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Archbishop's Message

Archbishop Christopher Prowse

Youth - Belong, Believe, Become

These past weeks have been very much focussed on our youth – both from local and international levels.

Internationally, the Synod of Bishops in Rome has just completed its month long focus on the topic “Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment.” Our own youth assisted in an earlier document sent from Australia to give shape to these discussions in Rome. Soon Pope Francis will gather all these reflections and publish a post-Synodal Exhortation on the topic. It will shape our youth policies throughout the Catholic world for many years to come.

Locally, we have just recently celebrated the priestly ordinations of two of our youth, Frs. Namora Anderson and Adrian Chan. It was a wonderful time for us all. My prayer is that it will encourage other young people to indicate their readiness to consider seriously a vocation to the priesthood or religious life. Then, of course, there is the beautiful vocation to marriage and family life. Remaining single for the Lord is another important way of responding to the Lord's call in life. We can talk a lot about careers, and so we should, however, the deep vocational call within must also be considered high in our priorities.

Mentioning a local youth focus makes me recall a recent gathering of youth leaders from our upper Primary to Middle Secondary schools in Australia's YEAR OF YOUTH. It was part of Child Protection Week. I was quite staggered at the mature and articulate nature of our interaction

throughout the morning. There were searching questions for the Archbishop. At the same time there was an equally penetrating capacity to listen and respond.

The gathering was also linked to our ongoing Listening Sessions of the **Plenary Council** of Australia 2020/2021. I am thankful our deanery groups around our Archdiocese are participating in this vital process. Thank you so much! Have you thought of inviting some of our youth to your sessions? Please do so. Also, don't forget about our migrant groups. They have wonderful insights to offer.

Despite what people may say about youth in the Catholic Church in general, I want you to know that one of the most dynamic dimensions of our pastoral life at present in our Archdiocese is coming from our youth apostolate.

‘Youth speaks to Youth’ is a Gospel winning pastoral strategy that is championed by our youth leaders to their peers.

I heard recently one of our youth leaders speak of the “3Bs” necessary for Catholic Life to a room full of youth. They were captivated by his presentation.

The first ‘B’ is to BELONG. He talked of belonging to the community called Church. We cannot live life in splendid isolation from everyone else. We are social beings not individualists who think they have to “put up” with the rest of society.

The second ‘B’ is to BELIEVE. This is about opening our entire lives to the greatest of all encounters – friendship with Jesus. Making Jesus

our number one is both a grace and a decision of faith. With this newfound faith the arising spiritual hunger will be fed by (re)connecting with prayer, a thorough catechesis of Catholic beliefs, and sacramental participation.

The third ‘B’ is to BECOME. We are to become the people God wants us to be – missionaries of mercy to a needy world. It must start in our family, among our acquaintances, and then go out to the poor and abandoned of society.

It is this type of teaching from our youth leaders that is captivating so many of our youth at present. It comes from the mouths of youth to the hearts of other youth. Please pray that this continues to grow in our Archdiocese!

So in this **2018 YEAR OF YOUTH** we can feel the Holy Spirit flourishing in our youth. It may be only a small spark at present, but we know in Australian summers how a fire spark can have a huge effect on the dry land.

May I remind you finally that in November we pray particularly for “our departed brothers and sisters”. This is an important responsibility for all of us in the Faith.

Let us pray sincerely to the Lord Jesus to “renew the face of the world” and start with us! For this we pray!

THURSDAY, 22 9.00am Bishops NSW/ACT meeting, Sydney

FRIDAY, 23 1.30pm Visit to Alexander Maconochie Centre
7.00pm Ordination to the Diaconate – Deacon Alexander Osborne, St Christopher's Cathedral

SATURDAY, 24 St Vincent de Paul Festival Mass, St Christopher's Cathedral

SUNDAY, 25 10.00am Mass Mary MacKillop Memorial Chapel, Sydney

MONDAY, 26 - FRIDAY, 30 Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, Sydney

THURSDAY, 29 10.00am ACU Senate, Mass/Meeting, North Sydney

THURSDAY, 29 2.30pm Senate Listening and Dialogue Session, Sydney

THURSDAY, 8 7.00pm Confirmation Mass, Latin Rite Community, Sts Peter's and Paul's, Garran

SUNDAY, 11 11.00pm Mass, Polish Centenary of Regaining Independence/Remembrance Day, St Christopher's Cathedral

MONDAY, 12 - FRIDAY, 16 Clergy Retreat, Galong

SUNDAY, 18 11.00am Mass for Deceased Bishops and Priests in the Archdiocese, St Christopher's Cathedral

WEDNESDAY, 21 2.00pm Council of the Seminary of the Good Shepherd Meeting, Homebush, Sydney

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November 2018

THURSDAY, 1 12.15pm Mass, St Christopher's Cathedral

SATURDAY, 3 9.30am Catholic Charismatic Teaching Day, “Call to Holiness,” St Christopher's Pastoral Centre 5.00pm Mass, Sesquicentenary of Our Lady of Mercy Parish, St Anthony's Church, Harden/Murrumburrah

SUNDAY, 4 11.00am Thanksgiving Mass, Sisters of Mercy, Sacred Heart Church, Cootamundra

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The rains held off, for the most part, and the weather was fine.



NAPLAN “Off the Charts”

Principal Frances Robertson said waiting for these results was even better than waiting for Christmas.



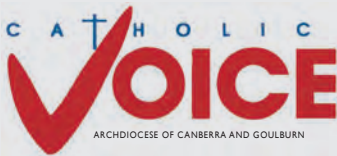
Beginner's Guide to Melbourne

The summer holiday season is fast approaching and it might be worth heading to Melbourne for all or some of it.



Boorowa booms

There's an old Aussie saying that sport was the winner on the day, and it's particularly true of the Boorowa Touch Football & Netball Carnival.



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Friday 29 -
Saturday 30 June

**Batemans Bay
Moruya and
Narooma**
Saturday 13 October

Coastal Deanery
Saturday
20 October

Western Deanery
Saturday
27 October

Joy of the Gospel

BY FR TONY PERCY, VG

Renewal in our parishes has three key ingredients: Good community, good preaching and teaching, good music. If you stop and think about it we are talking about our experience of love, truth and beauty.



This year the Archdiocese held a leadership program entitled The Joy of the Gospel. We began in June with a two day seminar for Canberra parishes and we have just finished seminars in the coastal parishes of Bega and Pambula and then Narooma, Moruya and Bateman’s Bay. We then headed to the Western Deanery with the parishes of West Wyalong, Temora, Young, Cootamundra, Harden, Tumut, Jugiong, Gundagai and Adelong. There was no want of interested people.

The idea is simple: try and give some teaching, training and formation in the three key areas of parish renewal. We tried to be descriptive, not prescriptive. After all, no two parishes are the same, even if they happen to be geographically close. Each parish has its own demographic, but importantly its own history and culture.

We discovered that there is a strong desire among the faithful for parish renewal. Love of one’s parish is tangible. People

want the best for others and they want to be part of a community that makes a difference.

The question is: how might we do this in 21st Century Australia? Jesus Christ is our treasure and his love and peace surpasses our deepest desires. The Eucharist is the source and summit of our celebration of Christ. But still the question persists: how can we help people to encounter the mystery of Jesus Christ in word and sacrament?

As we delivered the seminars two things began to emerge quite clearly. Youth ministry in the Archdiocese is key, for it is able to find a language that engages our young people. Secondly, good music, with its ability to attract human hearts in and through beauty, is essential.

There’s a lot to be said for perseverance. Together we can make a difference if we keep ourselves focused on the three elements of parish renewal in 2019 and beyond.



Videos of the talks presented in Canberra can be viewed at www.joyofthegospel.com.au

So why do we pray for the dead?

There is a growing awareness of Halloween in Australia but, simultaneously, a lessening of awareness of the significance of All Saints’ Day and All Souls’ Day.

So why do we pray for the dead?

Jesuit Priest and acting administrator of the Cathedral Parish, Fr Stephen Astill, explains the process of prayer and its significance towards the dead in an online exclusive column called “Why we pray for the dead.”

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Goulburn farewells renowned horseman Reg Willoughby

By Sr Lorraine Cupitt
(Reg's niece)

Sts. Peter and Paul's Cathedral, Goulburn was packed to capacity for the Farewell Mass of Reginald Anthony Willoughby, celebrated by Fr. Mark Croker.

Reg was born in Crookwell, on July 24th 1934, the 10th child of 17 siblings to Sarah and William Willoughby.

Behind his quiet, reflective and unassuming personality, was a man of deep faith, whose love of the Church and Eucharist, were his strength and comfort throughout his life.

Reg grew up riding horses... it was in his blood! He left home to pursue an Apprenticeship as a Jockey, and although he had some success in riding, he chose to turn his hand to breeding and training instead, which took him to places throughout Australia.

During a stint in Mackay QLD, Reg met his future wife, Nita Larkham. In time they married and returned down South to settle for a happy home life in Goulburn, where they raised their five Children.

Around the District Reg soon became known for his many

talents and skills in horsemanship, earning him respect, admiration and many lifelong friends.

He involved himself in town and district events, and was a founding member of the Goulburn Rodeo Club, with the proceeds raised from the Annual Rodeo donated to Charities, such as Legacy, and in 1968 to the Sisters of Mercy.

Reg's passing leaves a hole in many hearts, but his memory lives on through his children grandchildren, and great grandchild, who have inherited his deep love of horses; his giftedness in plaiting and whip cracking, and his unique presence as a "horse whisperer."

In a final gesture, Reg's remains were carried to his resting place in a horse drawn carriage, where he was laid to rest with his beloved Nita, in the Lawn Cemetery, Goulburn.



Beth Gibson alongside the weeping cherry tree at St Matthew's, Page.

Cherry tree blossoms herald hope for survivors

There's a cherry tree in Page that has just begun blossoming, but it's no ordinary tree.

It sits a few steps away from St Matthew's Church, and is springing into life after making it through a colder, darker period.

The symbolism is deliberate. The tree was planted as a representation of renewal and hope by the South Belconnen parish Child Protection

sub-committee. Their aim was to do something for survivors of institutional abuse within the Church.

"We planted the tree in April this year, with a view to it blossoming now," explained Beth Gibson, one of the three person sub-committee.

"The Spring time blossoming was deliberate and has occurred at the time of the National Apology and the Archdiocese's Liturgy of Lament and Healing. This has created a link between this local symbol and the broader National and Church events.

"We wanted to offer our love and support to people who were abused here and elsewhere. There's a lot of sadness and suffering around that, but the hope is that people are able to move beyond that and experience

healing and hope."

Beth said the committee chose a tree that blossomed to help reinforce the symbolism of renewed life. And the committee also want to take other steps in remembrance.

"It's our plan to have our own special liturgy each year to remember the children," she said.

"It was such a profound thing for this parish and Fr Simon (Falk) is very supportive of the idea. And we'd also like to include regular mentions in the prayers of the faithful."

"I guess our main aim in doing all of this was to say to people we haven't forgotten. What happened to your children, what happened to your family, what happened to you, is not forgotten and we pray for healing."

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Life after devastation at Tathra

Australia may be girt by sea, but Tathra isn't. Not entirely, anyway. Tathra is at least half-girt by trees.

Located smack bang between the Mimosa Rocks National Park to the north and the Bournda National Park to the south, and with acre upon acre of trees to the West, the idyllic sea-side town is surrounded by ocean on one side and trees everywhere else.

There are two main roads into and out of Tathra. If you enter the town from the north, Tathra Bermagui Rd is deep with trees on either side, and nary a sign of fire. Tathra Road to the West, however, tells a very different story.

Alongside fallen trees, burnt and blackened ones stand thick and defiant along Thompson Drive on the western edge of town, interspersed with the foundations of more than a few houses.

But... there are signs of growth. Green flecks speckle the trees as life indomitably fights its way back.

And that's something that's not just limited to the plant-life, according to Danni Koenigkamp, president of St Vincent de Paul's Bega Conference.

"Many of the people have

come back," she said.

"Some others are coming back and some aren't. They all went through their own individual experiences. Some people lost several properties. Some were renters who lost everything but had no insurance. Some people are making great progress, and some are still devastated. There's no timeline on grief.

"A lot of people are getting over their loss and grief, and for some it's taking a bit longer. And, you know, they'll all carry this with them. But they are all rebuilding their lives."

The fire was over six months ago but for anyone who was involved in any capacity, the memory remains stark and clear.

Danni had only been in the role of conference president of St Vincent de Paul for a little under a year at the time of the Tathra bushfire and had not been involved in disaster co-ordination previously.

"The fire started about four-ish when I noticed the flames and the smoke," she said.

"I got a call at five o'clock to come down to the Recovery Centre at the Hall in the Pavilion

to find out what was going on, what was needed, because it was all very hectic and chaotic at first.

"Our role was to see what we could do for the people who had nothing, for the people who'd lost everything, and make sure that everyone who was caught in the fire had some food, clothing and accommodation."

"They had to evacuate Tathra and they brought everyone to the pavilion at the Bega Show-ground. That's where we held everybody and had our meetings with the fire brigades and they would tell us about the progress of the fire."

It was chaos. The situation changed minute to minute, hour to hour, and the volunteers had to almost block out the details of the fire's progress to focus on the people in need of their help.

But amidst the palpable sense of loss, Danni said her strongest memory was the strengthened sense of community.

"People came out of the wood work to help... everywhere you turned people were wanting to help in any way they could."

"People were just so good. I was amazed how well everyone

worked together as a team... from all different organisations and individual volunteers. No bickering, no problems... just a desire to help.

"It was five to six days until people could come back into Tathra so they could see what the damage was and the volunteers worked to a stand-still. A kitchenette was cooking 24/7... the priest was there almost all of the time... every service you could imagine."

While no lives were lost, over 70 homes were destroyed or damaged beyond repair. As conditions began to improve, they offered shuttle buses to residents so they could see what the damage was and if they were able to return to their homes.

It was very daunting and too much for some. Some couldn't bear to go back and see. In addition to the food, shelter and clothing needs of these people, one of their greatest needs was help in processing their loss and grief.

And that's not a process that finished when the cameras and the news crews moved on to the next big story, along with the

public interest. It's an issue that still ripples across the community today.

But as, Danni says, life is returning... literally to the trees and figuratively to the town. New buildings are going up and visitors are making their way back to the popular holiday destination.

"And that's something that we really need," Danni added.

"The people here are doing their best to get back to how things were. And that isn't possible for everyone. But a big part of that is tourism. We want people to come back to this town, visit us for their holidays, even make a sea-change and move here. It all helps bring life back to Tathra."

Alex creates his own path to Ordination as a Deacon

Some people receive their calling in a supportive and nurturing environment of faith. Alex Osborne's experience was quite different.

Alex will be ordained a Deacon on November 23 at St Christopher's Cathedral in Canberra.

Today, he is strong and confident in the love of God and lives in a supportive community of faith. But it wasn't always that way.

When he first began to seriously contemplate life as a priest at the age of 16, Alex felt isolated and alone, with few of his peers sharing his faith or beliefs and few role models and mentors to follow and be guided by.

"I started to feel like I was the last young Catholic man in Canberra, if not the

rest of Australia," he said.

It was, he remembers, a challenging time that could have led to despair and uncertainty, but instead, as he searched and prayed, he found other like-minds along the way. Like-minds, and like-souls, who shared and supported his faith.

"It was a challenge, but as I struggled, I came to realise how valuable the faith is," Alex recounts.

In 2011, Alex enrolled in the Good Shepherd Seminary in Homebush. He recalls his time there as joyous and supportive, but he never forgot the poignancy of his own challenges.

He retained an empathy for those experiencing the same feelings of isolation, and a desire to do something about it. So much so, it remains his primary aim... to reach out

to others who feel isolated in their journey of faith.

"I want to support and encourage any young Catholic who feels like I did, like they were the last one, and then also to support those great many Catholics out there that feel as if they are the last ones," Alex said.

"When I become a priest, I want to tell people... I want to shout it from the roof tops... that our church has got a future and that they have a future in Christ."

"Over the last eight years I've been nothing but happily surprised to see the growing numbers of young people sharing their faith, growing deeper in it, and more than anything else, the witness of so many others dedicating their lives to God."

Alex said he is particularly excited about his impending Ordination as it presents an opportunity to share his faith. He sees his calling as an opportunity to dedicate his life to the service of others.

And, as with his earliest experience of faith, he acknowledges that he cannot do it alone... that he needs support

"I don't just want people to pray for me, I NEED it," he said. "Start right now."

Alex Osborne hopes to help anyone who feels alone in practicing and experiencing their faith.



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Retirement of Fr Warrick



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Dear Friends,

I write to inform you that I have accepted a request from Fr Warrick Tonkin to resign from his role as Administrator of St Christopher’s Cathedral Parish due to medical reasons.

This resignation includes his roles as Director of Formation of the Permanent Diaconate, Chairman of the Liturgical Commission, Diocesan Censor and Master of Ceremonies.

Although, recovering well from his recent heart surgery, his physician has written to me recommending that Fr Warrick take early retirement commencing immediately. I have accepted this recommendation, after discussions with Fr Warrick, effective December 1, 2018.

I am sure you will join me in praying that Fr Warrick will now move into this next more contemplative phase of living out his priesthood with his typical grace and dedication.

We sincerely thank Fr Warrick for his outstanding active years of Ministry in our Archdiocese since his ordination in 1985. We pray for his continued health in the years ahead.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Archbishop Christopher Prowse
Catholic Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn



The stories may start here, but the conversation continues on the Catholic Voice website Why not join in?

Fr Warwick I have you in my prayers. We go back such a long way when you taught my girls. Keep as well as you can and don't overdo things Patricia Bourke

Thanks and blessings Father Warrick Zita Clifford

I will keep you in my prayers, thank for the time you have dedicated to the Corpus Christi Parish and indeed the whole Archdiocese. Paul Cologon

Fr Warrick, it was a pleasure to work with you for a short time in the Cathedral parish! Wishing you many blessings for your retirement. Hope to be seeing you! God bless. Beth Doherty

Great effort Warrick and good your health is now getting the priority it deserves. Many thanks. Roger FitzGerald

May the Lord continue to shine His face on you, Fr Warwick, as He did on your ordination day back in 1985. Stan and Bernice Marris

5 minutes with Chris Barron

Principal , St Joseph’s Primary School Borrowa



How long have you worked for the Archdiocese?
I have worked for the Canberra-Goulburn Archdiocese for 32 years.

What are the best parts about your job?
Working with the lovely St Mary’s school community. St Mary’s is a small school and we often refer to it as our school family. We have a great team here at St Mary’s, amazing students and wonderful families. The Parish are also very supportive of the school as well as the Batlow community.

What’s great about Batlow?
Batlow is a beautiful place to live. It is set in the foothills of the Snowy Mountains and we are surrounded by beautiful scenery. We grow the best apples in the world!

Who inspires you in your faith?
I am inspired by Our Lady. She was a woman of great faith and trust in the mission that was asked of her as a young girl. I am also truly inspired by Pope Francis and his servant style of leadership.

Do you have a favourite Saint?
My favourite Saint is St Bernadette. I grew up with the story of Our Lady of Lourdes and St Bernadette. Last year I was very fortunate to visit Lourdes and found it to be a tranquil place of great beauty, reflection and faith. Participating in the night-time

Marion procession was one of the most memorable experiences I have ever had.

What was the last concert you went to and the next one you’d like to go to?
It’s a long time since I have been to a concert. The last one was probably John Denver so that is testament to how long ago that was!

What is your favourite sporting team and/or sport (and why)?
The Sydney Roosters! This tradition has been handed down through our family for three generations and all of my children are Roosters supporters as well. We were fortunate to attend the Grand-final in Sydney this year and watch them win against Melbourne Storm. It was incredible to be a part of that amazing crowd!

What is your favourite food or beverage?
I love Italian food. I also enjoy any vegetarian foods.

Do you have a favourite place to eat?
Bella Vista in Belconnen Canberra.

What is your favourite movie?
My favourite movie is ‘The Age of Adaline’. My daughter took me to see the movie as a Mother’s Day present and we have bought

the DVD and watched it several times since.

What is your favourite book and last book you read?
‘All the Light We Cannot See’ by Anthony Doerr.

What is your favourite place for a holiday?
Every January holidays my sister and I take our children and go down to the coast at Surf’s Beach for a holiday. It is so peaceful and relaxing. Our children get on really well and we have had some memorable holidays together.

What is your favourite quote, phrase or motto?
I love quotes by Ralph Waldo Emerson. My favourite quote is ‘to laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; to appreciate beauty, to find the best in others, to leave this world a better place; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have loved. This is to have succeeded’.

What is the best advice you have ever been given?
My grandmother used to always say these words to me: To thine own self be true. And it must follow as night follows day, thou cannot be false to any man or woman. I think it is great advice to follow, particularly in my job.

BRIEFS

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS, PEARCE:
To commemorate 100 years since the Armistice that ended World War I, Fr Richard Thompson asked the Mary Help of Christians Friendship Group if they could prepare a poppy-themed display, and the results are breath-taking.

The Group has created (so far) 1500 poppies using 70 balls of yarn. The Poppies will be laid around the altar from November 9 and there will be a special ceremony at Sacred Heart Church commemorating the centenary at 10.00am Mass on Sunday November 11.

A wreath made from the poppies will be placed at the parish memorial following the commemorative Mass.

ST BRIGID’S, DICKSON:
Not even floods could prevent Fr Augustine Vallooran from honouring his commitment to Australia.

Fr Vallooran traveled all the way from flood ravaged Kerala to keep a prior commitment to preach the Good News of God’s love and mercy to the people of Canberra.

And the response to his visit was joyous. St Brigid’s Catholic Church in Dickson resounded to the joyful songs of praise and worship on October 1, as more than 150 people gathered (on a long weekend) to listen to him preach the Word of God.

SOURCE: AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE

What is Religious Freedom?

The freedom we have as people of faith to participate in the community and live our faith is called religious freedom.

It is not just freedom to worship, important as that is. The fundamental character of religious belief is public, which is why people of faith build houses of worship and undertake good works.

Article 18(1) of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights states “Everyone shall have the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion. This right shall include freedom to have or to adopt a religion or belief of his choice, and freedom, either individually or in community with others and in public or private, to manifest his religion or belief in worship, observance, practice and teaching.”

Religious freedom is owed to all people, whether from a Christian, Jewish, Muslim or other faith tradition. Religious believers are the great majority of Australians.

Why is it being talked about now?

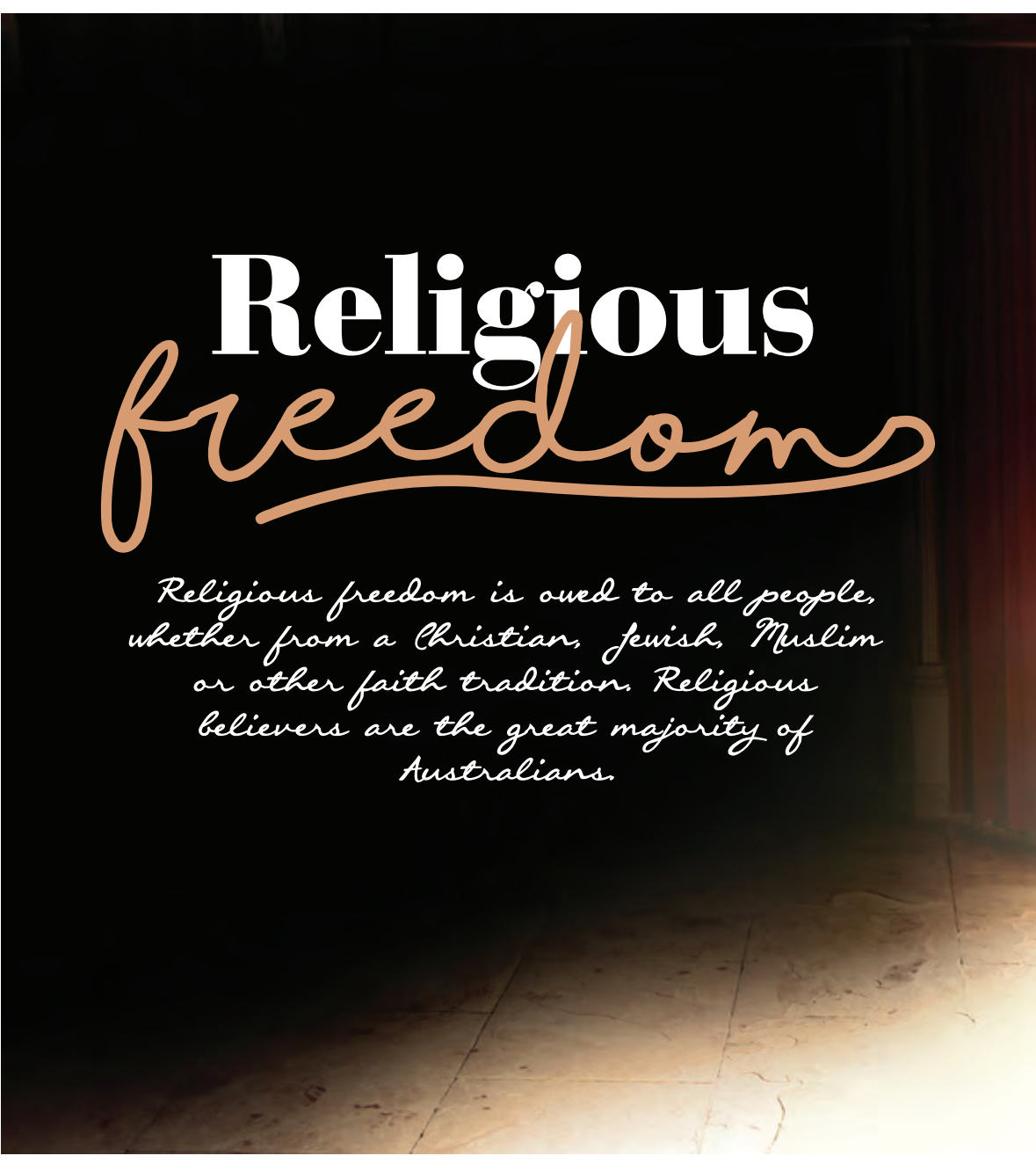
Then Prime Minister, the Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP, announced the Religious Freedom Review in November 2017, to reassure those people concerned about the impact on religious

freedom of redefining marriage. An Expert Panel chaired by Philip Ruddock delivered its report to the Prime Minister on Friday, 18 May.

Leaked recommendations from the Ruddock Report created a storm of controversy in October. Claims were made that religious schools would use anti-discrimination legislation to turn away gay students and teachers. Catholic bishops responded that those who seek employment or enrolment in a Catholic school will be asked if they understand and accept the values of that school and are expected to uphold those values. Catholic schools are concerned about behaviour, not identity.

The Morrison Government is expected to publish the report of the Religious Freedom Review and its plans for religious freedom before the end of the year.

ACT Chief Minister Andrew Barr announced on 24 October his government would remove legal protections that allow religious schools to hire staff or select students who support the ethos of the school. The Catholic Education Office had



not been consulted before the announcement.

What did the Catholic Church say to the Religious Freedom Review?

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference submission highlighted three key opportunities to reform Australia’s laws to better support freedom of religion and belief:

- A positive expression of religious freedom in Australian law, to address the concern that religious freedom is only ever

expressed by way of exception or exemption, rather than as a right. This would operate in addition to the existing express exceptions and exemptions in anti-discrimination laws, which have the benefit of established acceptance and meaning

- To clarify religious freedom protection offered to religious bodies so they cannot be compelled to allow Church property to be used for purposes which do not accord with their beliefs, and
- Amending existing legislation that restricts freedom of

conscience, especially for those engaged in medical practice.

Why is religious freedom important to Catholics?

- The Catholic Church wants to continue serving people who are in poverty, seeking education or in poor health.
- We want to continue to employ people who wish to join us in these worthy goals according to our beliefs and values.
- We want to continue to partner with governments without any threat that funding or contracts will be denied

Justice Matters
Catholic Social Justice Commission

Social Justice and Illicit Drug Abuse

NOEL BENTLEY, CATHOLIC SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMISSION



Last month we briefly looked at the arguments in support of decriminalising illicit drug use; now for a differing view.

Illicit drugs have the potential to do serious physiological and neurological harm. The close relationship between nature (genes of parents) and a nurturing environment in the development of the foetus and after birth can have a major impact on the child. The term “epigenetic episode” is sometimes used in this regard.

Drug abuse leads to “dissipation of the spirit”- (Eph 5:8). This can lead to disruption in many areas of life including one’s creative energies, employability, risk of family violence, and responsible engagement in community life generally.

While there is much in the media about the abuse of detainees in the corrections environment there is also a lot of evidence to support the merits of the rehabilitation programs operating there, which are designed to break the cycle of drug addiction. Inmates wouldn’t necessarily be prepared to undertake them if not in detention.

Notwithstanding the limits of public resources, current illicit drug policy administered through the justice, corrections, and health services systems tries to offer sufficient flexibility for assessment and rehabilitation of drug offenders to maximise their recovery prospects and reduce the risk of recidivism. This could well stop them from moving into more serious areas of criminal

violence and drug trafficking.

At a spiritual level one needs also to be mindful of the forces at work in the drug dependent person in what St Paul describes as the “law of sin”. (Rom Ch 7)

Finally, a period of imprisonment as punishment for illegal drug use serves a dual purpose, “...of defending the public order and guaranteeing the safety of persons; it becomes as well an instrument for the correction of the offender, a correction that also takes on the moral value of expiation when the guilty party voluntarily accepts his punishment.” This essentially is about “... encouraging the reinsertion of the condemned person into society; (and).... fostering a justice that reconciles...” (Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, 2004, para 403). Just punishment, of course, needs to be balanced

with Christian mercy.

Individuals, their families, the Church and the State, all have a moral and ethical responsibility to ensure that the community is protected from those behaviour patterns which can destabilise and fragment our family and our Christian culture. This is a core precept in Catholic social teaching.

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because of our beliefs, or subject to conditions that contravene those beliefs.

- Parents, of all faiths and none, choose Catholic schools for their children because they expect that this education will be provided by school staff in a manner consistent with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the teachings of the Church: this goes to the very heart of the identity and mission of Catholic schools
- Staff in Catholic schools have a professional obligation to

be supportive of the teachings of the Catholic Church, to act as role models to students and to do nothing publicly that would undermine the transmission of those teachings.

- Staff in a school could reasonably be expected to support the teachings of the particular religion, to not undermine that teaching and to act as role models to their students. Catholic teaching makes it clear that a gay person should be assessed for employment on the same basis as anyone else.

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Get over yourself: the only way to prepare for the Plenary Council

If by now you haven't heard that the Church in this country is preparing for its first Plenary Council since the 1930's you may not have been paying attention. It has been on the radar for some years now, even prior to the Royal Commission into the institutional response to child sexual abuse that many mistakenly believe has prompted the call for the Council. You might recall the 'Year of Grace' in 2013, which was held as a way for us to begin to prepare for this event. So, we have been on the road for at least five years now. In the last year it has gone up a notch, with the formal launch of the preparation and dialogue phase occurring at Pentecost this year.

Since the formation of the Plenary Council Planning Committee I have acted as a consultant, in theory providing assistance on any theological matters that arise. I say 'in theory' because I've seen that the committee members themselves have this area pretty well covered. I continue to attend the meetings not so much because I believe I am needed, but because I find myself inspired as I listen to the way those attending to this important work talk about their hopes and desires for the Church in this country. A guiding conviction that has emerged from this committee is that all people, no matter their degree of affiliation with the Church, be welcomed to the discussion and have a voice on who we are as Church into the future.

This is not an easy road to take. Having sat with a number of groups throughout Australia as they seek to prepare their submission to the Plenary Council, I have come across a recurrent snag. It relates to how groups instinctively go about the listening and dialogue process. From what I have seen it comes down to the basic predisposition of the more forthright members

of the group. For those where the dominant figures are comfortable with prayer and open dialogue, the group functions more or less as the planning committee has intended. The discussion begins with prayer and silence, where each person present attempts to get in touch with what they believe God is asking of us today. Because the discussion is grounded in prayer, people then more easily share their stories and insights, knowing that while not everyone might connect with what they are saying, they will be heard and respected. This allows them to be non-defensive and, therefore, open to modifying their views when they listen to what others have to say.

It becomes another matter altogether if the dominant figures either foreshorten the prayer and silence, or dispense with it altogether. In those circumstances I notice a more adversarial approach. Instead of focusing on what each of

are already disillusioned with the Church remain so.

So I end with a plea. The journey to the Plenary Council began in 2013 with the Year of Grace: a year in which we were invited to 'Contemplate the Face of Christ'. We were invited to do this, not as a 'one off' but as the beginning of a deep conversion process. We are being invited to reflect again on what it truly means to be the disciples of Jesus Christ. When we take our eyes of him we experience the very thing that happened to St Peter when he got out of the boat and began to walk towards Jesus (Matthew 14: 22). Peter was fine as long as he kept his eyes on Jesus. The moment he ceased to contemplate the face of Christ he began to drown. Which will we be: the Church of Jesus Christ with our eyes on him, or a self-focused group of people in danger of going under?

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us believes God is asking of us, the question much more quickly becomes what do I think is wrong with the Church? Or, what are my personal opinions about what 'the Church' should be doing? In these circumstances I notice two inevitable outcomes. The dialogue either curtails very quickly or it becomes argumentative. Instead of the inspirational sort of encounter that I referenced above, people feel shut down and confirmed in their view that the Church is not a place where their experiences and insights are welcomed. Hope begins to fade, and those who

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Rhonda

Great interview Jessica. As one of the Adult Cadet Staff, I have appreciated every effort you have made and continue to make. No mention of your Commanders Medal in this article although I can see it proudly positioned on your uniform.

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On a mission from God

BY THERESE MILLS

An idea birthed at the announcement of the Year of Youth two years ago is now bearing fruit for regional dioceses around Australia, with a youth team led by the Missionaries of God's Love (MGL) Sisters having travelled to three remote dioceses throughout 2018.

Four MGL Sisters, an MGL Brother and six young lay people have been based in the Diocese of Townsville, Darwin and now Port Pirie for three months in each location. The team have assisted with local youth engagement initiatives and youth leadership training in ministry and evangelisation within schools and parishes with a focus on sustainable youth ministry. An important element of the Sisters' ministry in each diocese has been connecting with indigenous young people and communities. The Sisters have previously worked with elders and school students within the Diocese of Townsville and Darwin, enjoying the opportunity to return during the Year of Youth.

A number of lay young men and women, two of which come from Canberra, responded to the opportunity to volunteer on the team for nine months, motivated by the opportunity to meet young people in rural parts of our country and participate in the Year of Youth in a

meaningful way.

For Aodhan Kirk, 19, the chance to serve within the church in Australia was a large part of his decision to join the team from his home town of Murrumbateman, NSW. "After doing mission overseas I really had a sense of the need that there was in my own country to bring Jesus to people and the challenge that presents and I got excited about that. The opportunity to see and minister to many parts of the Australian church within the Year of Youth was something that sat well with me and that I saw as a really awesome opportunity."

The team members are enjoying the opportunity to forge authentic connections and see the Holy Spirit at work in a range of places around Australia. "We are very aware that the places we visit are each flourishing in their own way and have a uniqueness and giftedness already present. We're hoping to bring some support and encouragement in partnering with dioceses, parishes, schools and young



people who are remote and at times isolated from opportunities to connect," says Therese, who is leading the team.

Throughout the year, the team has run retreats and sessions in secondary schools, offered training and formation for youth ministers, assisted in beginning youth groups, run youth-focused prayer nights and rallies as well

as local and/or Diocesan youth camps and events.

For local Thomas Ringrose-Voase, a highlight of his time in the team has been the work in schools: "It's really beautiful to see young students have an encounter with God, and talk about their faith with a deeper understanding. Working in local parishes has also been great,

being in the presence of so many amazing priests has been a real blessing."

As the Year of Youth soon comes to a close, the team have been incredibly privileged to be a part of the growth, engagement and creativity during this special year.

Youth Forum encourages further engagement

Students from across the Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn gathered for a Youth Forum in Canberra on October 24.

The Forum was one of a number of events and activities that have been organised in this Year of Youth to bring young people together and encouraged discussion and engagement on the role of youth in the Church, and the role of the Church for youth.

The Forum included discussions and presentations about youth, education and teacher formation and opened doors to the processes going on in the Catholic Church.

"Today was really affirming to have the church bring us into what they're doing," said St Clare's College Year 11 student Elena Catanzariti.

"We got to reflect on our life experiences and see how we could contribute to the church from that."

Malia Harrison from Merici College said the most poignant aspect of the forum for her was examining the impact of leadership in the Church and all of the social aspects of how the Church impacts in our lives.

Bartholomew Bunk from Daramalan College also felt that leadership was one of the strong take away points from the forum.

"Today was an awesome opportunity to have discussions with other youth about where the church is headed," Bartholomew said.

"We talked about the leadership and the youth voice in the church."

The Youth Forum followed directly on from the Mission Mass held earlier that morning in St Christopher's Cathedral which was attended by over 600 staff, students, catechists and faithful from across the archdiocese.



Synod examines the needs of Youth



It has finished its discussions and deliberations now, but the ripples from the Synod of Bishops in Rome are expected to have a long-lasting effect.

The Synod, technically the 15th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, started on October 3 started on October 3 and had the theme of “Young People, Faith, and Vocational Discernment”.

Synods of Bishops tend to take place every three to four years. The Synod’s theme was chosen by Pope Francis after consultation with the Synod Council and Canberra Goulburn Archdiocese Youth Ministry leader Huw Warmenhoven believes this theme is particularly timely and relevant

“The first question that jumps to my mind about the Synod is why... why are we having this Synod of Bishops in Rome?

“And it’s a pretty simple answer. Pope Francis has called the Bishops of the World to come together and to discuss three things: young people, the faith and vocational discernment.

“And what he’s really trying to say is how do we bring young

people into the life and the mission of the Church. How do we invite people into the fullness of life, into the fullness of love, and more than anything, in this time right here, right now, how can we most effectively proclaim the good news to young people, young adults all across the world.”

A total of 339 participants will attend the Synod, comprising 34 young people, 267 Synod Fathers (including cardinals, archbishops, bishops and auxiliary bishops), 23 experts and 49 auditors.

Australia is represented at the Synod by Archbishop Anthony Fisher (Sydney), Archbishop Peter Comensoli (Broken Bay) and Bishop Mark Edwards (Melbourne) and youth auditor, Sebastian Duhau from the Diocese of Parramatta.

Archbishop Christopher Prowse explained that the thoughts, issues and concerns of Australian youth have already been forwarded in the form of the Instrumentum Laboris,

or working document, for the Synod.

“There have been a wide range of topics discussed,” Archbishop Prowse said.

“Archbishop Fisher was talking about asking forgiveness of young people for the sex abuse tsunami that has been going on within the Church and the bad example it has offered the youth of the world.

“Others are talking about the ways in which Bishops should be closer to young people and listening to them. And Bishops have been talking also about what great things are happening in the Catholic World Universal of Young people, who are a standing up and saying we want to take our leadership seriously, and this is what we want to do and this is what we are doing in our particular part of the Catholic World.

While the final document of the Synod has not been publicised yet, and its major findings or pronouncements have not yet been made, Archbishop Prowse believes three main points will be made.

“The first is that Bishops of the world will say to young people, ‘we love you,’” Archbishop Prowse said. The second thing I believe they will say is ‘we’re sorry if we haven’t given you the sort of example we ought’. And the third one and the most important point I think they’ll be saying is ‘join us’ on the great mission of the Church.

“You’re already with us but join us more fully. Let’s walk together on the long journey to God the Father’s home in Heaven.”

Northern Territory Mission provides spiritual opportunities

BY NATHAN GALEA

The Catholic Schools Youth Ministry Australia (CSYMA) Mission to the Northern Territory empowered the young participants to grow personally and spiritually and to participate in the life of the Church through mission.

It began on September 16, involving CSYMA students, YMA Youth Ministers and teachers from the Archdiocese of Canberra Goulburn led by Nathan Galea.

The Ministry Trip to the Northern Territory, Darwin and the community of Nauiya (Daly River), created an opportunity to engage in *dadirri*... deep listening and silent awareness.

In our first gathering with Miriam Rose Ungunmerr, she expressed the significance of being welcomed to Country and the importance of awakening the spirit child within each of us.

The welcoming ritual within the Daly River, including the use of water to awaken our inner spirit, was an experience filled with unexplainable emotion, an experience that created an immediate bond with the people and the land.

I could never accurately describe in words the feeling, and put this down to developing a simple sense of *dadirri*, a still awareness, an inner peace to be present to the world around me.

During our time in community, we were blessed with the presence of Agnes, Troy and Louise as we headed out “bush”.

It was a privilege to be immersed in story, culture, ritual and building relationships with the people and land. The experience validated a centrally held belief of the beauty of the indigenous people and culture of our nation, one that counteracts the image portrayed by mainstream media.

What was truly inspiring on this trip was watching the CSYMA students be true witnesses of faith.

Pope Francis encouraged young people to ‘build bridges not walls’, to be ‘courageous and free’, and that is exactly what these young people did for the entire time.

They were open to their faith, to each other and to all those they met. Their energy was palpable and their ability to share their stories in light of their faith was moving.

The trip gave participants the opportunity to step out and say yes to an incredible mission filled with joy, love and God and to be able to express hope for a better future for all.

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Rain holds off on Marian Procession



The rains held off, for the most part, and the weather was fine as people from across the Archdiocese gathered for the 80th Marian Procession at St Clement's Monastery, Galong on Sunday October 14.

Organiser, Deacon Matt Ransom, said he was very pleased with the day and the response from the Archdiocese.

"I thought it was a really good day," he said.

"I think it was really prayerful and peaceful which was exactly what we were aiming to do. The focus of the day was honouring the Blessed Virgin Mary and thanking her for her intercessions on our behalf.

"Also we wanted the day to be fun and joyful, and everyone seemed to be having a good time. And in the midst of all of that, we wanted it to be safe with no injuries or problems and it was.

"The numbers were good. And with everything that's going on within the Australian Church at the moment, I think that's a positive result.

The day began with a Youth Pilgrimage from the township

of Galong. Young pilgrims were joined by family and friends, other clergy and religious and led by Archbishop Christopher Prowse.

The Pilgrimage, carrying a cross and an icon of Mary and Jesus, walked the approximately 6km to the Monastery via the old Cemetery, offering prayers, intentions and hymns along the way.

Shortly after arrival, the Pilgrims' Mass was celebrated by His Excellency Archbishop Adolfo Tito Yllana, apostolic nuncio to Australia, Archbishop Christopher Prowse, Fr Dom Carrigan (rector of St Clements), Fr Jiss Kunnumpurath, Fr Joshy Kurien, Fr Kevin Barry-Cotter, and the Archdiocese's two newest priests, Fr Namora Anderson and Fr Adrian Chan.

For lunch, visitors were invited to inspect the Monastery. Many took the opportunity to spread out blankets and fold out tables or buy food from the on-site BBQ and enjoy the tranquillity of St

Clements.

After lunch, the Marian Procession began at the front of the Monastery before wending its way to the grotto.

"The Procession starts with the crowning of Mary, which is recognising her as a significant person in our faith," Deacon Ransom said.

"We then start off with a decade of the rosary and we repeat that at every station, and in between each station we're walking in silence, and in the noisy, busy world we live in, that silence in the midst of the beautiful Australian bush is quite poignant.

"Then we gather at the top of the grotto where we have the statue of Our Lady, recognising the apparition of Our Lady at Fatima 101 years ago, and then we heard from the Apostolic Nuncio."

St Clement's Monastery was founded 100 years ago.





Jessica rallies the troops

If the Australian Army Cadets movement was looking for a poster boy or girl to develop an advertising campaign around, they couldn't do a lot better than Jessica Glover.



A few minutes with her and it's obvious that her passion and zeal for cadets are the real thing, but if by some chance you weren't convinced, her actions seal the deal.

She was recently awarded the Australian Defence Force Long Tan Leadership Award (Long Tan Award), and not for the first time. She is one of very few people to have received it twice.

"The first time I got it I was in Year 10, and then I got it again this year," said the Year 12 Carroll College student.

The award recognises people in the community that demonstrate excellence in leadership and team work and there's no arguing that her efforts this year exemplify that.

At the age of 16 going on 17, she literally rallied the troops to keep her cadet unit alive.

"All of the staff involved [in our cadet unit] finished up and they were going to shut it down," Jessica explained.

"I was determined not to let that happen so I stepped up and took all the adult staff jobs to keep it going."

Jessica's recognition follows her lengthy commitment to Cadets. Joining in Year 6, she had already risen to the rank of Cadet Under Officer by the age of 15.

Her efforts have not only been rewarded with the Long Tan Award, but also with the still-functioning 51 member strong unit.

Not that there haven't been

difficulties. Without qualified adult staff they haven't been able to do weekend activities. A few adult staff have now completed the basic course so they are qualified for Tuesday night parades and hopefully before long will be able to run bivouacs.

It's been a huge undertaking for a student, especially when trying to juggle HSC studies and other commitments although Jessica confesses her schoolwork didn't receive much of her focus at times.

"It was difficult at times but I think cadets is something that if you are really passionate about it nothing else matters. I live and breathe cadets and school was often second," she said, before apologising to her mum sitting proudly beside her.

But I don't think her mum minds.

Jessica has already lined up a job for next year, working for a local law firm. That won't be the end of her involvement with cadets though and she has already mapped out her future involvement.

She is currently the assistant regional CUO for NSW, helping to run army cadets across NSW and ACT and intends to sign back on as a volunteer at first opportunity in the New Year.

It's her hope that more teachers and adult volunteers will come forward and help the unit, which is community-based rather than school-based, to continue.

Her near evangelical passion for cadets is a result of what she says she gained from it.

"It's given me a lot of confidence and resilience," she enthused.

"I was a really quiet kid but in cadets I have to public speak and address people all the time.

"You make such good friends... I've made friends all over Australia and the friendships remain even if you only see them for a week at a time.

"Cadets is just such a good youth development organisation. It teaches such amazing skills and gives you so many opportunities to succeed.

"I really think every school kid should have a crack at cadets. It's one of the best things you'll ever do."

There you go Cadet advertising executives... the ad copy writes itself.

Protector of peers honoured with Fred Hollows Award

The name Fred Hollows holds a special place in Australian society. He is respected almost universally as a generous and decent man who spent his life in the service of others.

So receiving an award bearing his name is a huge honour. And it's one that Sts Peter and Paul's Primary School, Garran student Georgia Andrighetto is immensely proud of.

Created in 2012, the Fred Hollows Humanitarian Award is bestowed on Year 6 students for conspicuous and sustained acts of humanitarianism and integrity. Those who know her best say that description sits perfectly with Georgia.

"I was astounded, but I wasn't surprised. She is a caring loving person with a gorgeous heart and she really does look after her friends and family and puts them before herself," said her mum,

Joanne Andrighetto.

"We are very proud parents to know that our child puts the thoughts of others ahead of herself."

Mrs Andrighetto explained that the award acknowledges students who've done good community and humanitarian work, good integrity and good spirit.

"It's about helping others no matter who they are, just like Fred did," she said.

"He helped everybody... the poorest person on the street to the richest person in the world. He didn't discriminate against anyone's backgrounds, beliefs, religion or income. He wanted to help everyone.

"So [Fred's wife] Gabi and the whole crew created the award to recognise people who followed in the footsteps of what Fred did."

It all seemed to come out of the blue for Georgia.

She first found out when her



Georgia Andrighetto (right) with her mother Joanne.

parents called out to her just before bed one night and showed her an email that said she'd been nominated.

The family then attended a presentation at the National Library on October 8 at which Georgia received the award from Gabi Hollows.

A little embarrassed by all the attention, she hasn't even spoken

about the award with her friends.

"My friends don't really know about it," she said.

"I haven't really told them. They asked what I did on the weekend and said I went to a presentation about Fred Hollows."

Asked why she received the award, she shrugged.

"According to Gabi Hollows and Mr Rutledge, I made sure the people around me were safe and weren't being treated unfairly," she said.

While she was content to play down the achievement, her school's Assistant Principal Sean Rutledge, who nominated her, wanted her to receive due recognition.

"Fred was a modern example of caring and compassion in our world," Mr Rutledge said.

"The award celebrates a student who demonstrates incredible care and compassion for others in the school.

"Someone who is selfless, that has a genuine concern for others and looks out for their needs in the community.

"Someone who goes above and beyond to make sure that everyone is feeling safe at school, as well as having the best time they can while they're here.

"That's consistent with the practice of our faith, and that's very much Georgia.

"Whether they're younger students or her own aged peers, or even checking on teachers to make sure they're wellbeing is alright. She does a lot and is very selfless in the way she looks after others' needs."

Still only 12 years old, Georgia's already looking forward to what else she can do to help people.

"I've been thinking about volunteering for places like Vinnies and Red Cross," said the worthy recipient.

NAPLAN results “off the chart”



Axel Kanowski making the most of the magic reading chair

The expression “off the chart” is over-used and often hyperbole, but in the case of the Year 3 students at St Patrick’s Parish School in Cooma, it actually applies.

In their recent NAPLAN results, which measure students’ results from Band 1 to Band 6, with Band 6 being the highest for Year 3, the average result of this class was ABOVE Band 6.

Principal Frances Robertson said waiting for these results was even better than waiting for Christmas.

“We knew in the last three years, where we’ve had such a focused plan, that the results would be good, but we didn’t know just how good they were going to be,” she said.

“And that includes those who struggled to form letters and sounds in Kindergarten to

those who were doing quite well. And now many are reading very sophisticated books for Year 3.”

The 28 students in Year 3 at St Patrick’s also performed ahead of the National Average in Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation in addition to meeting the National Average in Numeracy.

Mrs Robertson said a large part of those strong results can be attributed to a team effort by the teacher and guided by the Literacy and Numeracy co-ordinator, Mrs Kellie Summerville.

Some of the literacy initiatives employed at St Patrick’s include a Story Trail, where students stories were laminated and displayed outside of the school fence to be read by the general public passing by in agreement with Cooma Regional Library, students stories are compiled into books that can be borrowed from the library so that

the students can see themselves as real authors.

“These ideas help to show students a purpose and a context for their writing,” Mrs Summerville said. St Patrick’s has spent over \$5000 on books across Kindergarten to Year 2 in the last year and the students have responded enthusiastically.

Mrs Robertson said that the NAPLAN results across the other years were also very respectable and that she is happy with the growth the students are experiencing.

“I know the NAPLAN tests are sometimes considered one test on one day, but they provide a snapshot that helps us focus on the progress and growth of each individual student,” she said. “These results confirm the work we are doing to help accelerate literacy learning”.



Julia Cullenward (left) and Ambrosia Kleber (right), two of the four Lumen Christi students who created the video “Enough is Enough”.

In their first attempt at making a short film, four Lumen Christi College students have made it through to the finals of a nationwide competition.

It’s an impressive achievement against many more experienced entrants, but their drama teacher, Emma Hibbert, says it’s no fluke.

“Usually in drama we do more theatre-based projects, like musicals, realistic acting and that sort of thing,” Ms Hibbert said.

“But the girls are really talented performers so it’s no surprise to me that they’ve picked up this film and suddenly been made finalists without any sort of experience or training in film. I can see them excelling in any number of art forms.”

The competition, Video for Change, was open to students from across Australia in the Junior (years 7-9) and Senior (years 10-12) sections. And once the foursome of Ambrosia Kleber, Julia Cullenward, Annalise Piotrowski and Phillipa Keogh heard about it, they immediately agreed on topic they felt passionately about.

“Everyone submits one minute videos on a range of issues... things like equality, homelessness... someone did one on dementia... just a range of different issues they’re passionate about,” Ambrosia said.

“As soon as we heard about the competition we wanted to do something original and look at it from a different angle,” Julia added.

“We were all extremely passionate about the issue of women’s safety, because we’ve all faced the stuff that is brought up in this video, so once we picked that we just brainstormed and it just flowed.”

‘Flowed’ is an apt description of the process that followed. The video progressed from concept to reality in a matter of weeks.

“The girls began at the start of term three,” Ms Hibbert said. “It was a very quick

turn-around time. They had the brain-storming, story, filming and editing within about a four week period, and they filmed it all basically over one weekend.”

“The great thing about these girls is once they came up with the idea, they just ran with it, and before I knew it they had the whole thing filmed. It’s obviously a subject that they feel really passionate about, as they should.”

Rather than select a separate writer, director and editor, the team adopted a very egalitarian structure with everyone doing a bit of everything... including writing, acting, filming and editing.

And despite their lack of previous experience, their efforts have already been rewarded.

From literally hundreds of entries nationwide, their entry, titled “Enough is Enough,” has made it through to the finals of the senior section.

From here, the video will be judged on October 28. Next, the team have been invited to a gala event in Sydney on November 22 at which all the finalists’ entries will be shown and the People’s Choice video will be announced. The winner will be announced on “The Project” on Channel 10.

While they appreciate the recognition, they are most pleased about the extra exposure the gala day and extra coverage will give their video and their cause.

“I think we just really wanted to be able to use this platform as a way to share our thoughts on this issue and we thought it was a really important one,” Julia said.

The team wish to continue on the path of activism and advocacy and also wish to continue working in film and video. And while this project is their own work, they are quick to thank the support of their school.

“As soon as they heard about it, the school put it on Facebook and all of the teachers did all they could to spread the word,” Ambrosia said.

“And Miss Hibbert, especially,” Julia added.

EDUCATION BRIEFS

DARAMALAN COLLEGE: As part of Chevalier Day celebrations, Daramalan’s two original female teachers came back to revisit and reconnect with the school after fifty-six years. Mrs Jean Reid – who will be 103 next month – returned to be part of Chevalier Day along with Mrs Mary Barton. Both commenced work at Daramalan on February 2, 1962, the opening day of the College. At the time they were the only women on staff as the remainder of Daramalan teachers were all men, mainly MSC priests and brothers.

ST. CLARE’S COLLEGE: Twenty students and two teachers recently returned from an immersion trip to Fiji. This was St Clare’s sixth trip to the Pacific Island of Fiji but the first to span 10 days and include a homestay in the Highlands. The group was ready to immerse themselves into Fijian life after spending five afternoons during Term 3 preparing for the trip. The students learnt a lot about ourselves, about Fijian life especially the importance of family and community, the benefits of disconnecting from social media and how even a small contribution can make a significant difference to the lives of others.

ST. JOHN PAUL II COLLEGE: Principal Catherine Rey has received Australian Council for Educational Leaders (ACEL) Fellowship for her outstanding contribution to the improvement of student and organisational outcomes. Fellowship is a special category of ACEL membership awarded annually to celebrate members’ ongoing significant and influential involvement in education. Catherine was one of eight members bestowed with Fellowship from around Australia this year at the 33rd Annual National Awards Ceremony.

Summary of the Pastoral Visit of the Pontifical Council for Inter-Religious Dialogue (PCID) Rome

Sydney, Canberra, Melbourne
16 - 25 September 2018

By Archbishop Christopher Prowse,
Chairman, Bishops Commission For
Ecumenism And Inter-Religious Dialogue

In mid-September 2018 the Catholic Church of Australia was greatly blessed to receive a pastoral visit from four members of the Pontifical Council of Inter-Religious Dialogue (PCID).

They were led by Bishop Miguel Angel Ayuso Guixot MCCJ, Secretary of the Dicastery and three of his key staff: Monsignor Indunil Kodithuwakku, Monsignor Santiago Michael and Fr Markus Solo. Together they advise Pope Francis on matters pertaining to the Catholic Church's attitude towards Muslims, Buddhists, Hindus and other major world religions.

Throughout their pastoral visit to Sydney, Canberra and Melbourne they were able to visit many of our inter-religious Catholic leaders in Australia who animate this important outreach of the Catholic Church. They also were very generous spending considerable time visiting our inter-religious friends, particularly those in the Islamic communities, Buddhist, Hindu, Sikh, Jain and many others. While visiting these Mosques and Temples they were greeted with enormous respect and great joy by all the communities. Upon the PCID's request, they were introduced to some of our key Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders. They were also able to engage with university and school communities. They commented upon guidelines drawn up by local Churches on Inter-Religious Dialogue.

During the many addresses and sharing's over this time four major themes seemed to emerge.

First, the importance of reclaiming the true meaning of multiculturalism in Australia.

With one in three Australians born overseas, and since 2012, one in five Australians having arrived to our shores, the multicultural nature of Australia is omnipresent. At the same time, over 300 hundred languages are spoken in Australia and 120 different religions and spiritualities are present in this new but ancient land.

The main point stressed however, is that multicultural Australia is at the same time a multi-religious society. We must not allow secularism to separate our multiculturalism from its multi-religious dimension.

A consequence of this is that Australians want to be both good citizens and good believers. In keeping our religious identity and dignity we then participate in the common human platform of society here in Australia. Education helps us to keep this vital balance and to avoid any political narrowing of this broader perspective. This often requires not only inter-religious dialogue but also intra-religious dialogue amongst the various multi-religious communities of Australia.

Secondly, inter-religious dialogue is an expression of evangelisation.

Evangelisation and its expressions are always the work of the Holy Spirit. Catholics never impose the Kingdom of God on others but must always propose it. Catholics are not proselytisers but at the same time we are never ashamed of offering witness to that which we believe to be "The Way the Truth and the Life" – Jesus Christ, our hope and joy. This witnessing is most often non-verbal and is particularly



Visiting St Mary's Cathedral in Sydney were (left to right): Monsignor Indunil Kodithuwakku, Monsignor Santiago Michael, Bishop Miguel Angel Ayuso Guixot MCCJ, Archbishop Christopher Prowse, Fr Markus Solo SVD and the Dean of St Mary's, Fr Don Richardson.

seen in the way we outreach to Australia in Education, Health, and Social Services. It is a subtle balance that we need to maintain carefully in our pastoral outreach. As Pope Francis said on his visit to Istanbul, Turkey, "We do not seek submission...nor do we betray our treasures..."

The Magna Carta of these important balances are to be found in the "surprising" documents of the Vatican II Council – NOSTRA AETATE and DIGNITATIS HUMANA.

Inter-religious dialogue, as Pope Francis often states, is "not an option" and "it is something on which our future depends."

An important point that came from our encounters with the PCID is that inter-religious dialogue is the dialogue of believers. As the recently deceased Cardinal Prefect of the PCID, Cardinal Jean-Louis Tauran, often stated, "Inter-religious dialogue is not the dialogue of religions, but the dialogue of believers." It is a dialogue of mercy and kindness and tenderness. Those involved

in inter-religious dialogue are models – artisans of dialogue. It is to be engaged by committed Catholics who are able to enter into dialogue knowing and being committed to their faith and at the same time being open to the religious insights of others as a way of peace making.

Thirdly, inter-religious dialogue requires conversion and friendship.

Inter-religious dialogue is like a symphony of dialogue. It is a spiritual journey and requires respect, listening and truthfulness. The hope is to dispel fear and ignorance through education. It is all about humanity becoming more human and eager to reject fundamentalisms and passive responses. No one is to remain an outsider in the embrace of this peacemaking dialogue.

Pope Francis is keen to stress that inter-religious dialogue contains three essentials. We must, firstly, be solidly formed in our own faith, we must, secondly, have the courage to know each other, and, thirdly, as we engage

in dialogue we must come to the table with sincere intentions.

Finally, there were many other themes but these seem to be three recurring themes throughout the PCID's pastoral visit in the three cities visited in Australia.

I am most grateful to the Ecumenical Commissions of Sydney, Canberra and Melbourne for planning this visit together. I am particularly grateful for the work of Ms Louis Zavone who made certain these local visits were harmonised from a national perspective.

We hope that this recent visit from the PCID will further encourage, enthuse and inform further outreaches to the extraordinarily multi-religious culture of Australia.

National apology;

an important step for our Nation and our Church

BY FR STEPHEN ASTILL

On the occasion of the National Apology to Victims and Survivors of Institutional Child Sexual Abuse



A good sized crowd turned up at St Peter Chanel Church, Yarralumla to the Liturgy of Lament and Healing

Monday, October 22, was a very important day for Australia as a nation and the Church made up of some of its members.

It was a day of gatherings of diverse people; the national gatherings provided the opportunity for connections with leaders like the Prime Minister, Scott Morrison, and former Prime Minister, Julia Gillard, both of whom spoke volumes to people in well-chosen words from their hearts as well as their heads.

As an Archdiocese, a good sized crowd turned up at St Peter Chanel Church, Yarralumla, to commune firstly with our leader, the Lord God, and our human leader, Archbishop Christopher Prowse.

It was a Holy Hour with the Blessed Sacrament, entitled 'A Liturgy of Lament and Healing'.

We did what we do best when we gather in faith: we prayed together in speech, song and silence. Everything had been carefully and lovingly prepared, in terms of the words (of poetry and prose) we spoke, the hymns we sang and one extended period of silence and a number



of shorter periods for personal reflection.

"We gathered 'to seek God's merciful love which forgives and heals', through reparation we wanted to make amends for the sins of those in the Church who abused children, who failed to listen, who failed to act, when they should have."

Here are two quotations from our political leaders mentioned

above: Scott Morrison "(People came to hear) a sorry that dare not ask for forgiveness" and Julia Gillard "While we cannot fully erase the pain of the past, we can help to ease its burden".

These two sensitive statements show a depth of understanding, compassion and care that rise above the all too common 'cut and thrust' of political pronouncements. This is good news.

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Listening to the Spirit:

10,000 voices and climbing

Momentum is building as the Church reaches the midway point of the Open Listening and Dialogue phase of preparations for the Plenary Council in 2020.

Facilitator Lana Turvey-Collins says hearing the voices of more than 10,000 Australians is a great start and she hopes that's just the tip of the iceberg as the Church builds towards the Plenary Council sessions to be held in October 2020 and May 2021.

Since the launch of the Plenary Council's Open Listening and Dialogue stage at Pentecost, individuals and groups – large and small – have shared their stories of life and faith. By the end of September, more than 10,000 individuals had contributed their responses.

"This is an encouraging sign of engagement and also a sign of hope about how open-hearted people are," Ms Turvey-Collins said.

"This initial level of response shows that there are many people from across the country who

care deeply about the future of the Church in Australia. Now every person needs to be proactive and reach beyond our comfort zones and have conversations with those people who may need someone to let them know this is happening.

"Christmas get-togethers will be an opportunity to connect with family and friends and personally say: 'Your story matters, the Church is planning for the future, can we chat?' This invitation is powerful and it is how we will hear the stories from the margins."

Trudy Dantis, director of the National Centre for Pastoral Research, said momentum has been building in recent months, with the total number of responses almost doubling each month.

She said the vast majority of responses had unsurprisingly come from Catholics, but noted that a number of responses have also come from other Christian communities, including the Anglican, Baptist, Uniting, Pentecostal, Lutheran

and Orthodox churches. A small number of responses had come from people who self-identify as "no religion", as well as people from other faith backgrounds.

"Everyone's experience of faith and the Church is unique and it's important that the Plenary Council hears the voice of as many people as possible," Ms Turvey-Collins said.

"The diversity and differences of responses will be messy and we must resist labels, boxes and the urge to resolve things 'neatly'. This discernment will require a nuanced and deeply prayerful consideration as we continue to listen to what the Spirit is saying."

Dr Dantis said responses have come from many different parts of the community, including youth groups, aged care homes, Catholic agencies, religious congregations, men's groups, women's groups and families. There has also been a good geographic spread, with stories emerging from all parts of the country.

Ms Turvey-Collins said of the 10,000 people who have considered the question "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?", about 1000 of them were people under the age of 30.

"That's a great start, and I am looking forward to hearing the voices and stories from the young people in our Catholic schools who have big questions about faith, the Church and life in Australian society. There are some wonderful initiatives being planned for term 1 next year," she said.

Stories from around the country have outlined creative ways that individuals and groups are ensuring their voice helps shape the Plenary Council agenda.

"A number of wonderful Catholic secondary school students are visiting aged care communities to have an inter-generational conversation about God, faith and life," Ms Turvey-Collins said.

"Young people are hearing the stories of older Australians

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Deep Ugandan connections

BY HUW WARMENHOVEN

A CSYMA team of Youth Ministers and leaders set off for the fifth Uganda Mission on September 8, in anticipation of what the next two weeks would bring.

When they arrived, the CSYMA Team combined with key CSYMU (Catholic Schools Youth Ministry Uganda) leaders for the mission.

The first phase of the mission was the East-African Teacher Formation Conference, which began with nearly 150 teachers and Church leaders from 15 Dioceses across Uganda, South Sudan, Tanzania, Rwanda and Kenya gathering in Masaka, Uganda. The Conference inspired teachers and leaders to create centres of the New Evangelisation in our Catholic education system whilst deepening their own faith grounded in a renewal of their vocation as teachers.

This led into the school visits that presented the basic Gospel message to about 5000 students across five days in the Dioceses of Lira, Kasana - Luweero and Kampala. The team were also involved with mercy works including the Masaka Women's Prison, Kampiringisa Juvenile



Fr Daniel Daniel Benedetti capturing the 2018 East African Teacher Formation Conference with a selfie. Photo: Hannah McMahon.

Detention Centre and Nsambya Babies Home.

Overall, it was a powerful mission and we are looking forward to deepening our connections with Uganda in the future.

Olivia Niethe said, "with a mind purposefully absent of expectations, I was innocently unaware of the profound impact the next two weeks would have as they so tangibly revealed the love, joy and peace that is God."

"This was revealed through the three main components of the mission trip: the East African

Teacher's Formation Conference, School Visits and Mercy Works, which, each though unique in their own experience, are inseparable to the overall power of the mission.

Returning CSYMA Youth Minister, Hannah McMahon, captured this when she said that "returning to a place that holds such an incredible place in my heart I had no idea what to expect – however God provided exactly what my heart desired without even realising I needed it."

Synod: Intervention by Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP

On Thursday, October 4, Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP offered the following remarks at the XV Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops: Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment.

Today in the presence of the Holy Father and amidst my brother bishops, I want to say sorry to young people for all the ways we've failed them.

For the shameful deeds of some priests, religious and lay people, perpetrated upon you or other young people just like you, and the terrible damage that has done; and for the failure of too many bishops and others to respond appropriately when abuse was identified, and to do all in their power to keep you safe and for the damage thus done to the Church's credibility and to your trust: I apologise.

For the times Catholic families, parishes and schools have failed to introduce you to the person of Jesus Christ, his saving word, and his plan for your life; and for the times we've seemed to you unwelcoming, distant or

harsh, or have not demonstrated the sheer joy of being Christians; and for the times when you were searching for your sexual, ethnic or spiritual identity, and needed a moral compass, but found Church people unsympathetic or ambiguous: I apologise.

For when we've sold you short not encouraging you to live heroically your baptismal call to holiness and the paschal path to life through self-renunciation; or when we've provided too little youth ministry or other support, so you've found living as a young person of faith and ideals lonely in a secular, often cynical world; or when unbeautiful or unwelcoming liturgies have failed to inspire or include you, and when you've been denied the Church's treasury of examination of conscience, reconciliation, adoration, pilgrimages, penances and devotions: I apologise.

For poor preaching, catechesis or spiritual direction that fails to convert, and for lack of imagination or enthusiasm for that new

evangelisation to which the recent popes have called us; and for our failures to demonstrate God's mercy, as Pope Francis has insisted we must, and to involve you in campaigns for justice and in works of mercy; and for families, dioceses and religious orders that with a contraceptive mentality have given up on generating new vocations and so have not nurtured yours: I apologise.

To any young person we have

let down in these or other ways: from the bottom of my heart I apologise to you. And to the Lord I pray: Kyrie eleison.

But I say to young people also: never give up on Jesus because of our failures. Never give up on the Church that you can help make more faithful. Never give up on the world that, with Christ and the Church's help, you can make a better place.

In Jesus Christ, the Ancient of Days is made young – for you. The Creator of this beautiful universe comes close to your life to save you. He calls you to 'come, follow' him and become his young disciple. He sends you out as a missionary to our world. You can be a hero, for nothing is so exciting as the adventure of the Gospel!

So: when you are lost and need direction, know that the young Jesus is the eternal Way for you! When you are confused and need sound teaching, know that the young Jesus is the eternal Truth for you! When you are searching for the vocation that will most fulfil you, know that the young Jesus is eternal Life for you!

In the presence of the Holy Father and amidst my brother bishops, I recommit myself to young people and to drawing them closer to Christ who is always there for them.



For when we've sold you short not encouraging you to live heroically your baptismal call to holiness and the paschal path to life through self-renunciation... I apologise

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He shook my hand and walked away, leaving me stunned.

– Fr Patrick Sharpe msc

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A guide to Melbourne

BY JOHN MCLAURIN

THE SUMMER holiday season is fast approaching and it might be worth heading to Melbourne for all or some of it.



A Melbourne itinerary is likely to include a visit to any number of the following and more: The Flinders Street Clocks, Federation Square, Birrarung Marr and the Yarra River, Southbank, Beaches, Luna Park, Melbourne Symphony Orchestra, Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG), The Boxing Day Test Match, Australian Open Tennis, National Gallery of Victoria, Eureka Tower, Queen Victoria Markets, Young and Jackson Hotel, Melbourne Zoo, West Gate Bridge, Werribee Open Plains Zoo, Werribee Mansion, Phillip Island, Great Ocean Road, Sorrento to Queenscliff ferry, Puffing Billy in the Dandenong Ranges, Parliament House, Captain James Cook's Cottage, the Yarra Valley and Hepburn Springs.

And there is certainly no shortage of places to go shopping either with far too many places to name.

But one might ask what there is to see from a Catholic perspective?

Well, most prominent is the impressive East Melbourne Catholic precinct which is located only a few stone-throws from the world-renowned MCG.

The Catholic precinct features the magnificent William Wardell designed St Patrick's Cathedral. Aside from the breathtakingly beautiful architecture there is much more to take in.

The picturesque and

well-manicured grounds of the Cathedral are almost worth a visit by themselves especially so because they are across the road from the lovely Fitzroy Gardens.

And the Cathedral is complemented with a shop full of souvenirs to mark the visit.

Also adjoining the Cathedral is the Cardinal Knox Centre which houses the Archdiocesan offices along with an array of church offices which provide a variety of services.

The St Vincent's Hospital and the Australian Catholic University buildings are also bound to capture one's attention and are nearby.

Of course who could forget that St Mother Mary of the Cross MacKillop was born in Melbourne and spent her early years there.

She was baptised (1842) and made her First Holy Communion at St Francis' Church in the city. Her parents, Alexander and Flora MacKillop, were married at the same church in 1840.

At the top end of Brunswick St in Fitzroy also towards the Cathedral, there is a pavement stone to mark the spot where St Mary MacKillop was born.

In addition to this, the Sisters of St Joseph, operate a MacKillop Museum and Heritage Centre in her honour at a nearby location.

More recently, a similar type of centre has been set up by the

Australian Catholic University in conjunction with the Catholic Women's League of Victoria to honour the life and works of Sr Mary Glowrey. Hers is also has a wonderful story.

And then there is a host of churches to visit. Older, more gothic styled churches in and around the city which may be of interest, include those at South Melbourne, Heidelberg, Richmond, Coburg, Williamstown, Geelong, Kilmore, Kyneton and St Kilda East.

Our Lady of Victories at Camberwell, St Dominic's at Camberwell East, St Anthony's Hawthorn, Our Lady Help of Christians in East Brunswick, St Augustine's in the city and St Mary's West Melbourne are also quite spectacular Churches which attract many visits annually.

More modern church architecture can be found at Gladstone Park and Torquay.

Those who have already seen the more prominent Catholic sights of Melbourne may benefit from partaking in a retreat at Pallotti College Millgrove, the Abbey at Tarrawarra, or at the Ignatian Spirituality Centre in Kew.

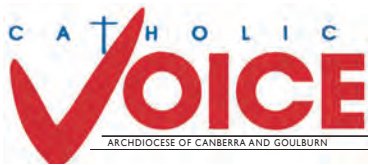
For those who are time poor, a visit to the Our Lady of Ta Pinu shrine at Bacchus Marsh might suffice, while the Eureka Stockade story and precinct in Ballarat has a strong Catholic origin and story.

Even the Old Melbourne Gaol

and Pentridge Prison hold significance for Catholics and remain places of interest for tourists.

We know that Ned Kelly, executed at Old Melbourne Gaol in 1880, was given the last rites by Fr Matthew Gibney at the Glenrowan Siege and again later by Fr Charles O'Hea. Fr O'Hea had also baptised the bushranger. Kelly, was also accompanied up to his death by Fr Dean Donaghy and a Fr Aylward. Ronald Ryan was the last man to receive the death sentence in Australia in 1967. Ryan's friendship with Fr John Brosnan at Pentridge is legendary and can be googled about, but it is best told in the book by Tom Prior called 'A Knockabout Priest'.

Finally, a reminder for those heading to Melbourne, perhaps for the first time, it's not uncommon for the place to "get four seasons in one day" so best to pack accordingly.



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NOVEMBER 3 (9am to 4:30pm):Call to Holiness - Archbishop's Day of Teaching for the Catholic Charismatic Renewal. Haydon Hall at St Christopher's Pastoral Centre. Mass, talks, praise and worship. Event free, Lunch \$5, Morning tea provided. All welcome! To register please text Neda 0415 266 019, Susanna 0419 902 293 or Maida 0423 658 326.

NOVEMBER 4: St Greg's Youth LIVE. Save the date.

NOVEMBER 9-11: Weekend Retreat on Personal Holiness. Directed by Father Hugh Thomas CSSR at St Clements Galong. Organised by the Legion of Mary. All welcome. Enquiries and bookings Jacqueline 6251 3950 or Rick 0429878794.

NOVEMBER 10 (9am to 4pm): Consider the Cause of the Poor - A seminar on responding to the needs of the poor in the current age. Presented by the Good Shepherd prayer group with Kate Cleary and Fr Bernie Patterson. Parish Room in St Peter Chanel's, Weston St, Yarralumla. For information call Kate 0404 112 428, Neda 0415 266 019, or Susanna 0419 902 293.

NOVEMBER 10 (9am to 1.30pm): Marymead Annual Fete at Rheinberger Centre, Cnr of Loch and Weston Streets Yarralumla, ACT.

NOVEMBER 10: Canberra Regional Amicus Group. Dinner at La Rustica by the Lake, Kingston Foreshore. Meet at 7pm for Table will be booked in name of Amicus. Contact Patricia 0412 351 548

NOVEMBER 15 to 18: Canberra Women's Cursillo at Greenhills. Save the date.

NOVEMBER 17: Spirituality Day at Marian Hall, St Matthew's Church, Chewings Street, Page. Featuring two DVD presentations: (1) Dialogue between Fr Bede Grioiffths and Fr Laurence Freeman in Southern India; and (2) Fr Bede recalls his near fatal stroke, his impulse to surrender and his overwhelming experience of God's love. 10.30a am to 2pm. Facilitator: Sr Lorraine Cupitt rsm. Registration – phone 6288 6074. Bring your own lunch.

NOVEMBER 25: Canberra Regional Amicus Group. Afternoon Tea Cruise on MVSCC, meet at 3PM followed by Fish'n'Chips at Snapper on the Lake at 5PM. Contact Patricia 0412 351 548.

DECEMBER 8: Canberra Regional Amicus Group Christmas Party at Tricia's. Join us at 7PM. Contact Tricia 6288 4070

DECEMBER 31: New Year's Eve at The Austrian Club for Dinner, and Dance to DJ Joe Pelle for those who are available on this night. Contact: Patricia 0412 351 548

JANUARY 22 to 27, 2019: World Youth Day in Panama. For more information go to www.wyd.org.au

MARCH 15 - 17, 2019: SAVE THE DATE. St Patrick's Primary School Bega will celebrate their 150th Anniversary.

OCTOBER 11 to 17, 2020: Australian Catholic Plenary Council Session One in Adelaide.

MAY 2021: Australian Catholic Plenary Council Session Two in Sydney.

REGULAR GROUPS

CANBERRA CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMUNITY (CLC): Meets fortnightly. It's part of an international lay organisation originating from St. Ignatius of Loyola who formed the Jesuits. Groups are based on ordinary people leading ordinary lives practising Ignatian spirituality, the essence of which is finding God in the everyday. Contact Steve on 0407 147 540.

CANBERRA TAIZE GROUP: Meets for prayer every second Sunday of the month at Weston Creek Uniting church at 5.30pm.

CATENIANS IN CANBERRA: A Catholic men's group sharing faith and friendship and supporting each other and their families. Meet on the third Thursday of each month, 6.45pm Southern Cross Club Woden followed by dinner, often with guest speaker. Contact: Phil Murray 0419 695 927.

COMMUNITY OF THE RISEN LORD CANBERRA: Meet at 7.30pm each Friday evening in St Brigid's Church parish hall (2 Bancroft St Dickson) for charismatic praise & worship with an anointed sharing of the Word. Contact Shan on 0412 310 364 or Sean 0448 510 237

COUPLES FOR CHRIST (CFC) CANBERRA CHAPTER: For more information contact Chris Carlile 0414 938 831.

GOOD SHEPHERD PRAYER GROUP: Meets each Wednesday from 7pm to 9pm in the parish room at St Peter Chanel's Church Yarralumla. Rosary, charismatic praise and worship, teachings, testimonies, prayer ministry, intercession and fellowship. Contacts Susanna on 0419 902 293, Neda on 0415 266 019 and Gabriel on 0432 082 642.

HOLY SPIRIT SECULAR FRANCISCAN FRATERNITY: Meet on the third Friday of the month at 7:45pm, St Augustine Church, 262 Beasley St Farrer. Secular Franciscans try to follow Christ in the footsteps of St Francis of Assisi. Call Tony on 0407 072 139 or Hélène on 0420 533 264. Email: sfo@fastmail.fm

IGNATIAN GROUP OF CANBERRA: Meets fortnightly for discussion and reflection. Based on the international movement Christian Life Community. Contact Steve on 0407 147 540.

LEGION OF MARY: Meets on the third Sunday of each month at St Joseph Church O'Connor at 2pm.

MAN OVERBOARD: A monthly gathering of young men discerning priesthood. It is a time to gather, reflect; and commune in order to feel supported during a time of such importance. Each gathering will be held on the first Friday of every month (public holidays excepted). Please RSVP to Fr Paul Nulley at paul.nulley@cg.org.au For catering purposes or follow the prompts at <http://www.manoverboard.org.au/>

MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS: Meets to pray a Cenacle at St Joseph's Church O'Connor each Wednesday following the 8.30am Mass. Contact Maria on (02) 6247 4026.

menALIVE: Encouraging authentic Christian manhood, the Canberra chapter of 'Men Alive' meet on the first Monday of each month at St Christopher's Cathedral for Mass at 5pm. Mass is then followed by drinks at 'Public Bar' in Manuka.

MINISTRY TO THE NEWLY MARRIED: A mentoring program for newly married couples or engaged couples soon-to-be married. Contact Debbie and Brian on (02) 6231 3389 or 0414 878 167. Email: mnm@grapevine.com.au

TAIZE PRAYER: The Canberra Friends of Taizé Ecumenical Group meets regularly for prayer every second Sunday of the month at Weston Creek Uniting Church at 5.30pm. Prayers, songs, Scripture readings and silent meditation as used in the monastery in Taizé, France. All welcome. Enquiries to Annemarie (0421 492 554) or CBRTaizeFriends@internode.on.net

MEMORIAL MASS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED BY SUICIDE

St Joseph's Church, O'Connor
November 21 @ 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

As we dedicate the month of November to praying for the deceased, we are called to renew our confidence in God's limitless mercy. Mindful of this, family and friends who have lost a loved one to suicide are invited to a special Memorial Mass.

This will be offered by Father Paul Nulley on Wednesday November 21, 7:00pm at St Joseph's Church, O'Connor, followed by refreshments in the parish hall.

Loss from suicide gives rise to a unique type of grief and spiritual anxiety which requires a compassionate response from the Church and its community. To include your loved one's name in the liturgy and/or a photograph before the Altar, or for further information, please contact Catherine Paice at catherine.m.paice@gmail.com or call/text 0415 154 784.

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Above: Organiser of the Marion Procession and Youth pilgrimage, Deacon Matt Ransom with recently ordained priest Father Namora Anderson

Far Right: Erin O'Donohue (Year 12) made friends with a local child from Nausori Village on St Clare Colleges recent Fiji Immersion trip



St Bedes 55th anniversary. Parents and friends Bernie Cusack, Catherine Cusack, Cate Stuart and Julia Webber



Above: Lumen Christi Mufti Day. Year 12 Dress U



St Patrick's Cooma students Raven Kelly, Kelsey Byrne, Axel Kanowski, Rex Willett, Daniel Nassar celebrate towering NAPLAN results



St Bedes 55th anniversary. Friends Mary Jerga and Danielle Hitchcock.



St Bedes 55th anniversary. Parents Mary and Matt Minogue



Former Daramalan teachers Jean Reid and Mary Barton returned for Chevalier Day. Pictured with Dale Seama



It was definitely zooper dooper wether for these students from St Mary's Crookwell at the Boorowa sports carnival

Boorowa booms with Sports Carnivale



Boorowa Touch Football and Netball Carnival organisers Julie Poplin (co-ordinator, Boorowa Central School), Paula Hamby (White shirt -Principal Boorowa Central School), Brendan Maynard (Principal St Joseph's Boorowa) and Julie Harton (Co-ordinator, St Joseph's Boorowa).



St Clare's College students represent Australia



St Clare's students Keely Small (Year 11) and Abbey Webb (Year 12) represented Australia at the Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires from 6 to 18 October.

Keely Small had the honour of being the Australian team's flag-bearer at the opening of the Youth Olympic Games. Australia's Chef de Mission Evelyn Halls said "Small demonstrated the ideals of excellence, respect and sportsmanship, vital to lead Australia at the Youth Olympic level."

This was Keely's second time representing Australia on the world stage this year, earlier she competed at the Commonwealth Games in the Gold Coast. Keely was a favourite going into the 800m race and in the final she dominated to win Australia's fourth gold of the Games with a time of 2:04.76.

"It hasn't sunk in quite yet. This whole experience has been amazing, to be announced flagbearer and now see the Australian flag raised from on top of the podium with a gold medal – I'm so stoked." Keely said. "It's been a big year with Commonwealth Games and Youth Olympics, but the big goal now is Tokyo 2020. I'll get back into training when I'm home and have a good season to keep

working towards Tokyo."

Abbey Webb attended the 2018 Georgina Hope Foundation Australian Age Championships in late April 2018 as a result of her achievement at the event she was selected for the 2018 Junior Pan Pacific Swimming Championships and the 2018 Youth Olympic Games.

Abbey participated in the Women's 50m, 100m Freestyle, 200m Freestyle, and Women's 4 x 100m Medley Relay and the Mixed 4 x 100m Freestyle Relay. Abbey placed 5th in the 100m Freestyle and received a silver medal for Australia in the Women's 4 x 100m Medley Relay. Abbey said "It was such a good experience. It was just awesome, especially to win a medal in a relay, it is always better as everyone gets to experience the same thing."



Boorowa sport carnival emphasises participation

There's an old Aussie saying that sport was the winner on the day, and it's particularly true of the Boorowa Touch Football & Netball Carnival.

While points are scored in individual games, there are no championships or competition winners in this tournament where participation truly is the focus.

"The formula is working," said Boorowa Central School Principal, Paula Hambly.

"It's been a success every year and it was a great success this year."

The event, which has been running for more than 25 years in its current format and is a co-production of St Joseph's Primary School and Boorowa Central School, continues to grow and the logistics alone are mind-boggling.

There were over 4,500 participants and another 2,500 adults, assistants and volunteers. A total of 434 teams took part - made up of 246 touch footy teams and 188 netball teams. The games are played on 27 touch football fields and 26 netball courts with 19 rounds played from 9am through to 3pm.

If any game is even 1 minute over time, the domino effect impacts on all following games.

Then you have to park all of these cars, feed all of those people... But despite its enormity, the day ran, and always runs, smoothly like a well-oiled machine.

"It's all gone very well," said Julie Poplin, a co-ordinator from Boorowa Central School.

"We've had a few issues with parking, just the volume of traffic causes that, but other than that it's gone really well... much better than last year. Most of the traffic had arrived here much earlier this year."

"And we've been gifted with an absolutely perfect day," said St Joseph's Principal, Brendan Maynard.

"The sun's out, there's a cool breeze and every one made it here safely. It's a little bit drier this year and with the wind there's a little bit of dust, but you know what, it's great for the city kids to see what it's like out this way."

The biggest change for this year was the construction of new amenities including a new facility and new fields to accommodate more teams.

"We only got the keys yesterday so it's been down to the wire," said Julie Harton, the co-ordinator from St Joseph's. "However, the new facility has made a huge difference and everything is working perfectly thanks to the hard work from all involved with its preparations and construction"

There's another famous saying, that it takes a village to raise a child and it truly takes the town of Boorowa to run this event that sees 7,000 people visit the town with a population of 1,500, for a day.

"We have huge support from our schools. Our parents, grandparents and the P&C committees that worked very hard behind it to giving up their time to raise funds for our schools," Brendan Maynard said.

"Also the secondary students from Boorowa Central School who work here all day helping as ground officials and helping



with refereeing... a full day out in the sun making sure it runs well," said Julie Poplin.

"And not just the schools," chipped in Paula Hambly.

"Many of the Volunteers here have nothing to do with the schools. They get here early, help with the parking, man the BBQ or put their hands up for whatever else is needed. We just couldn't do it without them."

The organising committee also wanted to praise the Hilltops Council for a range of

assistance without which they said the event couldn't even take place.

But for now, they can put their feet up. For two weeks, anyway.

"We'll debrief in the next two weeks then straight back into planning for 2019," said Paula Hambly.

And so it will also happen again on the 25th October 2019! See you in Boorowa!