident in the new team.

“Catholic Religious women and men are a voice for those who are marginalised by society and by the Church. I am proud to have served as President for the past two years and will keep Sr Monica and the new Council in prayer as they lead us into an emerging future.”

Sr Monica is deeply grateful for the leadership of her predecessor and understands the task ahead.



Sr Monica Cavanagh rsj

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World Refugee Week: CRA speak out for ‘the need to belong’

As the leaders of Catholic Religious Australia (CRA) gather at their National Assembly, they stand in strong solidarity with the many asylum seekers and refugees for whom this year’s World Refugee Week theme of ‘the need to belong’ is clearly under threat in the face of the most recent Government legislation.

Last year the government announced an end to Status Resolution Support Services (SRSS) for several thousand asylum seekers on bridging visas, to come into effect in 2018. This action removes financial support and accommodation for some of the most vulnerable people in Australia – people who are already experiencing immense suffering.

Religious leaders are deeply troubled by this unjust treatment of asylum seekers and refugees.

CRA is opposed to the government’s policy on four grounds:

- It is an abandonment of our nation’s moral responsibility for some of the most vulnerable people in the world
- It is a direct contradiction of human rights and our responsibilities as a member of the global community
- It models violence towards persons

as a solution to problems

- It is an erosion of the Australian values of a fair go for all, and concern for the underdog.

‘To remain passive and silent in the face of the injustice we are witnessing at this time would be contrary to the values we hold as Australians, and as Christians’, said Sr Ruth Durick, current president of CRA. ‘There is a strong belief that we are impelled to stand in solidarity with people in need, those who are victims of all kinds of abuse under these laws, and to work alongside political, church and community organisations to address this current crisis.’

We did it before when we welcomed thousands of refugees from post-war Europe, Vietnam, East Timor, El Salvador, Bosnia and many other countries. We can do it again.

CRA is urging political leaders of all Parties to come together to arrive at a multi-partisan solution, which puts morality, justice and human values at the heart of its legislation and political decisions for asylum seekers and refugees.





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Bayan grew up in Syria's capital, Damascus. The Syrian conflict turned their lives upside down and they were forced to flee. As

their time in Jordan extended, Caritas Australia and our partners, Caritas Jordan and Catholic Relief Services stepped in to provide vital academic and psychosocial support. Bayan started attending one of Jordan's Caritas Schools which operates on Saturdays, providing tuition to disadvantaged students.

"The school brings them back to a normal life, as they start to dream again," says Abeer, Caritas Education and Protection Co-ordinator.

Caritas provides a broad range of other education services, including preparing pre-school children for school, supporting students who have missed out on schooling to return to the education system, as well as counselling and nutritious meals and snacks at school.

Bayan says: "I would not be able to read and write. I would feel lost, as if I knew nothing about the world. School has the power to lift us up, so we can reach our goals and learn quickly."



Bayan and her friends standing in their classroom, ready for the Caritas Education Program's class to begin. Students receive vital assistance to help them catch up and adapt to the Jordanian curriculum. Photograph credit: Richard Wainwright, Caritas Australia



Bayan with her family and friends in a park, enjoying each other's company during their weekly Sunday gathering. Photograph credit: Richard Wainwright, Caritas Australia

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Bayan doing her homework. She is a highly motivated student with hopes of becoming an ophthalmologist. Photograph credit: Richard Wainwright, Caritas Australia



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Anthony Fisher's years as a bishop have paralleled the era of modern terrorism. On too many occasions he has had to preach at liturgies following fresh acts of terrorism and violence, such as the Lindt Café siege in Sydney, and on the anniversaries of earlier atrocities and military battles. This book contains a collection of homilies and talks given on such occasions. While not shying away from the horrors of war and terror, Archbishop Fisher finds hope in the goodwill

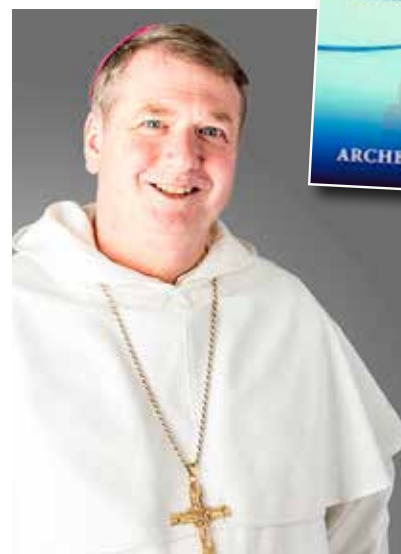
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He explores the psychology and spirituality of maintaining Easter hope amidst Lenten experience. While religion is

often seen as a root cause of war and terror, he insists that true reverence for God and the things of God helps build community rather than divide.

Anthony Fisher O.P. is Archbishop of Sydney, Australia.



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Catholic education welcomes capital funding boost for low fee schools

Catholic Schools NSW (CSNSW) said today it welcomed the NSW Government's increase to capital funding for low-fee non-government schools.

The Sunday Telegraph today reported that the NSW Government will provide an extra \$32 million in capital funding in 2018-19 for the state's non-government school sector, which comprises almost 950 mainly low fee schools.

CSNSW Chief Executive Officer Dallas McInerney said any funding support from the NSW Government was always appreciated.

"We are pleased that the NSW Government supported our pre-Budget submission for additional capital funding because it means less pressure on our parents to fund much needed capital works," Mr McInerney said.

"Our 11 NSW Catholic

schools offices have already planned for enrolment growth of almost 10,000 students over the next three years, which will involve up to 11 new schools and the expansion of 41 existing schools.

"More than 80% of the funding required for this growth currently comes from parents who already pay taxes that support all school sectors on top of the fees and building levies they provide to support Catholic education.

"On their behalf, we will approach both sides of politics ahead of the 2019 election in an effort to seek a longer term funding arrangement."

Mr McInerney said the one-off increase takes the NSW Government's contribution to around \$65 million for this state's 944 non-government schools, before reverting to around \$33 million the following year.

Based on its enrolment share, the Catholic sector receives almost two-thirds of the state government's capital funding support for non-government schools.

Mr McInerney said CSNSW prioritised all the government funding it receives for capital projects to those Catholic schools with the least ability to raise funds.

"Capital funds from government go to the Catholic schools that need it most.

"This year, we allocated all state government funding to support 12 projects in places like in Nyngan, Wyalong, Branxton, Lewisham and Toormina, as well as in growth areas like Marsden Park and Edmondson Park."

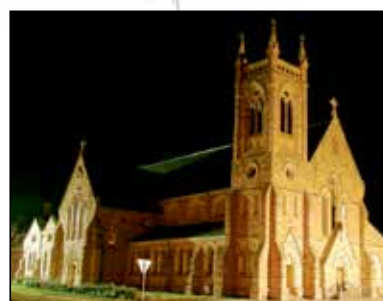


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Social Media: The good the bad the ugly

by **Stina Constantine**
Virtue Ministry Founder
and Managing Director

When was the last time you checked your socials?

The world of social media have really helped to advance development of smaller businesses and enterprises. It helps up stay in touch with our loved ones across oceans, or between state borders, sometimes even ones that live on the other side of town.

Social media in itself is a good thing, it gives people an opportunity to connect, explore and collaborate with people whilst eliminating distance as

Social media is there to be used, but just make sure you're the one using social media and not the other way around.

an issue. It helps give us a voice, to become creators of content and be active participants in social spheres growing our independence. These are wonderful gifts to be valued.

But let's not kid ourselves, social media isn't a miracle worker, it isn't perfect and it has its setbacks too. The setbacks come from the way we, and others, chose to use it. What we as content makers chose

to emphasise, and what we as consumers chose to emphasise, in our own lives.

The number of followers you have on your socials, doesn't define your worth or your identity. For some they do impact the way we feel about ourselves, but even that feeling doesn't change the fact of reality, you are not less than someone else, you are not defined by the number of your followers.

And that's the truth.

One of the most perpetrated lies of social media; **'if they have over 15k followers they must be right'**.

Social media has this magic number that turns an individual or a group from an ordinary account to a special account, with specific kinds of access and options. But that number, or that particular kind of account, doesn't automatically make them right, correct or even factual. The only thing you can be certain of is that a number of people have heard at least one thing about that group, or

person they liked, and decided to follow them.

But, if I was to put a stranger in front of you today, we could all find something we liked about that person, that doesn't mean everything they stand for and say is correct.

We need to be cautious about who we support, and be cautious that we don't assume that their fame means that they're right all the time.

Of course, used prudently, social media is a great tool for communication and networking. Used imprudently, well, that's another story altogether.

So how do you know if you're using social media prudently? Well, why not undertake a social media audit today and ask yourself the following questions:

Your friends on social media? Are they ALL your friends? Or are they really just people you met a couple of times, or see from time to time. That's fine. We're not saying eliminate them all.

But what about the ones that you didn't really know to start with, and haven't really gotten to know since becoming Facebook friends. Maybe you can go without them?

Those we follow on Twitter and Instagram etc.; ask yourself

who of those feed your spirit and soul positively. And ask yourself what the proportion is of content: How many creative pages vs. sports people or celebrities vs. health etc. do I follow? And what does this say about what I prioritise in life?

What we feed ourselves daily affects us. Not just our diet on our bodies, or our intellect but what we chose to see and read impacts the way we feel and the way we see our world, which impacts how we chose to live in it.

Social media is there to be used, but just make sure you're the one using social media and

not the other way around.

Next month we'll have a mini retreat guide for you. We'll tell you how to prepare. Just be ready to put aside 3 hours at some point during one of the weekends in August.





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Pope Francis calls on Christians to support Catholic Mission

Pope Francis released a video message on Monday 28 May this year appealing for Christians around the world to support the important work of the Pontifical Mission Societies, known in Australia as Catholic Mission.



Holy Spirit is principle agent of evangelisation

“Prayer is the first “missionary work” – the first! – that every Christian can and must do,” he said.

He said spiritual support is the most effective way to aid the missions, “even if this cannot be measured.”

“The principal agent of evangelisation is the Holy Spirit. And we are called to collaborate with Him.”

The Pope said the Mission Societies are important “because we must pray for missionaries and for the evangelising action of the Church.”

Mission Societies support local Churches

Pope Francis also described the work of the Pontifical Mission Societies.

“In the Pope’s name, these Societies ensure a fair distribution of aid, so that all the world’s Churches have at least the minimum required for evangelisation, for the sacraments, for their priests, for seminaries, for pastoral work, and for catechists,” he said.

He said they support evangelising missionaries, “so that the Holy Spirit may be present.”

Local Churches, Pope Francis said, have always helped each other proclaim and witness to the Gospel. “Animated by the Spirit of the Risen Lord, its mission widens the horizon of faith and charity unto the ends of the earth.”

Present in 120 countries

The Mission Societies are present in 120 countries around the world and work in close collaboration with the Holy See.

Founded in the 19th century, they gave new impetus to

the Christian proclamation, according to the Holy Father. Pope Pius XI gave them the name ‘Pontifical’ to show how “the Church’s mission to all peoples is very dear to the heart of the Successor of Peter,” the Pope said.

“And it still is!” Pope Francis affirmed.

“Healing a Nation Through Education”

This year Catholic Mission is focussing on the country of Myanmar.

After six decades of internal conflict and political struggles, Myanmar is moving towards a new age of democracy. Led by Cardinal Charles Maung Bo S.D.B., the Catholic Church has prioritised education as the key stepping stone to peace.

Ten years ago, Cardinal Bo initiated a teacher-training centre, Pyinya Sanyae Institute of Education (PSIE), to help support education across the country, with the goal to help heal and build a prosperous Myanmar.

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(This article was submitted by John Goonan, Wagga Diocesan Director of Catholic Mission, using press releases written by Matthew Ponting and Devin Watkins).

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Christians in India suffer from discrimination by fundamentalist Hindus



During his visit to the international headquarters of Catholic pastoral charity "Aid to the Church in Need", Bishop Thomas Paulsamy of the Indian diocese of Dindigul reveals his extreme disappointment following an increase in violent attacks back home. In the South Indian state of Tamil Nadu Christians are complaining about increasing violence and discrimination by fundamentalist Hindus. Only last week, about 20,000 Christians of various denominations in at least 16 towns took to the streets to demonstrate against anti-Christian aggression. Since the start of the year, there have been reports of more than 15 cases involving violent attacks in Tamil Nadu but the suppression of the Christian minority in mostly from Hindu believers. Discrimination is also intensifying in other parts of the country.

Bishop Thomas Paulsamy also reports that Christians in Tamil Nadu feel increasingly under threat from radical Hindu fundamentalists. The Bishop of the Indian diocese of Dindigul revealed his extreme disappointment about the increase in violent attacks when he visited the international headquarters of the Catholic pastoral charity Aid to the Church in Need. "We Christians actually cultivate good relations with Hindus, Muslims and other religious groups," the Bishop said. "We travel together, eat together and live together. Many even come into our churches." At Christmas, for example, thousands of non-Christians visited Catholic services, including many Hindus. It is all the more distressing that a Hindu nationalist minority should disturb peaceful co-existence in this way.

In Bishop Thomas' neighbouring diocese,



These tribals celebrate Holy Mass in St. Francis Xavier Church in Mangalpur. The old Church was burnt by Hindu radicals in 1993. The spark of the violence was the unjust accusation of the then parish priest of having eaten cow. Only in 2015 the new Church could be finished, thanks to the support of ACN. Now about 200 people come to Mass on Sundays.

"We Christians actually cultivate good relations with Hindus, Muslims and other religious groups," the Bishop said. "We travel together, eat together and live together. Many even come into our churches."

Nearly 80 per cent of the total population adhere to the Hindu faith, and only two per cent are Christian. The offences range from acts of desecration in churches, such as the rape of nuns through to the murder of a pastor and including the desecration of statues of the Virgin Mary. In particular, the murder of the pastor provoked major protests by the Christian population. Thousands took to the streets. The victim, a pastor of an independent Christian church in the district of Kanchipuram in the state of Tamil Nadu, was found hanged in January after he had turned to the police to complain about cases of harassment by Hindus.

mainly protestant churches have recently been attacked and Bibles burned. Bishop Paulsamy is chair of the Committee for Disadvantaged Castes and Tribes in the Indian Bishops' Conference. There is a discussion currently underway on how the Christian minority in India can be protected more effectively. An inter-religious working group has already been created in which representatives of a number of religious minorities, including muslims, discuss possible solutions together. In addition, more and more Bishops are now speaking out publicly and have protested against religious hatred. "Always peacefully,

never violently," Bishop Paulsamy stresses. After all, the Christians have had no desire to inflict on others the suffering that they themselves have endured.

Bishop Paulsamy believes the main cause of deteriorating relations between Hindus and Christians is the rise to power of Narendra Modi of the Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). Before the BJP was in power, relations had been much more peaceful and harmonious, Bishop Paulsamy believes. Since Modi became prime minister, however, fundamentalist Hindu groups have become increasingly powerful. "The BJP supports the fundamentalists," said the Bishop. The police have at times even persecuted the victims of violent attacks. According to its constitution, India is a socialist, secular and democratic republic. "All people have an equal right to freedom of conscience, and free profession, practice and propagation of religion," Article 25 of the constitution reads. But Bishop Paulsamy warns that Prime Minister Modi wants to turn India into a Hindu country. The bishop said: "He does not want the

constitution to apply, but rather the religious principles and values of Hinduism."

There are a various pieces of evidence to support this view: Modi's ministers have repeatedly emphasised their support for measures intended to "protect" the Hindu religion. Religious minorities are seen as a threat, especially Muslims and Christians. Following their electoral victory in 2014, the BJP government also wanted to reintroduce a nationwide anti-conversion law – a move which was then stopped by the law and justice ministry. The legal experts justified this with the comment that any legislation from the central government which restricts the free choice of religion violated the constitution. Even so, anti-conversion laws are in force in seven of 29 Indian states. Conversion was also banned in Tamil Nadu, a state with a comparatively high proportion of Christians at 12 per cent. However, the law has been rescinded. Even so, the government still views conversions critically. It can hardly be expected that Modi will abandon the project to impose a nationwide conversion ban.

In May 2019 elections will be held in India again. The opposition is trying to form a coalition party to stand as one against the BJP. Whether this succeeds in challenging Modi's majority is questionable, however, Christians are threatened with a further five hazardous years. If Modi and the BJP are re-elected, Bishop Paulsamy is certain the discrimination against the Christian minority will continue. "As long as the BJP is in government it will make life difficult for Christians in India."

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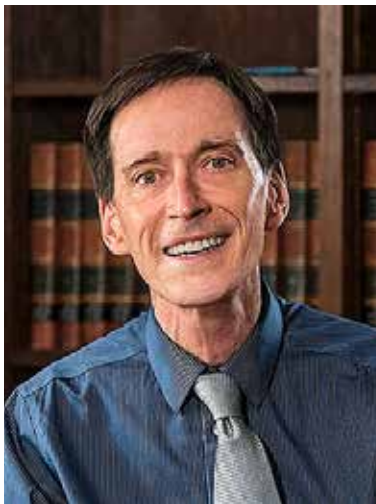
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There is no charge for the eConference and to register you can visit: <https://goo.gl/xXL8Xn>

If you prefer to watch with others, **John Goonan, the Wagga Wagga Diocesan Director of Catholic Mission will host a viewing of the eConference in the McAlroy House Conference Room on Wednesday August 8 at 10am.** Tea and coffee will be provided and you can bring your own lunch. Enquiries to John on 0428 970 445 or email him at waggawaggadirector@catholicmission.org.au



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For The Love of God film review

by **Karene Pavitt**
Together Editor/Designer

I had the pleasure of attending the Wagga Wagga screening of the documentary *For The Love of God* on Wednesday 20 June. It was great to see so many of you there in an almost sold out screening.

The film features members from the Centre for Public Christianity visiting various places around the world where Christians have had an impact (both good and bad) and describes in detail what happened and why.

The film visits a historical leper colony in Molokai, Hawaii and tells the story of Belgian priest Father Damien De Veuster. It then goes to America and tells the story of Martin Luther King Jr and the fight for human rights. Presenter Justine Toh goes on a witch hunt, visiting the rare books

where the Crusades took place and goes to Belfast and gives us a glimpse of the complex issue of the Northern Ireland ‘Troubles’. It explores how Hitler’s rule influenced the Church in Nuremberg, Germany and discusses Hannah Marshman’s work in India, the massacre of Aborigines in Australia, and takes us to other fascinating locations featuring interviews with some of the world’s top experts in the fields of history, sociology, and theology.

For The Love of God confronts the worst that Christians have done and traces the origins of Western values like human rights, charity, humility, and non-violence back to the influence of Jesus.

The powerful message I took from the film was the message Jesus gave us and the simplicity of it boiling down to just love and humility.

Jesus introduced a revolutionary new way of looking at humanity, God and reality which laid the foundations of human rights, and so many of the values we take for granted such as humility, service and compassion.

collection at Sydney University to get some insight into how Christians viewed women in the 15th Century.

The Battle of the Milvian Bridge between Emperor Constantine and Maxentius is explored as a turning point in Christian history. The film visits Béziers, France

Akos Balogh says: *Christians have botched things up spectacularly at times. But this isn't because Christianity, as taught by Jesus and the New Testament, is bad. It's because Christians have disobeyed or ignored that clear teaching.*

The musical analogy from the



Above: Two of the films presenters, John Dickson and Simon Smart on location in Jerusalem.

documentary, referring to one of Bach’s masterpieces being played by a skilled cellist, taught us that just as Bach had given us a beautiful tune, so too had Jesus. The beautiful message has never changed, it’s just that some play it well and others, not so.

When Christians have played that tune well, great things happened: hospitals were established, our poor were cared for and slavery was abolished. But when Christians played out of tune, disastrous things happened such as crusades, witch hunts and racism.


The film points out, Jesus introduced a revolutionary new way, a better way, of understanding humanity, God and reality. Where all people, regardless of age, class, gender or ability, have intrinsic worth that

must be respected. All from one blood. This new way of looking at reality laid the foundations of human rights, and so many of the values we take for granted such as humility, service and compassion.

When Christians play their master’s tune, the world changes for the better. It’s a film that

opens up many opportunities for gospel conversation.

If you have a screening in your area, I highly recommend going to see it. Griffith City Cinemas has a screening on Wednesday 25 July and tickets must be purchased in advance to ensure the screening is confirmed. The link is listed below.



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Vale Sister M Valerian Corbett

18 July 1920 – 2 June 2018

Zena Pearl Mary (Pearl) Corbett was born in Tarcutta NSW on 18 July 1920, the fourth and youngest child of Patrick James Corbett, a painter and signwriter who worked for the Railway Department, and his wife, Agnes Spicer. Patrick and his wife were married in Hunters Hill in 1914 and lived in Sydney for some years before moving to the country in the course of Patrick's employment. In the years that followed the family lived in Temora, Cootamundra and Murrumburrah. Pearl's siblings were James, Phyllis and Florence, all of whom have predeceased her.

At the age of sixteen and at the time living in Temora, Pearl entered the Sisters of St Joseph in Goulburn on 21 November 1936. Perhaps because of her age, as a postulant she spent 11 months with the Sisters at the convent in Binalong, helping in the school and boarding school there. She was received on 18 January 1938 taking the religious name Sister M Valerian of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, and was professed on 18 January 1940.

A music teacher, and capable in shorthand and typing, over the years of her ministry Sister Valerian was stationed in Batlow, Holbrook, Quandialla,

Ardlethan, Adelong, Culcairn, Narrandera, Barellan, Tumbarumba, Batemans Bay, Goulburn, Coolamon and O'Connor ACT. She was often the superior in the communities in which she lived. As well as teaching piano she was also a capable violin teacher.

Valerian was quick to let people know that her favourite place of ministry was Batlow where she loved teaching her music pupils and visiting the homes, especially of the elderly, and visiting the hospital. When she retired from teaching her days were devoted to visitation and conducting prayer groups within the parishes in which she lived. She would say that the most outstanding event in her life was in 1988 when she was able to join a pilgrimage to Medjugorje and Rome. 'The most wonderful experience of her life' was how she described it. Of a gentle and forgiving nature, Valerian found great consolation in prayer and this helped her through even the most stressful of situations.

In 2009, as age and infirmity advanced, Valerian moved from living in retirement in O'Connor ACT to Goulburn and in 2012 she moved into care in Southern Cross Care Tenison Apartments where she died peacefully on

Saturday 2 June 2018 in her 98th year and in the 79th year of her religious profession.

Eulogy:

It is always an awesome responsibility to gather the threads of someone's life to be able to share something of the gift they have been for family and friends during their lifetime.

Today we seek to gather the threads and themes, the vibrant, colourful melodies amid the gentle refrains that sing the song of Zena Pearl Corbett, a song held together by the leitmotif of an unwavering faith in the God who loves, in and through this woman we knew as Sr Mary Valerian.

Pearl was the youngest of four children born to Patrick and Agnes Corbett in Tarcutta in 1920. Her dad was a painter and signwriter for the NSW railways, a job that caused the family to move from town to town during Pearl's childhood.

Aged just sixteen, Pearl joined the Sisters of St Joseph in Goulburn in 1936 and was professed Sr Mary Valerian of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour in January 1940. On that day, as Valerian herself would say, "Whoever would have thought that she'd give the next 82 years to religious life!

Valerian was a gifted musician and from all accounts a teacher who inspired a love of music in her students. She played and taught the piano and violin and conducted choirs. Her school concerts were second to none as she called on the creative skills of the local community to dress the characters in costume thereby encouraging the youngsters to give outstanding performances. The high standard of these concerts brought in much needed funds to support our poor country schools.

Valerian's music ministry took her to a number of towns across the Canberra – Goulburn and Wagga Dioceses, but she was always quick to let people know that her favourite place of ministry was Batlow where she loved teaching her music pupils and visiting the homes, especially of the elderly, and visiting the hospital.

One of Valerian's gifts was the ability to be present, to walk with

another in their distress. A former Congregational Leader remarked that while visiting a community early in her time of leadership, she encountered Valerian as the superior. Valerian, aware the Sister was a novice in the leadership role, offered her some simple yet profound advice, "You can't live people's

lives for them; you can only be there for them!" Reflecting on Valerian's ministry that theme of compassionate presence is a dominant one; with Sisters and parishioners both, remembering Valerian walking distances to be with those in need of care and support.

To many it would have appeared that Valerian struggled with change, choosing to remain wearing the veil long after most had moved on. A story is told, however, of how Valerian, again the superior of the local community, had the capacity to stay true to her beliefs and values, while supporting the younger members of the community in the change with no judgement! Just as musical scores and simple melodies all have their own unique structure and rhythm Valerian sang the song of her life while respecting the uniqueness of the other's.

In a musical or orchestral score we can often hear a leitmotif, a recurring piece of music or melody that represents a particular character, action, or theme. As we ponder Valerian's life we hear the melody of a deep love of prayer. Grounded in her love of God and devotion to Mary, the mother of Jesus, Valerian's daily life followed a regular pattern and rhythm of prayer and contemplation. You could look at your watch and know where Valerian would be: in the Chapel for rosary or perhaps in her room reading some treasured prayer or pamphlet from her "prayer bag" collection.

Nourished by her these devotions, Valerian did not look



to novels or the world around her for entertainment, she was content with her daily spiritual life. For her, life was lived in the Presence of the God who loves unconditionally. Valerian would say the most wonderful experience of her life was the opportunity to participate in the pilgrimage to Medjugorje and Rome which she undertook in 1988. An experience that sustained her throughout the remainder of her life.

I am sure if I asked each person here to name the qualities that sum up the life of Sr Mary Valerian Corbett most people would say she was faithful and faith-filled, she was gentle and gracious, compassionate and forgiving. And we'd hear her say, "who'd ever have thought ..."

On Saturday, this faithful woman of God slipped peacefully into eternal life, a few weeks before her 98th birthday.

In the words of the hymn chosen from last night's vigil celebration, all of us gathered here would like to say:

Valerian, we come to thank you, the people you loved, For us you have been living word!

The word you have spoken has nourished our hearts,

Now the Word comes to you! Welcome home!

Let there be music and let there be song.

For the triumph that your life has been!

Hear how God's angels and saints in their joy

Join with us as we sing. Welcome home!

Most people would say she was faithful and faith-filled, she was gentle and gracious, compassionate and forgiving.



Catholic Super CEO heads up sustainable investment talks with global leaders in Rome

Global leaders in the Catholic and business community converged in Vatican City this week for the 3rd Rome Roundtable, cementing actions to make the world's economy fairer and more sustainable.

Catholic Super CEO Frank Pegan, who represented the investment community at the meeting in his capacity as Chair of the Investor Group on Climate Change (IGCC), said the premier global meeting sought to strengthen the notion of 'co-operative globalisation' to achieve more sustainable prosperity around the world.

"The strategy of co-operative globalisation, as endorsed by Pope Francis at the 2017 Rome Roundtable, seeks to build shared pathways between societies across the world. We discussed a range of practical ways we can work together towards global sustainable prosperity," Mr Pegan said. Key speakers included Vatican Secretary of State, Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Bank of Italy Governor, Ignazio Visco, mining giant CEO of Anglo American, Mark Cutifani, and former US Treasury Secretary Larry Summers.

A passionate advocate of responsible investment, Mr Pegan chaired a roundtable discussion on Investing to Address Climate Change as part of the two-day event.

"Our approach at Catholic Super is to make sure our investments take into account social, government and environmental factors. Here



L-R: Catholic Super CEO and Chair of the Investor Group on Climate Change Frank Pegan, Institutional Investors Group on Climate Change Chief Executive Stephanie Pfeifer and Ceres Investor Network on Climate Risk & Sustainability Senior Director & Co-Founder Chris Fox

at the Rome Roundtable, we are encouraging that approach to be applied on a global scale," he said.

The roundtable endorsed a new investment model known as 'blended finance', which uses a combination of public or philanthropic capital and private sector investment in projects aimed at achieving

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"The investment community has a fundamental role to play when it comes to protecting people, profits and planet," Mr Pegan said.



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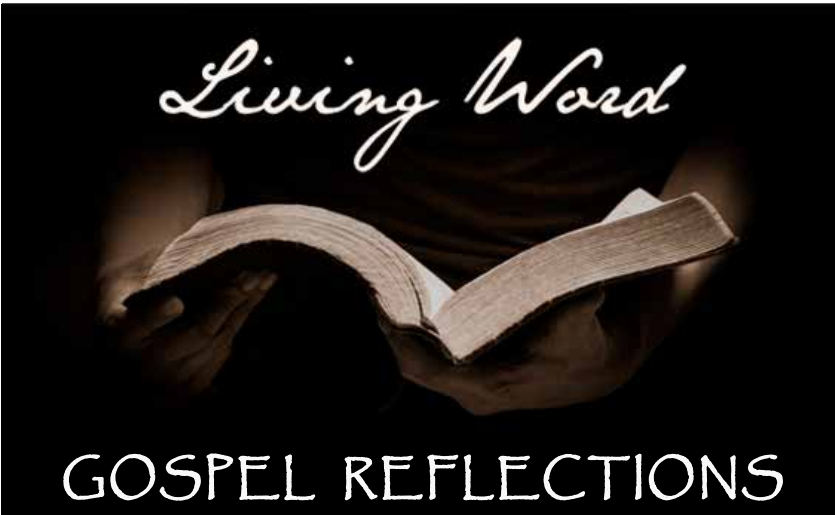
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A heart risen - a life hidden

What happens to us when we rise and ascend with Jesus in his resurrection and ascension?

Blessed John Henry Newman preached that our *hearts* rise with the Lord and our *life* remains hidden with him. His "bouncing board" is Colossians 3:1-3:

"If then you are risen with Christ....Your life is hid with Christ in God."

Christians are not withdrawn from the world by Jesus. Rather, they remain in it, but with a different *modus operandi*:

I do not mean, of course, that one can be spiritual who neglects the duties of this world, but that there is an inner and truer life in spiritual persons, beyond the life and conversation which others see.

Newman employs the metaphor of the *mountain*. He utilises the metaphor of *repose*:

Spiritual people take a different course; they have risen with Christ, and they are like persons who have climbed a mountain and are reposing at the top.

All is noise and tumult, mist and darkness at its foot; but on the mountain's top it is so very still, so very calm and serene, so pure, so clear, so bright, so heavenly, that to their sensations it is as if the clamour of earth did not sound below, and shadows and gloom

were no where to be found.

Spiritual people and unspiritual people both live in the world, but some live on the mountain top, while other languish at the foot of the mountain. The challenge is to ascend the mountain, leave behind what enslaves and "abide" in the gift that is offered:

If you have neglected to stir up the great gift of God which is lodged deep within you, the gift of election and regeneration, ... make a new beginning.

Seemingly, there is no time to lose. Leave behind the "dross" and search for "gold":

Start, now, and rise with Christ. See, he offers you his hand; he is rising; rise with him. Mount up from the grave of the old Adam; from the grovelling cares, and jealousies, and fretfulness, and worldly aims; from the thralldom of habit, from the tumult of passion, from fascinations of the flesh, from a cold, worldly, calculating spirit, from frivolity, from selfishness, from effeminacy, from self-conceit and high mindedness.

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Catholicism 101:

The Ten Commandments

According to Exodus in the Old Testament, God issued his own set of laws (the Ten Commandments) to Moses on Mount Sinai. In Catholicism, the Ten Commandments are considered divine law because God himself revealed them. And because they were spelled out specifically with no room for ambiguity, they're also positive law. Hence they're also known as *divine positive law*.

1: "I am the Lord thy God, thou shalt not have any strange gods before Me."

This commandment forbids idolatry, the worship of false gods and goddesses, and it excludes polytheism, the belief in many gods, insisting instead on monotheism, the belief in one God. This commandment forbids making golden calves, building temples to Isis, and worshipping statues of Caesar, for example.

2: "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain."

The faithful are required to honor the name of God. It makes sense that if you're to love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength, then you're naturally to respect the name of God with equal passion and vigor.

3: "Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day."

The Jewish celebration of Sabbath (Shabbat) begins at sundown on Friday evening and lasts until sundown on Saturday. Catholic, Protestant, and Orthodox Christians go to church on Sunday, treating it as the Lord's Day instead of Saturday to honor the day Christ rose from the dead.

4: "Honor thy father and mother."

This commandment obliges the faithful to show respect for their parents — as children and adults. Children must obey their parents, and adults must respect and see to the care of their parents, when they become old and infirm.

5: "Thou shalt not kill."

The better translation from the Hebrew would be "Thou shalt not murder" — a subtle distinction but an important one to the Church. Killing an innocent person is considered murder. Killing an unjust aggressor to preserve your own life is still killing, but it isn't considered murder or immoral.

6: "Thou shalt not commit adultery."

The sixth and ninth commandments honor human sexuality. This commandment

forbids the actual, physical act of having immoral sexual activity, specifically adultery, which is sex with someone else's spouse or a spouse cheating on their partner. This commandment also includes fornication, which is sex between unmarried people, prostitution, pornography, homosexual activity, masturbation, group sex, rape, incest, pedophilia, bestiality, and necrophilia.

7: "Thou shalt not steal."

The seventh and tenth commandments focus on respecting and honoring the possessions of others. This commandment forbids the act of taking someone else's property. The Catholic Church believes that this commandment also denounces cheating people of their money or property, depriving workers of their just wage, or not giving employers a full day's work for a full day's pay. Embezzlement, fraud, tax evasion, and vandalism are all considered extensions of violations of the Seventh Commandment.

8: "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor."

The Eighth Commandment condemns lying. Because God is regarded as the author of all truth, the Church believes that



humans are obligated to honor the truth. The most obvious way to fulfill this commandment is not to lie — intentionally deceive another by speaking a falsehood. So a good Catholic is who you want to buy a used car from.

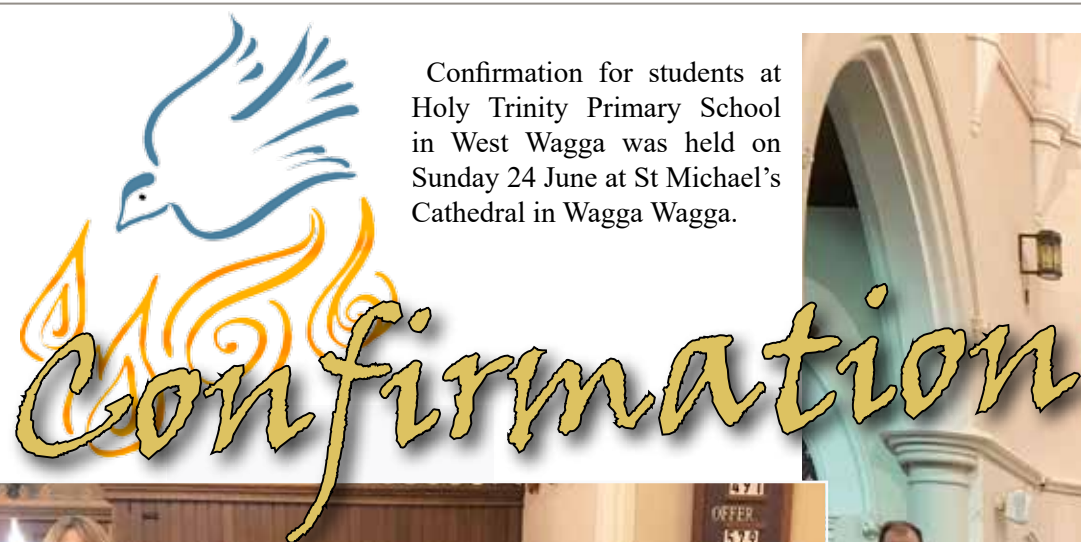
9: "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife."

The Ninth Commandment forbids the intentional desire and longing for immoral sexuality. To sin in the heart, Jesus says, is to lust after a woman or a man in your heart with the desire and will to have immoral sex with them. Just as human life is a gift from

God and needs to be respected, defended, and protected, so, too, is human sexuality. Catholicism regards human sexuality as a divine gift, so it's considered sacred in the proper context — marriage.

10: "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's goods."

The Tenth Commandment forbids the wanting to or taking someone else's property. Along with the Seventh Commandment, this commandment condemns theft and the feelings of envy, greed, and jealousy in reaction to what other people have.



Confirmation for students at Holy Trinity Primary School in West Wagga was held on Sunday 24 June at St Michael's Cathedral in Wagga Wagga.



Selfies, gifs, memes and emojis can empower kids' language



Classroom research involving more than 200 primary school students across three low socioeconomic Queensland schools has used smart phones, animation, photography and videos to rapidly increase the students' use and command of the English language, also known as literacy.

Strong literacy skills are associated with stronger employment opportunities, wages, social participation, health outcomes and longevity. The research, known as the SELFIE (Strengthening Effective Language of Feelings

In Education) Project, was led by Australian Catholic University's Professor Kathy Mills.

It ran for 2.5 years, to teach participating primary school students how to express emotional language through the use of digital technology.

Working closely with teachers, principals, and the not-for-profit Big Picture Industries media company, young project participants were taught how to produce their own digital images, as well as posters, animations and films.

Professor Mills said the outcomes of the SELFIE Project were very positive.

"The participating Years 4 to 6 students went from using quite basic and simplistic emotional language to then being able to describe emotions in very sophisticated terms," Professor Mills said.

"Typically we think of books as a way to increase literacy but not all young people are motivated to learn in this way."

Professor Mills added that

young people today showed emotion by liking a post, or by posting selfies, emojis, gifs, and memes.

"Using digital technologies as the key, the SELFIE Project unlocked children's fascination with technology to increase their use and understanding of the English language," she said.

"The ability to express emotions, attitudes and judgements is a large and important grammatical



Professor Kathy Mills

"Typically we think of books as a way to increase literacy but not all young people are motivated to learn in this way."

system in language. Ability in these areas is associated with higher academic achievement, well-being and long-term social health. Learning to accurately describe this emotional expression is highly educational for young people."

"With the proliferation of fake news and a deluge of information compared to

previous generations, students today need critical literacy skills more than ever. There are many ways that education can channel young people's everyday literacy practices with mobile phones and computer games to inspire learning, and to not only play games for learning, but also to learn how to build the games themselves."

He still calms storms



When I was a teen, people told me I was living the "best years of my life". I'd like to find the guy who first came up with that. I'm not sure that person was ever a teen.

Sure, the teen years can bring loads of fun. But they also bring plenty of storms. One day may bring new friends and great times, while the next day might bring broken friendships and loneliness. You might have successes. But you might also feel more and more pressure to succeed. Some people are pretty popular, but feel confused on the inside. Meanwhile, other people struggle to find one friend to accept them as they are.

Yep, for all the good times, there are plenty of times when we feel like the Apostles in Mark's Gospel, cringing in the boat during a storm, calling out to Jesus, "Don't you care?"

Many of the early Christians felt that way. Mark wrote his Gospel for a community of Christians who were facing persecution. This story reminded those early Christians that Jesus does care, even though it seemed at times like he had forgotten them.

Jesus calms storms today in many ways. He might send people to us when we reach out for help. He might fill our heart with peace when we pour out our troubles in prayer or go to Mass. He might send us to calm the storms others face as they go through tough times or face persecution for taking Christian stands.

But Jesus does calm storms today. Call out to him, and your clouds will part.





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KIDS corner

Jokes...

What school subject is the fruitiest?
Answer: History because it is full of dates!



What vegetables are sailor's enemies?
Answer: Leeks

What's brown, hairy and wears sunglasses?
Answer: A coconut on vacation!

Knock, knock
Who's there? Lettuce!
Lettuce who? Lettuce in and you'll find out!

What key do you use to open a banana?
Answer: A monkey.

Recipe...



Choc Chip Biscuits

We bake these as a family each Sunday night and the recipe says to keep a batch of these biscuits in the pantry to enjoy with afternoon tea but we usually have them all eaten within a day. They are so delicious!!!

- Ingredients:**
- 150g softened butter
 - 1/2 cup brown sugar
 - 1/2 cup caster sugar
 - 1 egg
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 - 1 3/4 cups plain flour
 - 1/2 cup Cooking Milk Choc Bits, plus 1 tablespoon extra
 - 1/2 cup Cooking Dark Choc Bits, plus 1 tablespoon extra

- Method:**
- Preheat oven to 180C or 160C fan-forced. Line 2 baking trays with baking paper. Using an electric mixer or whisking by hand, beat butter and sugars and 1-2 minutes or until smooth and well combined. Beat in egg and vanilla until combined.
 - Stir in flour. Stir in dark and milk choc bits. Roll 2 level tablespoonfuls of mixture into balls and place on prepared trays, 3cm apart. Press down slightly. Decorate with extra choc bits.
 - Bake for 15-18 minutes or until light golden and cooked. Transfer to a wire rack to cool. Store in an airtight container for up to 1 week.



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

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JULY SAINTS AND FEAST DAYS Word Search

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

E	P	E	T	E	R	X	Z	M	H	E	N	R	Y
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- Junipero Serra
- Elizabeth of Portugal
- Maria Goretti
- Augustine Zhao Rong
- Benedict**
- Henry
- Kateri Tekakwitha
- Bonaventure**
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel
- Apollinaris
- Lawrence of Brindisi
- Mary Magdalene
- Bridget**
- James
- Joachim and Anne
- Martha
- Peter Chrysologus

 <p>Charlie - Age: 6</p>	 <p>Ava Loveless - Age: 7</p>	 <p>Sierra Emerson - Age: 6</p>	 <p>Liam Mooring - Age: 6</p>	 <p>Abbey Lavakeiho - Age: 6</p>	 <p>Angus - Age: 8</p>			
 <p>Mia Harding - Age: 7</p>	 <p>Imarly Brown - Age: 7</p>	 <p>Charlotte Spencer - Age: 7</p>	 <p>Elijah - Age: 6</p>	 <p>Rory McCathry - Age: 6</p>	 <p>Levi - Age: 6</p>			
 <p>Jaxson Brown - Age: 6</p>	 <p>Lyn Thompson - Age: 8</p>	 <p>Zhiguan Shen - Age: 7</p>	 <p>Hallee Yensah - Age: 6</p>	 <p>Sidney Holding - Age: 8</p>	 <p>Jack Webb - Age: 8</p>			
 <p>Elissa Sky Wrobel - Age: 7</p>	 <p>Noah Ed - Age: 7</p>	 <p>Jyden - Age: 8</p>	<p>Fantastic effort from the kids at Holy Spirit School in Lavington for all these brilliant colours!!!</p>			 <p>Millah Braybrook - Age: 8</p>	 <p>Isla O'Brien - Age: 7</p>	 <p>Harry Norman - Age: 8</p>
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 <p>Milli O'Keefe - Age: 7</p>	 <p>Max - Age: 8</p>	 <p>Flynn Lafferty - Age: 7</p>	 <p>Chelsie Ackerly - Age: 7</p>	 <p>Izabella Boyd - Age: 7</p>	 <p>Jack Nixon - Age: 8</p>			

St Francis De Sales College, Leeton

Congratulations to the U15's and Open's St Francis Girls, who were winners of the AFLNSWACT School Girls Competition!



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St Joseph's, Jerilderie

Students performed The Magical Land of Oz. They had a very successful matinee in front of their family and friends from JPS, Tocumwal, Berrigan, Preschool and many community members.



All Saints Primary, Tumbarumba

All Saints' hosted a chess tournament on June 29, with representatives from Rosewood school, the primary school and the high school.

Sacred Heart Primary, Koorungal

On June 29 Sacred Heart, Koorungal had a great afternoon of activities for Jump Rope for Heart. A huge thanks to Mrs Pembleton for organising it.

Over \$5000 was raised to fight heart disease. It was a super effort from all of our families.

Marian Catholic College, Griffith

Marian Catholic College students dazzled as the eccentric Addams Family. What an amazing experience. Outstanding acting and excellent, clever lighting to depict each scene. **Well done students!!!**

Xavier High School, Albury



On June 8 Year 12 students got a chance to listen to Camp Counsellor USA about Gap year opportunities!

St Patrick's Parish School, Albury



The St Patrick's Parish School girls Paul Kelly Cup team competed in Wagga on July 2 and are being coached by Mr. Perczyk. They had a fun day!



St Mary's Primary, Yoogali

Stage 2 and 3 went along to Griffith Post School Options. The students performed two dances from last term's ASPA program and presented the staff with a voucher at the Yoogali Cafe. This was to thank GPSO for the use of their premises to make our delicious lamingtons earlier this term. We are looking forward to many more visits to GPSO.



St Patrick's School Holbrook

On 27 June the Nepean Christian School from Sydney came to St Patrick's School to perform.



A brilliant performance at the ASPA Concert was on 28 June. **All students were amazing!!**



St Joseph's School, Culcairn



On 29 June Holy Spirit had a Student vs Staff/Parents Soccer Game.

A soccer game between the Stage 2&3 students and a combined staff/parents team. Some very fine skills were on show, comparable to those at the World Cup in Russia. The large crowd loved the spectacle.

Many thanks to the fine refs and the players!!!!



Holy Spirit Primary School, Lavington

St Brendan's Primary School, Ganmain



During June, St Brendan's Primary explored Angles in Maths. What better way to put it into practice than channeling your inner World Cup superstar status!

A night of glamour and fun at St Joseph's Parish Leeton's 74th Debutante Ball

by Fr Tony Oboshi
Assistant Priest - Leeton

It was an evening to remember in Leeton as 22 young ladies and their deb partners were presented to society at St Joseph's Parish 74th annual Debutante Ball on Friday 8th of June 2018 at 8pm. The debts, mostly from St Francis Regional College, were so charming and fabulous as they gracefully glided in during their presentation to the crowd of family and friends. Mrs Ellie Punturiero had the pleasure of being the Matron of the Ball, while Mrs Heather Whittaker (2018 Leeton's Australia Day Life Long Citizen) was the special guest of honour.

In the opening remark and declaration of the opening of the

ball, the Parish Priest Fr Anthony Dunne congratulated the young people and reminded them of the responsibility that goes with being an adult in the society, especially with regard to being exemplary, hardworking and value-oriented.

The first dance of the debts was beautifully choreographed, and the whole ceremony was smooth and enchanting, all thanks to the beautiful preparations by Mrs Polly Greatz, Mrs Therese Sarah, Mrs Leonie Murphy and the choreographer Mrs Paige Purtill.

The floor was later thrown open to family and friends who enjoyed a great shindig with "The Party Boyz" band rocking till midnight.



Josephine Werner and Alex Crelley, both Year 12 students at St Francis Regional College.
Photo by Garry Bazzacco



All of the lovely Debutantes with the Parish Priest and Assistant PP, Matron of the Ball, Mrs Ellie Punturiero and the Guest of Honour, Mrs Heather Whittaker. Photo by Garry Bazzacco

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Bishops back efforts to eliminate modern slavery

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has supported new legislation to help eradicate the scourge of modern slavery.

The ACBC has been advocating legislation to combat slavery for a number of years. The bishops acknowledged the long-term and expert work of Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans (ACRATH) and the Archdiocese of Sydney's Anti-Slavery Taskforce to achieve this outcome.

The Government introduced the Modern Slavery Bill 2018 into the Australian Parliament last week. The Bill will require large organisations in Australia with annual revenue of at least \$100 million to report annually on their efforts to detect and eliminate slavery from their supply chains.

The Catholic bishops see the legislation as a first step in national efforts against slavery, with further work needed both to establish an independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner with the resources to drive efforts to eradicate modern slavery and hold large organisations accountable and to introduce human rights due diligence on all public sector procurement.

"Human dignity is the dignity unique to human beings and the basis of all human rights," said Archbishop Mark Coleridge, president of the Australian Catholic

Bishops Conference.

"This human dignity is possessed by each and every human being, irrespective of their age, sex, race, abilities, or any other quality. Slavery destroys that dignity."

Archbishop Coleridge said Pope Francis has provided international leadership – inside and outside the Catholic Church – as a powerful advocate for the eradication of modern slavery.

Pope Francis has said "modern slavery — in the form of human trafficking, forced labour, prostitution or the trafficking of organs — is a crime 'against humanity'. The victims of this are from every walk of life, but most are found among the poorest and the most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters."

Two years ago, under Pope Francis' leadership, the Vatican committed to take action against human trafficking by slavery-proofing its own supply chains.

Last year, the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney made a similar commitment, announcing it too would slavery-proof its supply chains.

The Archdiocese has undertaken significant work to this end, developing expertise in this area. Other dioceses in Australia will be able to consult representatives of the Archdiocese of Sydney to support their own efforts to rid their supply chains of slavery.

Pope Francis appoints Bishop Comensoli to Melbourne Archdiocese



Pope Francis has this evening appointed the Bishop of Broken Bay, Peter A. Comensoli, as the new Archbishop of Melbourne, with effect from August 1, when he will be installed in St Patrick's Cathedral.

Archbishop-elect Comensoli was ordained priest for the Diocese of Wollongong and served as Auxiliary Bishop and Apostolic Administrator of the Archdiocese of Sydney before being appointed to Broken Bay in December 2014.

Australian Catholic Bishops Conference president Archbishop Mark Coleridge said Archbishop-elect Comensoli has the gifts and energies that his new mission will require.

"Archbishop-elect Peter has a good mind, an engaging personality and the strong pastoral sense needed in our largest diocese at a complex time like this," Archbishop

Coleridge said.

"He's a man who can listen and a man who can speak not only to Catholic people, but to the wider community as well."

Archbishop elect Comensoli grew up in the Illawarra region of New South Wales and was educated by the Good Samaritan Sisters and Marist Fathers before studying commerce at the University of Wollongong and working for a time in the banking sector.

He entered the seminary in 1986 and was ordained in 1992. After ordination, he undertook postgraduate studies in moral theology in Rome and at the University of St Andrews in Scotland.

Archbishop-elect Comensoli said he was humbled that Pope Francis had appointed him Archbishop of Melbourne and recognises "the challenge he has placed before me to lead God's people in Melbourne tenderly, mercifully and joyfully".

"The life of Christian discipleship is a precious gift, developed through hearing and responding to God's call," Archbishop-elect Comensoli said. "In accepting this call to be a new missionary among God's people of the Archdiocese of Melbourne, I readily acknowledge the great responsibility entrusted to me,

along with the frailties I carry."

Archbishop-elect Comensoli currently serves on the Bishops Commissions for Evangelisation and for Family, Youth and Life. He has particular responsibility for euthanasia, life matters and media. He recently published a book entitled *In God's Image: Recognizing the Profoundly Impaired as Persons* and has written several articles on Christian anthropology and disability.

In announcing the appointment, Pope Francis also accepted Archbishop Denis Hart's resignation after 17 years as Archbishop of Melbourne. Archbishop Hart will serve as Apostolic Administrator of the Archdiocese until the installation of the new Archbishop.

Archbishop Hart said Archbishop-elect Comensoli is "generous, gifted and faith-filled and brings a wealth of experience in three dioceses", adding that he and the faithful of Melbourne would welcome the new Archbishop "with warm hearts and strong hope for the future".

Archbishop-elect Comensoli said he was deeply grateful for Archbishop Hart's "faithful leadership and strength of Christian character" and wished him "every blessing" in his retirement.

2018 NSW Training Awards - Riverina Region

The NSW Training Awards are conducted annually by Training Services NSW to recognise outstanding achievements in the vocational education and training sector. The awards honour and reward the achievements of students, teachers/trainers, training organisations, large and medium employers. This year the award ceremony was held on Friday June 8 at the Rules Club in Wagga Wagga. Nathan Cooper, RTO Manager School Services Officer - VET & Transition, Catholic Education Diocese of Wagga Wagga as the chair of Riverina-Murray Vocational Education and Training Committee commenced proceedings with

an address that highlighted the achievements of the amazing students we had gathered to acknowledge and celebrate. The guest speaker for the evening was the Hon Michael McCormack MP, Deputy Prime Minister & Minister for Infrastructure and Transport.

Two students from diocesan schools were nominated in the VET in Schools Student of the Year category. Amelia O'Connell from Kildare Catholic College, who is enrolled in a Certificate II in Business and Phoebe Aitken from St Francis De Sales Regional College Leeton were nominated in this section. Jacinta Simpson from Marian Catholic College Griffith who is enrolled in a Certificate III in Fitness was nominated for



the School based trainee of the year.

Congratulations to Amelia, Phoebe and Jacinta and their teachers on being nominated for these prestigious awards.



Above left: Amelia O'Connell from Kildare Catholic College, Wagga Wagga.

Above: Vanessa Creece from St Francis De Sales Regional College, Leeton, Hon Michael McCormack MP, Phoebe Aitken from St Francis De Sales Regional College, Leeton and Nathan Cooper.

Left: Hon Michael McCormack MP, Jacinta Simpson from Marian Catholic College, Griffith and Nathan Cooper.

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
Monday, Wednesday, Friday - 9.30 am
Confessions
Saturday - 5.00 - 5.40 pm

Albury - Lavington

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

Albury - Thurgoona

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

Berrigan

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

Coolamon

St Michael’s
Sunday - 9.00am
Confessions
Saturday - 4.45 - 5.15pm
Masses
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday - 7.30am
Thursday - 10.15am
Saturday - 9.00am

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

Corowa

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

Culcairn

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

Darlington Point

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

Finley

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

Ganmain

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

Griffith

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

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

Holbrook

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

Howlong

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

Jerilderie

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

Junee

St Joseph’s
15 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
Saturday (Vigil) - 7:00pm
Confessions
Up to 5 minutes 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
Saturday (Vigil) - 5:30pm
Confessions
Up to 5 minutes before Mass.
Oaklands
Currently no Masses.

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

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

Murray Deanery

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

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 July:

3rd July 1991	Fr Owen Cosgriff
5th July 1963	Mgr William John O'Neill
14th July 1964	Fr Arthur Hugh Percy
14th July 1880	Fr Michael McAlroy
16th July 1900	Fr William Bermingham
17th July 1930	Fr Francis O'Looney
20th July 1979	Mgr Brian Boru Gallagher
21st July 1900	Fr Patrick Dunne
22nd July 1998	Fr Albert Morgan Stanley
24th July 1932	Fr Daniel Griffin
24th July 2006	Fr John Francis McGee
31st July 2000	Fr Peter Quinn



These faithful servants, Lord, put their wholehearted trust in you - Grant that they may live in your love.

Appointments & Arrangements

Lockhart and Urana Parishes

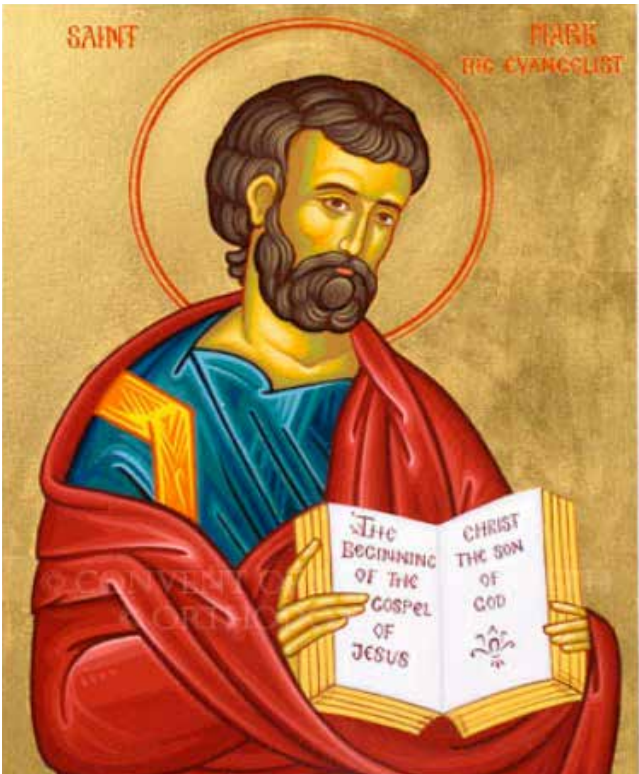
Fr Henry Ibe is to be appointed as Administrator of the Parishes of Lockhart and Urana upon his return from overseas. He will then be available for lecturing etc, at Vianney College.

Albury Parish

Fr Paul Lu is to be appointed to St Patrick's Parish Albury on a temporary basis upon his return from leave at the end of June 2018. It is hoped that he will be appointed to Griffith after finishing his duties at Albury.

Finley and Tocumwal Parishes

Fr Stephen Onyekwere is to be appointed as Administrator of the Parishes of Finley and Tocumwal from the end of June 2018.



From the Missal: July

8th July - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
They would not accept him. The word of God is often proclaimed by those whom the worlds considers insignificant. The prophet Ezekiel enjoyed no particular status amongst the exiles in Babylon. St Paul battled with human weakness throughout his life. Jesus came from lowly Nazareth. But through each of them the word of God was proclaimed with power. May prejudice never close our ears from hearing the truth.
Ezek 2:2-5 The Lord say this
Ps 122 Eyes on the Lord
2 Cor 12:7-10 A thorn in the flesh
Mk 6:1-6 Lack of faith

the crowds who follow him. Recognising their spiritual hunger, he teaches them at some length. Jesus takes pity on us as well. Like the crowds and his disciples, we need to periodically step aside from our many chores and activities to be nourished by his life-giving word and fed by the Eucharist.
Jer 23:1-6 Flock neglected
Ps 22 The Lord, my shepherd
Eph 2:13-18 Barrier broken
Mk 6:30-34 No time to eat

15th July - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
The mission of the Twelve. Before sending out the Twelve on a missionary journey, Jesus talks to them in great detail about how they are to dress and behave while on the mission. He knows that actions speak louder than words and that people will listen to what the Twelve say only if they live and act in a manner that wins respect.
Amos 7:12-15 The Lord called me
Ps 84:9-14 God's help is near
Eph 1:3-14 Chosen in Christ
Mk 6:7-13 Preach repentance

29th July - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
The abundance of God. In the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes Jesus not only provides enough food to feed a large crowd but twelve hampers too much! Our God is an abundant giver who satisfies all our needs. Trusting in the goodness of God, may we love one another in complete selflessness and generosity. May we share freely our personal and material gifts with all who are in need.
2 Kings 4:42-44 Food to spare
Ps 144:10-11, 15-18 God's glorious reign
Eph 4:1-6 One Body, one Spirit
Jn 6:1-15 Huge crowd fed

1st July - Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
She fell at his feet and told him the whole truth. In today's Gospel, before raising to life the young daughter of a synagogue official, Jesus restores health and wholeness to an 'untouchable', a woman whose 'uncleanness' debars her from synagogue worship. She is remarkable as much for her courage as for her faith. Are there any people for whom we have no place in our parish community?
Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24 Made in God's image
Ps 29:2, 4-6, 11-13 God comes to help
2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15 Be generous
Mk 5:21-43 Do not fear. Believe

22nd July - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
He took pity on them. In today's Gospel Jesus shows great care for his disciples. After a busy mission he takes them off to a quiet place to rest. He also takes pity on



Sports across our diocese...



Above: Congratulations to Xavier High School, who won the 2018 Taylor Cup and are now the AFLNSWACT open boys school champions.

Right: Mater Dei Catholic College, Wagga - Congratulations to the Diocesan Touch Representatives who recently competed at the NSWCCC. The Opens Girls took out the competition (undefeated) with Molly McCrone and Gabby O'Connell selected in the NSWCCC team.



Left: St Patricks Parish School, Albury - The MacKillop Girls Hockey team competed at the NSW PSSA Carnival in Moorebank.

Bottom left: Not quite in our diocese but Governor-General Sir Peter Cosgrove has had an audience with Pope Francis at the Vatican and presented him with a jersey with "Holy Father" on the back. When presented with the jersey, Pope Francis jokingly asked: "Do I have to put it on now?" To which, Sir Peter replied "No, no, no, just when you're watching the game."



Photo from Governor-General of Australia Facebook



Above: Henschke Primary School - Year 6 braved the wet and cold conditions and sent 6 teams to play in the Mortimer Shield. Congratulations to the Girls 1 Leaguetag team who will progress to the finals day next term. We were proud of all students who represented Henschke with good sportsmanship and lots of laughs in the mud!



Above: Kildare Catholic College, Wagga: The 15's Country Cup Rugby League Team played in the Riverina Final and are now 2nd best in the Riverina - well done team!



Above: Vianney College - The seminarians are training hard for their upcoming inter-seminary soccer competition.



Left: Marian Catholic College, Griffith - Amos Salvestro (back right) with his ACT teammates at the Australian National Championships in Melbourne.

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