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Prayers of loving kindness



Archbishop's Message
Archbishop Christopher Prowse

Lenten Calvary and
Resurrection in the
sex abuse crisis

The conviction and sentencing of Cardinal George Pell continues to create enormous controversy in Australia, and particular dismay and distress for the Catholic community.
In the midst of all these great concerns, I found myself recently participating in an Ecumenical gathering outside Parliament House one Saturday afternoon. Soon after I arrived, I was very pleasantly surprised to hear a survivor of sex abuse in the Catholic Church publically state the following:
'I stand here today as a victim, a survivor, an overcomer of sexual abuse within the Church. I stand here today through the grace of God and the healing power of the Holy Spirit. I have forgiven the priest, I have forgiven the Church, I have forgiven myself and been set free of shame and betrayal. I stand here today, as one who loves my Church and will stand for my Church not matter what. I pray to the Lord for the leaders of our Church and all those within our community impacted by this terrible crime. I pray Lord that they will come to know your love in their hearts and be blessed by your healing power. I pray Lord that they will know that, in the words of St Paul, nothing is able to come between us and the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.'

I felt immediately refreshed in my spirit when I heard these truly incredible words. I spoke to the survivor and congratulated her on her courage to speak about such personal matters. As I was talking to her, the organisers of this Ecumenical conference asked both of us to participate, along with others, in short prayers of petition. I asked her if she felt it was appropriate for us to pray prayers for healing for our Churches together rather than separately. She readily agreed.
Therefore, when it became my turn to pray I said the following:
'Heavenly Father, humbly we pray, especially as Christians and Australians and for me as a Catholic Archbishop here in the Canberra and Goulburn region, for all survivors of sex abuse. I am so delighted to be next to my sister here who is a survivor of sex abuse by a priest many years ago. I ask for your blessing upon her and upon the Churches that we might learn from her, stand alongside all she symbolises in Australia, and see the hidden agenda of God in our time and place through the Calvary of their experiences. I ask my sister now, to pray for the wider Churches and especially for the Catholic Church'.
I then knelt down alongside the survivor; she placed her hand

on my shoulder and prayed the following:
'I pray today in the words of St Paul to the Ephesians, out of His infinite glory, may He give you the power through his Spirit for your hidden self to grow strong, so that Christ may live in your hearts through faith, and then, planted in love and built on love, you will with all the Saints, have strength to grasp the breadth and the length, the height and the depth, until knowing the love of Christ which is beyond all knowledge, you are filled with the utter fullness of God.'
What an incredible moment of grace we all shared on the lawns of Parliament House! There was a good crowd present but many more participated electronically throughout Australia in this prayer gathering.
In the midst of this extremely challenging time for all of us, in such an episode like this we can see the glimmer of the Holy Spirit coming to help us in unexpected and surprising ways.
So dear friends, never let us loose hope but always trust in the Holy Spirit and be united in the faith that brings us together in Christ Jesus and His Church.

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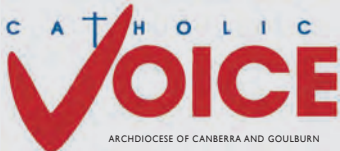
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- FRIDAY, 5 12.00pm
Lunch Samaritan House, SvdP
19 Hackett Street, Hackett
- SATURDAY, 6 11.00am
Consecration and Installation of Dr Mark Short, Anglican Bishop of Goulburn, St Saviour's Cathedral, Bourke St, Goulburn
- SUNDAY, 7 11.00am
Mass - St Christopher's Cathedral
- THURSDAY, 11 9.00am
ACU Senate meeting - Melbourne
- FRIDAY, 12 9.30am
ACU Graduation Mass - St Christopher's Cathedral

- SATURDAY, 13 6.00pm
Mass - St Brigid's, 2 Bancroft St, Dickson
- SUNDAY, 14 11.00am
Palm Sunday Mass: St Christopher's Cathedral
- MONDAY, 15 7.30pm
Chrism Mass - St Christopher's Cathedral
- TUESDAY, 16 10.00am Chrism Mass - Wagga Wagga
2.00pm Consultors meeting - Wagga Wagga
- WEDNESDAY, 17 10.30am
Australian Multicultural Foundation Meeting

- THURSDAY, 18 7.30pm
Mass of the Lord's Supper - HOLY THURSDAY - St Christopher's Cathedral
- FRIDAY, 19 11.00am
Ecumenical Way of the Cross, ACC&C, 15 Blackall Street, Barton
3.00pm Mass - Commemoration of the Lord's Passion - GOOD FRIDAY - St Christopher's Cathedral
- SATURDAY, 20 7.30pm
Easter Vigil Mass - HOLY SATURDAY - St Christopher's Cathedral
- SUNDAY, 21 11.00am
Mass - EASTER SUNDAY - St Christopher's Cathedral



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ACT Legislation and the Seal of Confession

*The Catholic Voice asks Fr Tony Percy VG
“Is the Catholic Church above the law?”*



Q: It has been widely reported that the Archbishop has said his priests will not obey the rule of law when a person mentions child abuse in the confessional. Is this true?

A: This is not true.

Q: So, what has he said?

A: The Archbishop has informed his priests and the Catholic community about the changes in legislation in and around the reporting of child abuse.

The ACT Government has three levels of reporting: The Crimes Act, Mandatory Reporting and the Reportable Conduct Scheme.

What the Attorney General – Gordon Ramsay – has done is truly significant. To my mind, it is a Copernican revolution.

We have just finished a Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Abuse. The experts tell us that the majority of child abuse occurs outside our institutions. The ACT Government has set us all on a path of cleaning up the mess of child abuse right across our community. As I say, a Copernican revolution.

The Crimes Act legislation now requires that every citizen over 18 has a duty and responsibility to report child abuse that they identify or believe to be happening to the police.

The Government is to be congratulated – no question. We as a Catholic community offer our full support.

Q: But what about the issue of the confessional? The Government has said that priests must report matters of child abuse that they hear in the confessional to the police.

A: The changes in the Crimes Act are the “game changer” – no question. They truly heighten our community’s awareness of child

abuse and the need to report it. We don’t expect it to be raised in the confessional at all. We shall be instructing our Catholic community that child abuse is a crime, first and foremost, and should be reported to the police or relevant authorities.

Q. But what if someone does bring a matter of child abuse to the priest in the Confessional?

A. Again, we don’t expect it, but if it is then the priests are certainly able to deal with it without breaking the seal of confession.

Q. How so?

A. Well, let’s take three scenarios: 1. Let’s take an adult who comes to the confessional. They have suffered the abuse years ago and now mention it to the priest. The priest would comfort the person in the knowledge that they have not committed any sin, but have suffered at the hands of the perpetrator. Since the person is now over the age of 18, the person would decide on a course of action (with the help of the priest), which could include reporting – especially if the perpetrator was still alive – and

would certainly include pastoral help and support.

2. Let’s take a child, who in the course of the confessional, mentions that they are suffering from child abuse. The priest would simply and gently mention to the child that this is not their sin, but the crime of another, and that the best way to handle this is by talking about the matter outside the confessional. The matter can then be reported.

Q. Wouldn’t this be breaking the seal of confession?

A. Clearly not. Take the example of a person who mentions to a priest that they are having difficulties in their relationship with their husband or wife and children. They mention anger, fights, etc. The priest intuitively that the person is suffering from anxiety and depression and mentions this to the person. They respond in the affirmative. The priest suggests that they chat outside the confessional about some possible forms of therapy. The person is glad for the help. There is no breaking of the seal in this case. Neither is the seal broken in the case of the child I

just mentioned.

3. Let’s take the issue of a perpetrator who comes to confession. There are two matters here. Imagine this: I go to my regular AA meeting and when I get there I introduce myself by saying, “Hi, my name is Tony and I’m an alcoholic.”

Child abusers don’t do this. They hide in the dark. They don’t admit guilt.

Still not convinced? Okay let’s push the matter a little further. Let’s suppose a child abuser goes to confession. It would be in gaol where the conviction and sentencing has forced him to admit what he has done and thus moved him to conversion of heart. In this case, the state has done its job of dealing in crime and punishment, while we have done our job of forgiveness and penance.

Still not convinced? Okay, let’s look at the dynamic of how a confession is heard.

Imagine this: a perpetrator of child abuse calls up the Attorney General’s Office this afternoon after hearing of the new laws. He

confesses to child abuse. The assistant to the AG asks the name of the person. He refuses to give it. The assistant asks for the telephone number of the person since it is caller No ID. Again, he refuses. The phone goes dead. Is this assistant in the AG’s office able to report the matter? They don’t know the identity of the perpetrator.

This is what we are saying. If a perpetrator comes to confession the priest simply doesn’t know who it is.

The confessional is not like a doctor’s surgery, a psychologist’s room, a social worker’s space. These professions know the person, they know their names, they know their email addresses, they know their mobile numbers, etc.

Priests don’t have these matters at their disposal. It is physically impossible for them to report. But be assured that the priests will do their utmost best to get the matter reported given the restricted knowledge.

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Bega Sesquicentenary exceeds all expectations

BY CHRIS GORDON

There were times when it seemed to take on a life of its own and felt like a second full time job, but Jo Scott-Pegum and her organising committee have finally had a chance to put their feet up after organising the wonderfully successful St Pat's 150th anniversary.

The committee, the school community and the parish spent over a year pulling together the various threads for an event that Jo said exceeded all expectations.

"After 18 months of planning with the last minute crossing of T's and dotting I's to add to the detail of the event, we were anxiously waiting to see how many people were going to arrive," said Ms Scott-Pegum.

"But from the very start when our koori children performed a welcome to country dance and set the scene for the event, everything surpassed our expectations.

"The two celebrations of Mass, with Fr Tony Percy opening the event and the Archbishop closing it, were beautiful. The opening Mass had five co-celebrants, including Fr Byrne who was a past student of St Pat's... he started at St Pat's in 1934!

"There were a lot of little

Children, parents, staff and visitors were encouraged to pose for photos in the #150years frame for the Bega Sesquicentenary. Photo supplied.

strings that tied together to make the commemorations special. There were many great experiences of connection and community, and I think, for me, the verification of that was when no-one wanted to go home! Across the three day event people just wanted to stay and talk and reminisce about their time at St Patrick's."

Ms Scott-Pegum said the

staff had worked especially hard in that last week to set up the museum in the school hall.

"It was a living museum and was perfect. The hundreds who came through the event spent time looking for photos of themselves, or their mother or father or someone they knew, it was a space for sharing stories," she said.

"As people mingled they

shared their gratitude to the organising committee, the school staff and the students. People commented about the time it must have taken to prepare for this momentous occasion come together.

"The 3 day celebration was everything we'd hoped for and more. I just want to send my heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped organized the event, and everyone who took part."

The Sesquicentenary event started on Friday March 15 and ran until Sunday March 17 (St Patrick's Day). It included an opening and closing Mass, a full student body 'flash mob' ending with the students in the 150 formation, and other school activities and re-enactments, the transformation of the school hall into a pop-up museum, a St Patrick's Day parade and the Bush dance and official dinner.

And even though it hasn't been officially sanctioned by Rome yet, Ms Scott-Pegum believes there was even a minor miracle at the sesquicentenary. After a Saturday morning that consisted of continuous bouts of drizzle and rain, the rain pulled up just long enough for the St Patrick's Day parade through the

main streets of Bega.

"We were delighted that so many past students participated in the parade and many people turned up to watch the parade and to cheer us on," she said.

"The local Historic Car Club joined in and the Sisters of St Joseph in attendance had pride of place in the historic cars. Some participants dressed in period costume for the parade... I dressed up as Sr Josephina in the brown Joey's habit. It was a lot of fun."

While the event is over, that doesn't mean that the work is all done. Ms Scott-Pegum said there are thousands of videos and photos to assemble into some kind of record of the event, there are plans to prepare a time capsule, and letters of thanks to send.

But rather than a finite and completed thing, Ms Scott-Pegum hopes the event will have lasting positive outcomes.

Many of those who attended the event have reconnected with people they'd fallen out of touch with. The school now has a photographic display in the foyer. And the organising committee and staff... well they can put their feet up... for a few days, anyway.



Archbishop Christopher Prowse with three generations of one family all educated at St Pat's



Students and former students joined in the parade

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To Christchurch: From Cooma, with love

BY CHRIS GORDON

When a man with a gun stole the lives of 50 people in Christchurch last month, the impact was profound and widespread. Beyond those killed or injured and their loved ones, beyond a city and a nation in mourning, people around the world struggled to comprehend the barbarity of the slaughter and grappled with a sense of impotence and powerlessness at not being able to help in some way.

Because what can you do? "You can love," said Frances Robertson, Principal of St Patrick's Parish School in Cooma.

As one small gesture of love, compassion and solidarity, the Catholic community of Cooma has built a prayer chain made up of individual message links from the students and parishioners.

"The idea originally came from Fr Mick [McAndrew] as a combined Parish / School initiative in response to the massacre at the Al Noor Mosque and Linwood Islamic Centre in Christchurch," Ms Robertson said.

"Because we are so connected in our parish, we believe it's really important that we often do things together and this was a perfect way for us to do that. So both parishioners and school children from Kindergarten to Year 10, and staff, have all contributed to this prayer chain."

The prayer chain has offered an opportunity for the community to do something practical to express their sadness and support.

One of the difficulties inherent in broaching a tragedy like the Christchurch massacre with children is the importance



St Pat's Kindergarten student Abbie Anderson, flanked by Year 10 students and school captains Nowell Utrush and James Bannon show some of the Cooma prayer chain with principal Frances Robertson. Photo Chris Gordon.

of not upsetting them unduly or over-sharing information they don't really need or are unable to absorb or comprehend.

Conscious of that, the school

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took a very different approach for children at various age points.

"For the children in Kindergarten, we simply talked about how some people are hurting in another country, so let's send some loving kindness to them," said Ms Robertson.

"And if you look at the Kindergarten prayer chains, they have their names and a pretty picture; it might have a hug and a kiss on it, or a smiley face.

"For the Year 10s it was very different. They did analysis of the media, they visited a Canberra mosque, they explored extremism and how it is counter to what we actually believe... gentleness, love and compassion. You know, clothe yourself in those things, from Corinthians. So it was a more complex response for them."

"The Year 10s had already been scheduled to attend the cathedral, a mosque and a synagogue in Canberra as part of their Interfaith studies and this offered them an opportunity to express their condolences in a very direct way to the Imam at the mosque in Yarralumla.



Some of the messages of love, peace and compassion in Cooma's prayer chain. Photo: Frances Robertson.

"It also meant that the students had a heightened awareness that a mosque is a place of prayer and that people who come to prayer come with love in their hearts and a belief in their God. And the massacre was even more terrible because that was violated. There was a real resonance with that and it was very timely, so we approached the topic in very different ways across the age spectrum."

The next step of the process will be boxing up the prayer chain and sending it to the Al Noor mosque in New Zealand. Ms Robertson said it wasn't important if the box was even

opened at the other end or, or if it was boxed away in storage.

"This was an opportunity in expressing our love, our compassion, to others in pain," she said.

"If they see, from a little country town in Australia that we remembered them and are thinking of them, that may touch someone or ease someone's burden, even a little and that would be great.

"From our school to New Zealand, it's just one simple gesture of compassion. Whenever we are presented with opportunities to reach out or build bridges, we should take them."

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Opportunities for women to come together

THERE ARE a number of significant events coming up over the next few months for women in our Archdiocese. The events are opportunities to come together to connect with each other and to be nourished and strengthened in faith.

Anima Women's Network
Saturday April 6 from 2pm – 4.30pm
Local members of the Anima Women's Network are hosting a retreat afternoon at St Joseph's Parish O'Connor on Sat 6th April from 2-4.30pm. The afternoon's theme will revolve around the Stabat Mater, a beautiful 13th-century Christian hymn devoted to Mary as she witnessed the crucifixion of her son, Jesus. The retreat will include adoration, an opportunity for the sacrament of reconciliation and will finish with afternoon tea. Event organiser Clara Geoghegan says "Please join us for an afternoon of prayer and fellowship as we journey through Lent in companionship with Mary and the women who accompanied Jesus to the Cross. We hope this will be the first of such opportunities for the women of Canberra" Donation \$10 for afternoon tea. Enquiries phone 0448 411 389 or email geoghegan.clara@gmail.com



A recent High Tea hosted by DaJ Women Back row: Sarah Kirk, Isabelle Seselja, Bernadette Madsen, Katie Kirk, Felicity Barry, Clare Healey Front row: Mya Taffe, Lily Seselja

Disciples of Jesus Twilight Retreat
Wednesday May 29 6pm - 8:30pm
Women from the local branch of the Disciples of Jesus Community are hosting a Twilight Retreat on Wednesday evening 29th May. The theme of the retreat is: "REAL Life to the Full: how longing for a Pinterest-worthy life can stifle your mission and steal your joy". Event organiser Cathy Madsen says "Women of

all ages are most welcome. It's a chance to reflect on your day to day experiences and connect them meaningfully with your faith in Christ". The event includes dinner, input, reflection time, small groups and supper. Cost is \$15 for those who can afford it, otherwise just come. Enquiries contact Cathy Madsen on 0422 117 210 or cathcarlmadson@gmail.com



Bernadette Madsen, Cathy Madsen, Anna Jeffery, Ethel Ringrose-Voase

Sisterhood Canberra Retreat Day
July 27 from 9.30am – 4pm
Sisterhood National Catholic Women's Movement are co-hosting retreat days around the country with the Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia. The Canberra Retreat Day will be held in the Haydon Hall at Manuka on Saturday 27th July from 9.30-4.00pm. Organiser Karen Doyle says "The retreat is a wonderful opportunity for women to take time out and to reconnect with God and other women of faith. The retreat welcomes women of all ages." The day costs \$25

Enquiries ring 0499 877 833 or email info@sisterhood.org.au
Call to Connect
Another opportunity for women to grow in their faith is through the "Call to Connect" prayer sharing groups that presently operate in Canberra, Yass, Goulburn, Queanbeyan and Braidwood. These groups meet every three weeks for prayer, hospitality and sharing the faith journey. Call to Connect offers resources and starter kits for new groups to form. Enquiries to Bronnie 0432 257 622

Ecumenical gathering seeks to builds bridges

BY ROD PAGE

"TRUTH, UNITY and Reconciliation" is the theme for a national meeting of Sudanese and South Sudanese Christian women leaders in Canberra this week.
The March 29-30 consultation process has been organised by the National Council of Churches Australia (NCCA) with 20 women selected from various faiths including Catholic, Uniting, Salvation Army, Lutheran, Anglican and Baptist churches.
Two women will represent the Catholic Sudanese and South Sudanese communities of Australia: Mary Kenyi from Brisbane and Sydney's Anna Dimo.
Elizabeth Stone, interim general secretary of the NCCA, said the consultation would be a unique opportunity for Sudanese and South Sudanese women to meet together and share their stories, experiences, challenges and hopes from their contexts of living in Australia.
"The aim of the meeting will be to develop connections and relationships across tribal and denominational loyalties across



Susan and Rod Page from St Peter Channel's Yarralumla, with a senior leader at the Canberra Islamic Centre Mosque in Yarralumla. To right, Ian Lynch and Willem Kok and Riana Kok on Friday evening, March 15.

the country," she said.
"At the previous leaders' consultation (in May 2018), there were only four women present out of 28, and one of the recommendations was 'that women need to be given their own space in the mediation process'."
Those women present last year have been instrumental in identifying women leaders from across the churches of Australia to be present and will lead this year's consultation.
Bishop Michael McKenna, chair of the Bishops Commission

for Christian Unity and Inter-religious Dialogue, welcomed the NCCA initiative and is grateful for the participation of Catholic representatives.
From his days as a priest in Fitzroy, Bishop McKenna came to know especially the South Sudanese people and learnt not only of their challenges, but also of the richness of faith that they bring to the Church and community in Australia.
Ms Kenyi, from the Archdiocese of Brisbane, said she felt honoured to have been chosen

to take part in the consultation process.
"I have been in Australia for 15 years, living in Brisbane. I have four children of my own who are now grown up and I also care for my sister-in-law's orphans," she said.
"I have two issues – lack of unity among the Sudanese community groups and some of our children disengaging at school and getting involved in some anti-social behaviours.
"(At the conference) I will talk about my involvement in the Church and how the churches can work together to bring peace and harmony among the cultural groups and the wider community."
Ms Dimo, who has five adult children now living in cities across the country, has called Australia home for the past 18 years and is connected with Sydney's St Bakhita pastoral care centre, which provides English, computer and other classes to Sudanese of all faiths and ethnicities.
"It feels wonderful to represent the Sudanese community

anywhere. My involvement with the Church has been long and representing the Catholic community is a privilege," she said.
"I would like to see greater support at all government levels for our Sudanese people. Humans have basic needs everywhere and it is their right to receive them when available.
"Sudanese migrants and refugees have mostly a very low level of education; most have grown up during the years of civil war. A high number of them are illiterate, which makes it impossible to integrate into society and the wider community.
"If our people had accommodation, health care and education assistance in which they could have involvement, their lives would be different and their children's lives would be a pleasant thought. I am sure if there were more opportunities, they would be happy to participate.
"I believe strongly in the power of God, his love and mercy."
The consultation process will be held at Canberra's Australian Centre for Christianity & Culture.

Safeguarding our community

BY MARIA HICKS

Q- What is the Archdiocese and/or more importantly our parishes currently doing to keep children safe?

A – Our parishes continue to do significant work to keep our children safe and follow many of the same requirements as our schools and other institutions that provide services to children.

All employees and or volunteers working with children must have a WWVP in the ACT or a WWCC if in NSW. This is non-negotiable. In addition, referee checks are crucial when engaging employees and volunteers who have significant contact with children and young people.

Parishes are also required to provide a physical and online environment that is safe for children and young people. Templates for completing risk assessments when holding a parish activity involving children are available on the Archdiocesan website as well as protocols and fact sheets regarding the use (or non-use) of alcohol and tobacco around children, photographing children and using technology



and social media with children.

The same behaviour by an adult towards a child that is not tolerated in our schools is not tolerated in our parishes. Unacceptable behaviour includes derogatory comments, swearing, bullying, forming an exclusive relationship with a child or abuse. All employees and volunteers are expected to read and sign the Archdiocesan Child Protection Code of Conduct.

Q. What is the Archdiocese doing to ensure all clergy who work in the Archdiocese are

suitable to work with children?

A. Like any employee or volunteer, our clergy are required to meet all legislative requirements for working with children. All active Archdiocesan clergy and staff who regularly work with children and/or young people across the Archdiocese are required to have both an ACT WWVP and a NSW WWCC. In addition, when clergy visit this Archdiocese, even if it is for a one hour family baptism, they are required to advise the IPSS of their arrival and departure

date, provide evidence from their Church Authority that they are in good standing and have a current working with children clearance for their state/territory.

Existing clergy will be provided with access to professional supervision and are required to to access ongoing training on recognising the signs of child abuse and managing risks within parishes in order to keep children safe.

Q. How can a person report a concern about a child in the ACT? What does mandatory reporting mean?

A. If you are concerned about a child in one of our parishes, if you have knowledge, a reasonable belief or even a suspicion that a child is being abused, let your Parish Priest or the IPSS Manager know as soon as possible. You could if you want make your own report. Don't worry about "what if you am wrong" – think about – "what if I am right?"

In the ACT Child and Youth Protection Services (CYPS) is responsible for investigating the wellbeing of children who may be at risk of abuse or neglect by a family member or guardian.

Child abuse and neglect are serious and complex problems that can occur in the lives of children. While CYPS is the ACT government agency responsible for child protection, it relies on:

- the community – to make voluntary reports of suspected child abuse or neglect
- mandated reporters – certain professionals who are required by law to report physical and sexual abuse. Recent legislation put to the ACT Legislative Assembly by the Attorney-General now includes religious clergy as mandated reporters.

CYPS receives, records and responds to all allegations of child abuse or neglect that occurs within a family. Such allegations are recorded in a Child Concern Report that can be made by anyone in the community. In making a report, you are not required to prove abuse or neglect has occurred, just that you have reasonable grounds for your belief.

Further details can be found at: <https://www.communityservices.act.gov.au/ocyfs/keeping-children-and-young-people-safe>



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Letter to the Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn regarding the ACT Legislation and the Seal of Confession

Dear Friends in Christ,
May the peace of Christ be with you all in this Lenten season!

Much progress has been made over the past 20 years to ensure children in our care are safe and protected. Among other initiatives, the Archdiocese now has an Institute for Professional Standards and Safeguarding. We have adopted the 10 key elements recommended for child-safe institutions coming from the Royal Commission. We have entered the National Redress Scheme.

I wish to update you on new legislation in the ACT regarding child abuse. In summary, the ACT Government's recent legislative changes are:

- i. The Crimes Act (ACT) will require any citizen over the age of 18 who identifies or believes that a child is being abused to report the matter to the police.
- ii. Mandatory Reporting will require clergy to report

to Child and Youth Protection Services.

iii. The Reportable Conduct Scheme requires certain employees who work with children to report child abuse and misconduct by another employee (including volunteers) that occurs either in a professional or personal capacity.

The Reportable Conduct provision will come into effect from April 1 with the others to follow at later dates.

The sexual abuse of children and vulnerable people is both a crime and a sin. Civil authorities deal with crime and punishment. The community of faith deals with sin and forgiveness, support and healing.

Along with other good citizens, Catholics seek to comply with the Government's legislation. We will continue to maintain safe, nurturing environments for our children.

The proposed legislation requires Mandatory Reporting by priests in relation to child abuse disclosed

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breaching the Seal of Confession, take the opportunity to encourage and

assist the person to report to civil authorities.

Work is underway to assist priests to respond practically to the challenges ahead. That work will continue with input from my Professional Standards Advisory Panel and from priests.

I do pray, my dear people, that this clarification is helpful to you.

May the merciful Jesus lead us all on our Lenten journey to the Easter Mysteries of our faith.

Yours sincerely in Christ,
Archbishop Christopher Prowse
Catholic Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn
27th March 2019



Media Statement from the Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn

Media Statement on the ACT Legislation and the Seal of Confession

27 March, 2019

The Catholic Church is supportive of the ACT Government's recent legislative changes. In summary, they are:

- i. The Crimes Act (ACT) will require any citizen over the age of 18 who identifies or believes that a child is being abused to report the matter to the police.
- ii. Mandatory Reporting will require clergy to report to Child and Youth Protection Services.
- iii. The Reportable Conduct Scheme requires certain employees who work with children to report child abuse and misconduct by

another employee (including volunteers) that occurs either in a professional or personal capacity.

The sexual abuse of children and vulnerable people is both a crime and a sin. Civil authorities deal with crime and punishment. The community of faith deals with sin and forgiveness, support and healing.

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By Shane Dwyer

When the going gets tough

As I write this, news is coming through on the sentence Cardinal Pell has been given for the abuse of two choirboys shortly after his installation as the Archbishop of Melbourne. It comes as the next chapter in a seemingly long-running saga that culminated in his conviction towards the end of 2018 and the removal of the suppression order in February. Then we will deal with the outcome of the appeal scheduled for June; an event which will leave many unhappy, whatever the decision.

So what do we make of all this? Chances are, you have your views. You may feel the need to take a side: identifying with those who see Cardinal Pell as an innocent martyr, or with those who wonder if his conviction is simply just the tip of some sort of sordid iceberg. Battlelines are being drawn to reinforce such divisions, echoing the situation of the early church: 'I'm for Cardinal Pell...I'm for the victims...I'm for moving on and not having to think about it' (see 1 Corinthians 3:4).

No comment is being made in this article about Cardinal Pell's guilt or innocence. That is for the courts and, ultimately, for God to decide. Instead, we reflect on what it means for us to be Catholic in today's environment: an environment in which the Church is, rightly or wrongly, being called to account.

For many this is not a particularly easy time to be Catholic. In PR terms it is not looking great. The 2016 census tells us numbers are down and even among those who continue to practice our faith, there can be an air of confusion and disappointment. Perhaps even anger. It can be hard to speak about sharing our faith in this context, which is my primary role as the Director for the National Centre for Evangelisation.

So many Catholics I have



worked with in recent years tell me that they no longer know what to say about their faith to their friends, their children, or their grandchildren. Recently my office was contacted by an elderly man who was reflecting on this situation. As he comes to the end of his life he wonders what he can do as a last ditch attempt to pass on the faith that has nourished him his whole life.

The Church is in regular need of renewal and reform, and this should not surprise us. Any organisation that lets you and me through the door is never going to be perfect.

His loved ones don't appear to be interested. He feels that his Church hasn't always helped him to do this. In fact, we may even have got in the way.

It would be easy to feel

overwhelmed, but even a rudimentary study of the history of the Church tells us that we've been in tough situations before. The Church is in regular need of renewal and reform, and this should not surprise us. Any organisation that lets you and me through the door is never going to be perfect. For this is one of the glories of the Church: that all are welcome – saints and sinners

alike. And this is the burden of the Church: that are all welcome – sinners and saints alike.

And as we look back over the history of the Church this is what we see: when things get

difficult, the great saints come to the fore. God does not abandon his people, even as we might be tempted to abandon God. In times of difficulty the call becomes very direct and very simple: throw yourself on the grace and mercy of God, learn to pray again, and allow the search for truth to lead you forward.

For this I know to be true: there is nothing standing between us and the love of God. There is nothing happening in the world, in the Church, or in your own life that is preventing you and me from living the faith we have received. You are as baptised as the pope, and you are called to live your baptism as if nothing else matters.

But we are human beings and it can be hard to do this without support. For this reason I once more make you an invitation. Learn to think of yourself as an agent of evangelisation. By this I don't mean anything onerous.

I simply mean that we must embrace the call to enter deeply into our faith and, where appropriate and as the opportunity arises, to take the step of sharing that faith with others. For this reason each of you is being invited to join the Agents of Evangelisation network. See <https://www.nce.catholic.org.au/networks/agents-of-evangelisation-network> for how to join.

Pray for Cardinal Pell by all means and pray for the Church. Pray especially for any who have been in any way hurt by those who should only have been the presence of Christ for them. And pray that you too may more effectively be that presence.

Shane Dwyer is the Director of the National Centre for Evangelisation and the Catholic Enquiry Centre.

Getting on with their life

Several fellow deacons and their wives recently travelled from Canberra and Boorowa and met with Deacon Paul & Jo Rummary at the Catalina Club at Bateman's Bay to offer assistance, support and especially comfort and prayers.

Deacon Paul & Jo Rummary tragically lost their home at Tuross Head to fire just short of Christmas time. It was a devastating and life changing event.

Their visitors had remained in contact with them since that terrible day when everything they owned in life was lost to fire, and the devastation of losing all their memorabilia and history was a big blow to them in so many ways.

They were able to talk freely of how this was affecting them; the shock, the disbelief, the ongoing trauma, the difficulty trying to work through the legal aspects, and yet they were both stoic and resigned to move on in their lives with the support of so many people who love them dearly.

The Deacons of the Archdiocese were proud to spend some time with Paul & Jo, to pray with them, to hug them and reassure them. And they all joked about the message chalked on the board behind the table where they enjoyed lunch together.



The Archdiocesan Deacon's showing solidarity with their mates in distress. From left: Deacon Chris van Gelder, Deacon Mick O'Donnell, Cora O'Donnell, Wenda Blackwell, Deacon Joe Blackwell, Deacon Paul Rummary, Jo Rummary, Elizabeth van Gelder, and Deacon Patrick Whale.

Project Compassion launched at Daramalan

CARITAS MEDIA RELEASE

On Ash Wednesday, March 6, over 1400 students, staff and visiting representatives from colleges within the Archdiocese, gathered at Daramalan College to hear Archbishop Christopher Prowse officially launch Project Compassion for 2019 at a special Mass.

After the homily, guest speaker, Mr Paul Mugambi from Kenya, an advocate for both disability and human rights, shared his inspirational story.

Despite becoming blind as a young adult, Paul has overcome extraordinary barriers and gone on to achieve some amazing accomplishments. He has worked in refugee camps in Kenya integrating disability into community programs, is currently doing his Masters degree at ANU in Public Policy and has served as the Secretary of People with Disabilities ACT.

He was the first Kenyan to play blind cricket, is an artist and has also won numerous awards – the latest being, the 2018 Chief Minister's Award.

Paul's story of hope and courage highlights the many ways Caritas also works around the world to offer hope to communities who are vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice.

Project Compassion is Caritas Australia's annual Lenten fundraising and awareness-raising appeal. Millions of Australians come together in solidarity with the world's poor to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity.

Archbishop Christopher Prowse reminded all present that Lent is a time of reflection and forgiveness, a time to stop and think about how to play a part in God's hope for a world that is fair, just and peaceful.

Through prayer, fasting and almsgiving the focus shifts to a closer relationship with God and how serving others can draw us closer to God.

Caritas Australia relies on the generosity of the Catholic community, through Project Compassion, to continue to fund projects that assist those who are most vulnerable in the world, projects that empower communities with hope and help those in great need to shape a better future for themselves, their families and their communities.

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The Triduum - one continuous liturgy



BY MS SHARON BOYD

THE EASTER Triduum comprises the three holiest days of the Church's calendar that lead us from Lent to the joy of Easter, drawing us intimately into the Paschal Mystery: the saving impact of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Beginning with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, the Triduum takes us through Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and the Easter Vigil, concluding with Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday.

The Mass of the Lord's Supper features the Washing of the Feet highlighting Jesus' servant leadership, which leads him (and us) into the Last Supper. The tabernacle door is open from the beginning of the liturgy as a stark reminder that there will be no consecration on Good Friday and what is consecrated this night must last the congregation (and the sick) until the Easter Vigil. The commemoration of the Last Supper brings into

sharp focus the solemn reality that Jesus' life will be offered up in sacrifice as does the removal of the Blessed Sacrament to the altar of repose and our invitation to keep vigil with Jesus.

Good Friday liturgies include the Office of Readings and Morning Prayer, and the devotion of the Stations of the Cross; yet the key liturgy of Good Friday is the Passion of Our Lord, usually held at 3 pm, the hour in which Jesus was crucified. This solemn three-part liturgy features dramatic readings (that foreshadow and describe the suffering Jesus endured), the moving Adoration of the Cross and Holy Communion from the reserved sacrament.

Holy Saturday honours the day in which Christ lay in the tomb. As a society that isn't very good at waiting for things, this time of waiting needs to be reclaimed. The Office of Readings and Morning Prayer from the Prayer of the Church offer us a way to do this liturgically in our worshipping communities.

As is fitting for a time of waiting, Holy Communion can only be received as Viaticum (for those facing death).

In the darkness of Saturday evening the Easter Vigil begins with the Blessing of the Fire, which lights the Paschal Candle that will light our way for the coming year. As we follow the Paschal candle into the darkened church, we soon hear the magnificent Exsultet, followed by the stories of salvation from the Hebrew Scriptures to the proclamation of Christ's resurrection. If there are catechumens seeking full initiation, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults then breaks forth and the congregation renews their own Baptismal vows. We then feast in the Eucharist and, jubilant in the resurrection, we are dismissed with the cry "Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!"

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Oberammergau

OBERAMMERGAU IS in Bavaria, Southern Germany, at the foot of the Bavarian Alps.

It has become famous because of the Passion Play which is staged every ten years. It takes about two thousand people to stage the Passion Play, all of whom come from the town.

The Passion Play was first staged in 1634, as the fruit of a pledge the townspeople made to God, that, if the town was spared the ravages of the plague and warfare, they would stage the Passion Play. The town became the 'stage' with the buildings painted to resemble the way to Calvary.

These days, there is a purpose built stage with an open-air auditorium to seat almost two thousand spectators. The Play is staged from May to October and is now performed in years ending in zero. The only time the play was not performed was during the Second World War.

I first read of the Oberammergau Passion Play as a ten year old and wonder then if I would

ever get to see it. In Queensland where I grew up we had our own Passion Play, the Iona Passion Play, performed by students and staff at Iona Catholic College, in Wynnum, near Brisbane. My parents would take my sister and I to see it each year close to Holy Week.

Harvest Pilgrimages in Sydney have offered to organise a pilgrimage to Oberammergau in September 2020, so I am offering to accompany anyone who wishes to attend. The advert in this edition of Voice gives details.

Anyone interested can send for a colour brochure giving details. The pilgrimage will also include time in Assisi, Florence and Rome. I've called the pilgrimage a Pilgrimage of Beauty because through art and nature the participants can reflect on how God has used the human spirit to bring to life great beauty where we see God's hand at work. In doing that, we can also re-discover the beauty within ourselves and others.

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Celebrating our RCIA participants

Increased numbers wish to join the Catholic Church

BY MATT RANSOM

Over 30 people gathered with Archbishop Christopher for the Rite of the Elect at St Christopher's Cathedral.

That represents the third largest group choosing to become Catholics over the last 23 years.

This is an ancient, beautiful ritual that is a part of an individual's journey in becoming a Catholic.

During this time, some of 'the elect' shared about how Jesus had been working in their lives over some time to draw them to this place.

One gentleman mentioned that he just started dropping into St Patrick's at Braddon for some quiet during lunch. He was so inspired by the Priest's preaching that he decided that he wanted to become Catholic.

The Rite of the Elect is part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) and relates to adults wishing to become Catholic. Where there are both Elect (unbaptised) and Candidates (baptised) in a Parish there is the option of a combined Rite.

This Rite is also known by the formal title of The (Combined) Celebration at the Easter Vigil of the Sacraments of Initiation and of the Rite of Reception into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church.

When we include those from rural areas, who were unable to attend, we are probably looking at over 50 people wanting to join the Church in 2019.



PP Fr Mick Burke, Parish Music Director Annabelle O'Connell and members of the Yass Parish RCIA group meet with Trish & Georgia & to discuss their baptism upcoming this Easter



Trish Chipangura & Georgia Whittaker with Archbishop Prowse at the Rite of Election. Trish and Georgia will be baptised at St Augustine's Yass at this year's Easter Vigil. Trish and Georgia both attended St Francis Xavier College last year and are at uni this year. They are close friends of parish families the OConnells and Barrys respectively.

Finding faith against the tide

BY CHRIS GORDON

It's a difficult time for the Catholic Church.

A time of confronting its own errors and flaws, a time of rebuilding and a time of healing.

But at a time when some Catholics are questioning their faith, questioning their religion, many non-Catholics are still drawn to the Church.

Eighteen year old Georgia Whitaker from Harrison is one of around 50 people in the Canberra-Goulburn Archdiocese involved in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program who wish to be baptised Catholic this year.

For Georgia, that represents a significant life change. She comes to Catholicism with a clean slate... no previous religious experience or affiliation.

"No-one in my family is religious," Georgia explained.

"My dad was a Catholic and practiced when he was growing up but stopped when he was about



18."

Journeys to faith and religious conversion can come from a range of unsuspecting and intersecting paths. For Georgia, those paths involved being a student at one Catholic School, and the closure of another one.

"When I was in Year 10 at St Francis Xavier College, Mount Carmel in Yass closed down, and so a lot of those kids came to my school," Georgia said.

"I became friends with them. I wasn't religious at all, and they were Catholic and I thought they were a little bit weird. But we were friends for a while, and they didn't really bring up the whole

Catholic/not Catholic thing.

"In Year 11, people started inviting me to things like Explosion and stuff and I'd say, 'no, not really my thing.' Then one of my friends ended up dragging me to Mass in Narrabundah. I'd never been to Mass before, except for school Masses which were kind of bland and very long, and this was very different. It was Charismatic and it was really cool."

Soon after that, Georgia's friends began inviting her to Church and church-related activities, like youth groups and youth events. As most of her friends lived in Yass and Murrumbateman she mostly attended youth

group there and felt that she fitted in nicely, so much so that Yass is where she has chosen to be baptised at Easter this year.

Having become familiar and comfortable attending Mass, her friends then asked her to attend Summer Camp in Bathurst, another significant step for a young woman who was still uncertain about her faith.

"Looking back, I think God gave me the courage to go," Georgia said.

"I didn't feel very Christian at that point. I still thought it was all a little bit stupid and had my doubts about going to this seven day evangelist camp. But I went, and it was really fun but really amazing.

"At the end of the week, to be honest, I was a bit overwhelmed. It was pretty full-on. But in the weeks to come it settled into me more and really seemed to make a difference. I started going to Mass every week with my friends and it became clearer and clearer that I wanted this. I wanted to be baptised, I wanted to be a Catholic."

While the Summer School and other evangelical services offered Georgia a heightened, more energised example of Catholic worship, Georgia says her faith is not reliant on large scale, exuberant events.

"In fact, from going to different places and experiencing different things, I've realised that I prefer more of a traditional Mass and a traditional environment," she said.

"And I'm not at all critical of the more energetic forms of worship. I find it really great to go to them every now and then and you get this real boost and experience, but for me it's good to come back and be solid where you're at."

For someone to begin to explore their faith from within a family that isn't religious can be a difficult and confronting process but Georgia said she has had none of that. While her family are adjusting to "new" Georgia, they have been nothing but supportive.

"My parents are both really happy for me. Like, genuinely happy and excited about it," Georgia said.

"I've tried to get them to go to things like Alpha and so on, but they're not ready for that. Not yet, anyway. My mum's a bit New Age so she loves the idea of people having their own thing, their own belief system, so she's excited that

I've found something.

"With my dad, I think he has this idea, from his own experience, of what Catholicism is. It was enforced and drilled into him as a kid in a conservative Irish-Catholic family in England, which I imagine would have been a lot stricter and not a personal relationship with the faith. But he is very supportive of me in this."

And what exactly is "this?"

For Georgia, it's a path she hadn't realised she was looking for... a framework she hadn't realised she needed... a relationship with God which she realises she had always had but hadn't been able to see.

"This is the answer for me," she said confidently.

"It's not a phase. It's right inside me and I couldn't be more confident than I am about becoming Catholic."

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Marist breakfast sheds light on father-son bonds

THE FOLLOWING are some excerpts from a keynote speech delivered by Chris Carlile at the Marist College Canberra Son-Rise breakfast which hosted over 240 guests on Tuesday 26 March 2019. The guests were welcomed into a beautifully prepared space and were treated to a wonderful breakfast cooked and served by the Hospitality students and staff. Chris is a former Marist parent and spoke about his experiences as a father of two sons who attended the College. He made special reference to an ‘equation of influence’ and explained the role of the parents, teachers and others in the formation of fine young men.

“We can think of the role that Mary played in the life of Jesus – she was in the background, but that doesn’t mean she was



without influence. The scriptures record that the first miracle of Jesus was done at the marriage at Cana at the behest of Mary... It is a good example of the positive influence that parents can have on their children – as part of what I would call the

equation of influence. All of us are influenced by many factors in our environment and we know from psychology that that is how people are formed.”
“We all know how important it is for them to have positive influences in their life – especially

in this day and age where the influences on them do not stop at the school gate, or, when they get off the school bus, but pursues our young people home through their mobile devices, or, on their computer games that they play with their peers to all hours of the night.”
“Raising our sons is a shared responsibility – whether we like it or not. Some of the factors that make up the equation of influence we can choose, but many others come into our sons lives without our knowledge, and are literally beyond our control to stop.”
“We send our sons to Marist to increase the number of favourable factors in that influencing equation, to stack the odds in favour of the positive influences on our sons. This school is not just an educational facility – it is place of formation

for our young men. It is my sincere hope that the teachers and students at Marist, along with our parish community and our families will have the most significant influence on our sons, be the biggest factors that count in their lives. But we shouldn’t take this for granted and we need to support and collaborate with the positive influencers that we value in order to raise our sons together.”
“Our comments and advice are not always welcomed by our sons – but what is important is that we speak with love and support so that they know they will always they have a safe place to come to when things in their life get tough. This to me is the ‘X’ factor in the equation of influence and sending them here to Marist is an additional ‘X’ factor in the ongoing task of raising our sons together.”

MOVIE REVIEW

Captain Marvel: cometh the hour, cometh the woman

BY VERITY DUNN
Captain Marvel
Date released: March 8, 2019
Rating: M

“FINALLY” you say, the first female superhero movie in the Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU)...and it’s really good!
Trained as an extra-terrestrial Kree hero warrior, Carol Danvers is human but doesn’t realise it until she finds herself back on earth fighting an intergalactic war between two alien races – hint, one isn’t good. The story follows Carol’s challenging journey of self-discovery as she becomes Captain Marvel and turns out to be one of the strongest heroes in the universe.
The movie is loosely adapted from the Stan Lee’s comic books, where Carol Danvers is in fact the seventh evolution of Captain Marvel. Set in 1995, incredible visuals and graphics bring the fast paced, action packed science fiction story to life. Coupled with a unique take on female leadership, some sharp wit and a ‘you can’t keep me down’ attitude, this is a very entertaining movie.
A strong and diverse cast with Brie Larson as Danvers supported by her best friend (played by Lashana Lynch) an



incredible pilot who saves a ship of refugees (and also happened to be a black, single mother) and the infamous Samuel L. Jackson as the head of espionage law enforcement unit S.H.I.E.L.D. Take away messages for viewers (young and old) include:
Never underestimate your own strength and resilience – stand up when you get knocked down

You don’t have to prove yourself to anyone else
Listen to reason and trust your gut
You can always rely on a good friendship
In the superhero vein, there is significant action and violence however I was pleasantly surprised the deaths were limited. With only one main casualty (critical for the story) the rest

of the fight scenes focussed on disarming enemies and providing opportunity for negotiation, teaching lessons and sending messages.
As a fantasy and science fiction fan, I love a great story, but am often frustrated by the insignificant female roles with few speaking lines or consistently sexualised costumes – while their male counterparts manage 2+

hours of banter and character development in everyday clothes or outfits that cover more than 30% of their body. DC’s Wonder Woman (even with her famously short warrior skirt) was a win for female leads in 2017, however, Captain Marvel managed to be fully clothed for the entire movie, which had her in jeans and a t-shirt or a warrior suit with more gadgets than revealing lines. The lack of love interest for the Cap provided more time to focus on understanding the environment and her journey of personal discovery – dare I say it...without a man!
She’s tough, down to earth and funny! I wish this movie was out when I was young, but am excited that today’s teens can be entertained by and look up to a greater variety of super heroes – both men, women and people of colour. Step aside Captain America and Thor – enhanced strength and a heavy hammer pale in comparison to photon blasters!
Based in the 1990s this story sets up Captain Marvel’s return in the next Avengers movie (Avengers: End Game, April release) to save the universe and turn the tables on the socio-pathic, genocidal Thanos.

From Kerala to Cooma: at home in the high country

IF YOU could jump back in time and speak with Suja Bosco and her husband Don Bosco Fredy ten years ago, it's unlikely they had even dreamed of moving their family from Kerala in India to Cooma in Australia. But that's where they find themselves today, and they have no plans of leaving.

The family moved to Sydney six years ago hoping for a better life for their family. We thought we would have a better future and better living standards if we moved to Australia," said Don.

"We were both teachers in India – so we applied for Visa's as skilled migrants and were successful."

That in itself was quite a journey. India to Sydney. It took a lot of planning and a bit of upheaval but it seemed like a good idea. And it was a good, but not the final one, as Suja picks up the story. We were in Sydney, near Parramatta, and everything was really rushed and there was lots of traffic," she explained.

"As we have three girls, a lot of the news gave us a bit of concern for the safety of our kids. Not a lot, but I guess it was on our minds. Then one day when I dropped the kids to school, which was just three minutes' walk from home, and when I got home we'd been broken into."

From that, Don and Suja figured out that they were being watched and that their movements were being calculated. A few items were also stolen in the break-in and never recovered.

It forced the family to re-evaluate what they wanted from a home.

"We love to be in a quiet place, and once we started thinking about the safety issues, Don enquired about regional places we could move to," Suja said.

A friend introduced Don to Emmanuel Musoni from the Great Lakes Agency for Peace and Development International (GLAPDInt) and they had a meeting at which Emmanuel gave the family some information about several regional areas.

"We looked at the brochures he gave us and we also searched the internet and looked at videos and we just liked Cooma," said Suja.

"It's a bit like a city but not less crowded. We have good schools here and work was available for Don who works in disabilities. Everything we need is here, with less population.

"But the thing that really clinched it was that there was a team from the parish to welcome us. And not just welcome us, they

"Everyone... Fr Mick, Fr James... everyone in the community has made us feel welcome. People have offered help in lots of different ways,"

were ready to help us relocate. So weighing up everything, Cooma stood out as the best choice. We have all the opportunities here that we need."

It also didn't hurt that Cooma came highly recommended.

"Another motivation to choose Cooma was that Emmanuel said he believed Cooma it was the best place for us," Don said.

"We visited here five or six times before making the final choice and we met the welcoming group that included Richard Hopkins, Yvi Henderson, Dugald Mitchall and Herbert Field. They were prepared to call for us and plan for us so that when we'd visit they'd show us different places – accommodation, schools, jobs... everything, they were glad to fix it for us."

"Their help played a huge role in making us feel like Cooma would be a good home."

In fact Don, Suja and their children didn't just move to Cooma as a family, they moved here as part of a community. Four families including several single adults moved to Cooma together as a group which also helped ensure they didn't feel isolated or alone.

In addition to the designated welcoming committee, the Indian families have found the entire parish to be very welcoming, making them feel like they belong.

"Everyone... Fr Mick, Fr James... everyone in the community has made us feel welcome. People have offered help in lots of different ways," so said, to the agreement of her husband and children.

But one more test still remains. The family have now been in Cooma for seven months, which means they have not yet experienced a Cooma winter. But they've been warned about it... by every second local they speak to.

They understand that it will be colder than either Sydney, or their home in India, but they believe that the city's warmth will get them through the colder months. Still, a couple of pairs of long johns might not go astray



Right at home in Cooma are BACK: Andrea Bosco (14) Suja Bosco, Don Bosco Fredy, Kaitlyn Bosco (10 yrs). FRONT: Twins Aiden and Jwanita Bosco (8 yrs). Photo Chris Gordon.



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His wife wrapped her arms around me and began to weep. I held her, feeling quite helpless to do anything else.

The following Sunday after mass a young man approached me, saying, "I want to thank you Father for what you did for my Aunt. We were all telling her not to worry, Uncle is in heaven now. You just held her, let her cry and said nothing. That's what she really needed. Thank you Father."

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

– Fr Patrick Sharpe msc

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What is the most common name for a Catholic school in NSW?



ST PATRICK’S? St Mary’s? Sacred Heart, perhaps? By far and away, the most widespread Catholic school name in NSW is St Joseph’s.

There are 77 NSW Catholic schools bearing the name of Jesus’ earthly father or a variation thereof (eg, St Joseph the Worker or St Mary–St Joseph, in Maroubra).

That’s one in every eight NSW Catholic schools and more than St Mary’s (36) and St Patrick’s (30) combined.

What does this tell us about Catholic education?

The vast majority of St Joseph’s schools – 58 – are small primary schools established in country towns like Blayney, Wauchope, Lockhart, and Peak Hill.

St Mary Mackillop opened her first St Joseph’s school with Fr Julian Tenison Woods in 1866

in a stable at Penola in South Australia (now the site of the Stable School Park).

On 16 July 1872, a community of her Religious Sisters of St Joseph (RSJ) extended her mission to provide Catholic education for poor and isolated children by opening the first NSW Josephite school in a church at The Vale (later renamed Perthville), a village near Bathurst.

These founding Sisters displayed a spirit of courageous generosity, fidelity and strength, lived out in hardship and in the face of uncertainty and loneliness. Their legacy stretched down the years into future generations of Sisters of Saint Joseph who opened dozens more schools across rural NSW and Australia.

Also highly revered in our school system is Mary the Mother of God, who is honoured by 79 Catholic schools as either St

Mary, “Our Lady...” or through the title of the Marist orders.

The ministry of early Irish Brothers in Australia is also reflected in the NSW schools named in honour of Ireland’s St Patrick, including two Sydney colleges that maintain the Patrician Brothers name.

More recently, Catholic school names have reflected the growth of newly arrived Orders such as the Maronites (St Maroun’s, St Charbel’s College, Maronite College of the Holy Family

It is important that Catholic education leaders and staff today understand and safeguard the selfless pioneering work of the early religious brothers and sisters as we engage with governments, political parties and their electors ahead of the state election.

Source: Catholic Schools NSW

Marist Brothers’ observe Day of Remembrance and Lament

On Friday March 8, the Marist Brothers in Australia and their works paused to reflect on the hurt and pain suffered by the victims and survivors of child sexual abuse.

The Day of Remembrance and Lament is held at the commencement of Lent each year.

The Prayer of Remembrance enables all Marists to pause and reflect on the profound betrayal of children abused in our institutions and its tragic consequences.

“The beginning of Lent is timely for us to stop and remember the enormous pain and suffering endured by too many”, said Acting Provincial Brother Darren Burge fms. The 2019 Prayer of Remembrance calls on all Marists to pray for the survivors of abuse who have been harmed by people claiming to be followers of Jesus and for the families of those abused who have carried heavy burdens as a result of the injuries inflicted on their loved ones.

“We pray for healing and peace for those who have and continue to suffer greatly as a direct consequence of these events.



“The Marist Brothers lament these terrible events and pray for forgiveness for the failure to protect, nurture and cherish young people in our care. We also recognise the significant impact these events have also had on Marists and we pray for all whose faith has been shaken by the abuse that has occurred, Our Institute was founded on the honourable ideals of St Marcellin Champagnat and we pray that we will be a community that upholds them and always cares for and protects all children”, said Brother Darren.

Catholic missionaries, aid workers among victims of Ethiopian plane crash

ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA: Pope Francis is offering prayers for the 157 people killed in an Ethiopian Airlines plane crash Sunday, which include a priest, a religious sister, and four staff members with Catholic Relief Services.

A Monday telegram from Vatican Secretary of State Cardinal Pietro Parolin said that “His Holiness Pope Francis offers prayers for the deceased from various countries and comments their souls to the mercy of Almighty God.”

“Pope Francis sends heartfelt condolences to their families, and upon all who mourn this tragic loss he invokes the divine blessings of consolation and strength,” said Parolin.

Ethiopian Airlines Flight 302 crashed just minutes after taking off from Addis Ababa Sunday. Everyone aboard the plane, which was headed to Nairobi, Kenya, was killed.

The 157 victims included seven crew members and one security officials, as well as 19 U.N. staff members, CNN reported. Those killed came from 35 countries, with the largest number from Kenya.

The cause of the crash is still under investigation.

Catholic Relief Services released a statement Monday saying, “It is with heavy hearts that we share the news that four members of our staff were killed” in the crash.

“All four individuals were Ethiopian nationals traveling to Nairobi to attend a training on our behalf,” CRS said.

Sintayehu Aymeku had worked for CRS/Ethiopia since January of 2017. He was first employed as a senior procurement officer in the administration department, and recently began a new position as procurement manager in the supplies chain department. He

was a husband and a father of three daughters.

Sara Chalachew worked for CRS/Ethiopia since January of 2010, first as a commodity accountant and then as senior commodity accounts officer in the logistics department. Since December, she was the senior project officer for grants.

Mulusew Alemu worked for CRS/Ethiopia since May of 2018, as a finance officer, project grant accountant, and senior finance officer.

Getnet Alemayehu had worked for CRS/Ethiopia since August of 2009, first as a procurement officer and then as senior procurement officer in the administration department. In December, he began a new position as senior project officer in the department of procurement and compliance. He was married with one daughter.

Catholic Relief Services said that while mourning, they intend to “celebrate the lives of these colleagues and the selfless contributions they made to our mission,” in spite of the risks associated with humanitarian work. CRS offered prayers for all who had lost loved ones in the plane crash.

South African Catholic newspaper The Southern Cross also reported that a Kenyan priest and nun were aboard the plane when it crashed.

Father George Kageche Mukua CMM, a member of the Congregation of Mariannhill Missionaries was a passenger on the flight. The 40-year-old missionary had been ordained a priest in 2017.

Sr. Florence Wangari, a Notre Dame de Angers Sister in her early 30s, was also on board, on her way to Nairobi to renew her passport, The Southern Cross reported. She was a missionary nurse in the Democratic Republic of Congo.



Debris in a field after Ethiopian Airlines Flight 302 crashed shortly after takeoff March 10 2019 PICTURE: Jemal CountessGetty



Maria Hicks, Victor Dunn and Kaye Dunn were on hand at the Kirribilli Club in Lavender Bay to hear Fr Tony Percy give this year's Bishop Manning Lecture.



Student Andre Le was one of the Marist students to take on the World's Greatest Shave challenge, with Fr Josh Scott acting as head shearer/barber.



Principal Jo Scott-Pegum joined with staff and Fr Luke Verell for a photo at the Bega 150th Bush Dance and Dinner.



Students from Lumen Christi Catholic College in Pambula spent time with students from La Carlota City College as part of their Philippines Immersion Trip.



Some of the Former St Patrick's Student's marched as "Ex Pats" in the Bega Sesquicentenary parade.



On Tuesday March 19, St Clare's College joined more than 20,000 Aussies in participating in the World's Greatest Shave. A number of courageous St Clare's students and a staff member had their hair cut or shaved to support the Leukaemia Foundation.

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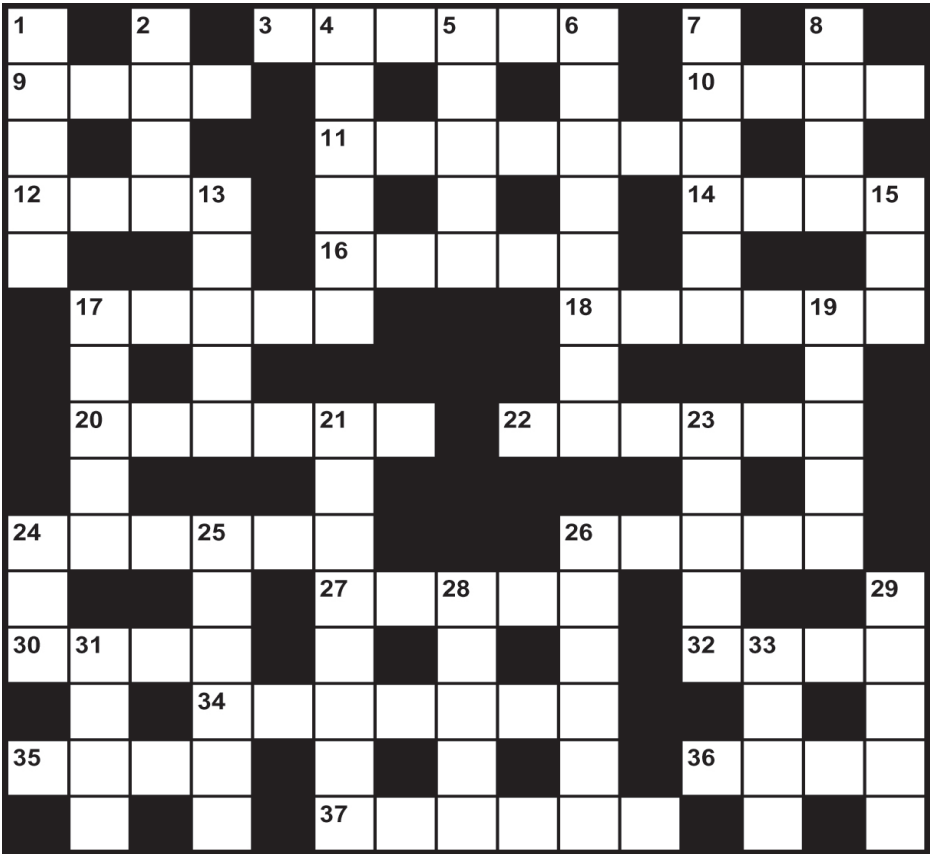
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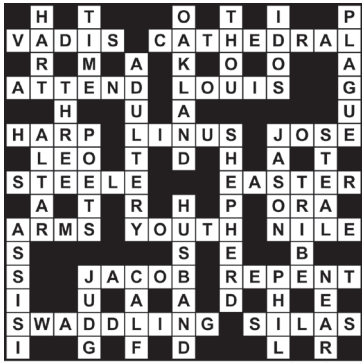


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- ACROSS**
- 3 Number of New Testament letters that bear the name of a person
 - 9 The Garden of Eden might have been in this modern-day state
 - 10 He called for justice to roll down like water
 - 11 Extreme ____
 - 12 "What God ____ joined together..."
 - 14 French clergyman
 - 16 Her tomb was the first thing bought in the Bible
 - 17 Number of days Jonah spent in the belly of a large fish (Jon 1:17)
 - 18 Saint for sore throats
 - 20 St. Nicholas is a patron of this country
 - 22 Nativity scene
 - 24 Doubting apostle
 - 26 Color of Ordinary Time
 - 27 "____ Noster"
 - 30 Funeral ____
 - 32 There were 40 days and nights of this
 - 34 Penance ____
 - 35 Mary made a request of Jesus here
 - 36 Sydney's first archbishop, John ____ Polding
 - 37 Author of The Models of the Church

- DOWN**
- 1 Number of humans in Noah's ark (Gen 7:13)
 - 2 Nod, vis-à-vis Eden
 - 4 St. ____ de Marillac
 - 5 ____ of Christ

- 6 "Love your ____ as yourself"
- 7 North American country with approximately 40% Catholic population
- 8 "...the babe leaped in her ____" (Lk 1:41)
- 13 They blew these outside the walls of Jericho
- 15 Wife of 31D
- 17 The Law
- 19 50's Catholic televangelist-bishop
- 21 Moved by God
- 23 Sacre ____
- 24 Abbr. for two NT epistles
- 25 Book with the words and rubrics of a liturgy
- 26 Catholic author of The Power and the Glory
- 28 "And do not bring us to the time of ____." (Lk 11:4)



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Coming Events

APRIL 6: Women Alive 4 Retreat. Come journey with us at the Women AliveRetreat on April 6 at Greg Collin's Centre, St Benedict's Catholic Church and discover the hidden strength in you. 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM St Benedict's Mission Centre, Narrabundah.

APRIL 6, 7: "Kaleidoscope" presents a afternoon of Music and Drama, featuring their choir and an original play by a local playwright, on Saturday April 6 at Weston Creek Uniting church and Sunday April 7 at Queanbeyan Uniting church, both commencing at 2pm. The Queanbeyan performance is in support of 'HOME in QUEANBEYAN' a local charity for homeless people with mental health issues. "

APRIL 12-14, : Finding life and joy in today's world: A retreat using worship from Taizé, 12-14 April 2019 at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, Sydney. Facilitated by Fr John Armstrong and Annemarie Nicol. All welcome (with a special invite to young people between 18 and 35). Cost: \$300.00 Private facilities, fully catered Friday dinner to Sunday lunch. Address: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Rd, Varroville NSW 2566 Bookings: Mount Carmel Retreat Centre (02 8795 3400) or visit <http://carmeliteretreats.com.au/> More information: Annemarie (0421 492 554).

APRIL 13: Canberra Regional Amicus Group. MV Canberra Southern Cross Club Sightseeing Cruise, 10.15am followed by Lunch at Snapper on the Lake. RSVP Contact Patricia 0412 351 548

APRIL 13: Palms Open: One-Day Jesuit Retreat. This One-Day Jesuit retreat is a free event that will be offered at Xavier House, Yarralumla 10am – 4pm. It will be a time for prayer, input, praise and worship and will end with Mass at 3pm. It is aimed at young people 18 and over. Join us to prepare for Holy Week. Lunch, tea and coffee provided. RSVP to Robin: rkoning@jtc.edu.au or phone 0488 733 377.

APRIL 16: Concerned Catholics of Canberra-Goulburn will host a public forum on Tuesday April 16 (7.15 for 7.30pm). Former Royal Commissioner Robert Fitzgerald AM will address the topic: "Governance for our Church – Out of hope, not fear – exploring the lessons of the Royal Commission and beyond, for the future governance, leadership and culture of the Catholic Church and its people". This forum will be held at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, Blackall

Street, Barton ACT. All welcome. www.concernedcatholicscanberra.org

APRIL 24 - 27: Instagrace-2019 is a 4 day program organised by Jesus Youth Canberra for young people 14-17. This program aims to help young people to explore themselves and to relate to Jesus. The program provides a fun filled pathway to deepen their Catholic faith through inspiring talks, music & life testimonies and will be conducted at St Thomas the Apostle Church, Kambah from 8.00 am to 6pm. Registration fee for the program is \$130. Please visit the website for more details – www.instagrace.com.au and register by filling the online application form. If you have further enquiries please contact Roby: 0433 828 266.

APRIL 27: Canberra Regional Amicus Group. Canberra Southern Cross Club Woden Bistro – Patio area meet at 6.00 pm for Dinner. RSVP Contact Patricia 0412 351 548

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.

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.

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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 and worship with an anointed sharing of the Word. Contact

Shan on 0412 310 364 or Sean 0448 510 237.

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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

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MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS: Meets to pray a Cenacle at St Joseph's Church O'Connor each Wednesday following the 8.00am 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.

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•Widow's Group – 11am 4th Tuesday
•Mother's Group – 10am 2nd Tuesday
•Young Family Group – Monthly TBA
•Young Men of St Joseph – 7.30pm 1st Wednesday
•Faith & Reason Philosophy Group – 6-7pm, 1st Tuesday
•Theology Reading & Discussion Group – 7.30pm 2nd Wednesday
<http://cg.org.au/oconnor/home.aspx>

TAIZE PRAYER GROUP: The Canberra Friends of Taizé Ecumenical Group 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 community of Taizé, France. All welcome. Enquiries to Annemarie (0421 492 554)

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ARCHDIOCESAN EASTER TRIDUUM / HOLY WEEK TIMES

ARCHDIOCESAN CELEBRATION Monday April 15, 7.30pm Mass of the Oils, St Christopher's Cathedral

ADAMINABY:

Good Friday 9am; Easter Sunday Mass 8am

ADELONG:

Holy Thursday, 7pm – Mass; Good Friday, 3pm; Holy Saturday, 6pm - Easter Vigil

ARANDA:

Good Friday, 10.30am - Stations of the Cross; Good Friday, 11am - Sacrament of Reconciliation; Easter Sunday, April 21, 10am – Mass; Easter Sunday, April 21, 3pm - Korean Mass

ARDLETHAN:

Easter Sunday Mass - 8.00 am

ARIAH PARK:

Good Friday Celebration Of The Passion - 3.00 pm; Holy Saturday Easter Vigil - 6.00 pm

BARMEDMAN:

Easter Sunday Mass - 8.00 am

BARELLAN:

Easter Sunday Mass - 10.00 am

BATEMANS BAY:

Palm Sunday: 6pm; 9am; 5pm; Holy Thursday: 6pm; Good Friday Stations: 10am; Commemoration of the Passion: 3pm; Easter Vigil: 6pm; Easter Sunday: 9am & 5pm

BATLOW:

Good Friday, 10am - Stations of the Cross; Easter Sunday, 10am - Mass

BEGA:

Holy Thursday, 7pm – Mass. Adoration until 10pm; Good Friday, 3pm - Passion of the Lord and veneration; Holy Saturday, 6pm - Mass of Light; Easter Sunday, 9:30am - Mass

BEMBOKA:

Good Friday, 3pm - Passion of the Lord and veneration; Holy Saturday, 6pm - Vigil Mass

BERMAGUI:

Tuesday April 9 – Second Rite of Reconciliation; Good Friday – Commemoration of the Lord's Passion at 3pm; Easter Sunday Mass – 7.30am.

BINALONG:

Good Friday, April 19, 10am - Stations of the Cross; Easter Sunday, April 21, 9am - Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

BINDA:

Easter Sunday – 10.30am.

BOMBALA:

Palm Sunday, 9am - Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion; Holy Thursday - 6.00 Mass; Good Friday - 3 pm. The Passion of our Lord; Holy Saturday - 6.30 pm Mass;

BOOROWA:

Palm Sunday - 14th April - Vigil 6pm; Holy Thursday - 18th April - Mass of the Lord's Supper 6.00pm; Good Friday - 19th April Passion of the Lord - 3.00pm; Easter Vigil - 20th April - MASS 7.00pm

BRADDON:

Good Friday: 11am Stations of Cross St Patrick's Church; Easter Sunday: 8am St Patricks Church

BRAIDWOOD:

Holy Thursday Mass 7pm; Holy Saturday Vigil 6pm.

BREDBO:

Easter Sunday 9.30am

BUNGENDORE:

Holy Thursday Mass at 6pm; Good Friday – Stations of the Cross 10am, Commemoration of the Lord's Passion 3pm; Easter Sunday Mass 8.30am

CAMPBELL:

Tues 9 Apr 5-6pm St Thomas More's; Good Friday 11am St Thomas More's Good Friday 3pm St Thomas More's Church; Easter Sunday 9:30am St Thomas More's Church

CANDELO:

Good Friday, 10am - Stations of the Cross; Easter Sunday, 9.30am – Mass

CATHEDRAL:

Chrism Mass, 7.30pm, 15 April; Second Rite of Reconciliation (Confessions), 7.30pm, 16

April; Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7.30pm, 18 April; Good Friday, The Lord's Passion, 3pm, 19 April; Easter Vigil, 7.30pm, 20 April; Easter Sunday Masses, 8am, 11am and 5.30pm, 21 April.

CHARNWOOD:

Holy Thursday, 7.30pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper. Exposition after Mass until 10.00pm; Good Friday, 3pm - The Passion of the Lord; Good Friday, 7.30pm - Stations of the Cross; Holy Saturday, 7.30pm - Easter Vigil; Easter Sunday, 9.00am – Mass.

COBARGO:

Easter Vigil Mass 5pm

CONDER:

Good Friday-11am Stations of the Cross, St Clare of Assisi school Conder

COOMA:

Holy Thursday: 6:00pm, Good Friday: Stations of the Cross 10:00am, Cooma – 3:00pm, Holy Saturday: Morning Prayer 9:00am, Easter Vigil 6:00pm; Easter Sunday Mass 10am

COOTAMUNDRA:

Thursday, April 4, 7pm - Second Rite of Reconciliation; Palm Sunday Vigil, April 13, 6pm – Mass; Holy Thursday, April 18, 8pm; Good Friday, April 19, 12 noon - Stations of the Cross; Good Friday, April 19, 3pm - The Passion of the Lord; Holy Saturday, April 20, 7.30pm - Easter Vigil Easter Sunday, April 21, 9am - Easter Mass

CROOKWELL:

Thursday April 11, 6pm, Holy Thursday – 7pm; Good Friday: Stations of the Cross – 10am; Passion – 3pm; Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil – 6pm; Easter Sunday – 9am.

CURTIN:

Holy Thursday, 7.30pm, Mass of the Lord's Supper; Good Friday, 3.00pm, Commemoration of the Lord's Passion; Easter Vigil, 7.30pm;

Easter Sunday Masses. 5.30pm

DELEGATE:

Palm Sunday Vigil, 6pm - Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion; Good Friday - 12 noon. Stations of the Cross; Holy Saturday - 5pm Vigil Mass

DICKSON:

Wed 3 Apr 6-9pm St Brigid's Church; Sat 13 Apr 9:30-11am- St Brigid's Church; Holy Thursday: 7pm St Brigid's then prayer until 10pm in "Garden of Gethsemane" in parish centre; Good Friday 3pm Passion of Our Lord Liturgy St Brigid's Church (You are invited to bring a flower to place at the foot of the cross during the veneration); Easter Saturday: 6.30 pm St Brigid's Church; Easter Sunday 9:30am St Brigid's Church

EDEN:

Good Friday, 3pm - The Lord's Passion; Easter Vigil, 6pm

EVATT:

Holy Thursday: Mass 7.30pm, Good Friday: Stations of the Cross and Commemoration of The Lord's Passion at 3pm; Holy Saturday Reconciliation from 10am to noon, Easter Vigil 7.30pm; Easter Sunday: Mass 10am.

GALONG:

Holy Thursday, April 18, 7pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper; Good Friday, April 19, 3pm - Passion of the Lord; Holy Saturday, April 20, 7pm - EASTER VIGIL; Easter Sunday, April 21, 9am - MASS -9.00am

GARRAN:

Good Friday, 10.00am, Stations of the Cross; Easter Sunday Masses. 9.30am

GOULBURN:

Tuesday April 9: Reconciliation, 6pm; Holy Thursday – 7pm; Good Friday: Stations of the Cross – 10am, Passion – 3pm; Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil – 7pm; Easter Sunday – 10am.

GOULBURN NORTH:

Easter Sunday – 7am.

GOWRIE:

Wednesday, April 10, 6.30pm - Second Rite of Reconciliation; Holy Thursday, April 18, 7pm; Good Friday, April 19, 3pm - Passion and Death of Our Lord; Holy Saturday, April 20, 7pm - Easter Vigil; Easter Sunday, April 21, 8am & 10am. NOTE: NO 6pm

GRENFELL:

14th April - 9am; Good Friday - 19th April - Passion/Veneration - 3.00pm; Easter Sunday - 21st April - 9.00am

GUNDAGAI:

Holy Thursday, 6pm – Mass; Good Friday, 10am - Stations of the Cross; Good Friday, 3pm – Mass; Holy Saturday, 6pm - Easter Vigil; Easter Sunday, 8am – Mass

GUNDAROO:

Easter Sunday, April 21, 8.30am – Easter Mass

GUNGAHLIN:

Palm Sunday weekend April 13-14: Saturday 6:00pm, Sunday 8:00am, 9:30am and 5:30pm at Holy Spirit, Amaroo; Sunday 8:30am Mass at St Francis Xavier, Hall; Tuesday April 16, 7:00pm - Second Rite of Reconciliation, Amaroo; Holy Thursday, April 18, 7:00pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper, Amaroo; Good Friday, April 19, 9:00am - Walking Stations of the Cross - Procession starts at the church carpark. 93 Burdekin Avenue, Amaroo; 11:00am - Stations of the Cross (St Francis Xavier, Hall), 3:00pm - Liturgy of the Passion, Amaroo. Please bring flowers to lay at the foot of the cross; Holy Saturday, 7:00pm - Easter Vigil Mass; Sunday 21 April - 8:00am - Easter Sunday Mass; 9.30am - Easter Sunday Mass; 5.30pm - Easter Sunday Mass

GUNNING:

Good Friday, Stations of the Cross, 10:30am

HALL: Good Friday Stations of the Cross 11am; Easter Sunday 8.15am.



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HARDEN:
Wednesday, April 3, 7pm - Second Rite of Reconciliation; Palm Sunday, April 14, 9am – Mass; Holy Thursday, April 18, 6pm; Good Friday, April 19, 3pm - The Passion of the Lord; Holy Saturday, April 20, 7.30pm - Easter Vigil

HOLDER:
Thursday April 11: 7.00pm Second Rite of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Sacred Heart Church PEARCE), Saturday April 13: 4.00pm - 4.40pm Confessions, 4.00pm - 4.40pm Adoration, 5.00pm Vigil Mass. Palm Sunday April 14: 5.00pm Mass. Holy Thursday: NO 9.30am MASS. 7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by the procession to the Chapel of Repose. Adoration to 10.00pm. Good Friday: 11.00am Stations of the Cross, 12 noon - 1.00pm Confessions; Holy Saturday: 8.00am Office of Readings from the Roman Breviary (No morning Mass). Easter Vigil: No Adoration before the Vigil Mass of Easter, 7.30pm Mass at St Jude Church Holder, Easter Sunday 5.00pm Mass

JERANGLE:
Easter Sunday 8am

JUGIONG:
Good Friday, 3pm – Stations of the Cross; Easter Sunday, 10am – Mass

KAMBAH:
Palm Sunday: Vigil Saturday 13, 6pm; Palm Sunday, 8.30am & 10am; Holy Thursday: Reconciliation – 5pm-6pm; Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7.30pm; Good Friday: Stations of the Cross – 11am, Passion and death of Jesus 3pm, Vietnamese Service – 7.30pm; Holy Saturday: Reconciliation – 11am-12pm & 5pm-6pm; Easter Vigil – 7.30pm; Easter Sunday: Mass – 8.30am & 10am; Vietnamese Service – 5pm; Easter Monday – 9.30am.

KIPPAX:
Holy Thursday 18 April 2019: Mass of the Last Supper

7:00pm, Prayers at the Altar of Repose: Concluding with night prayer 10:00pm, No 9:30am Mass Thursday Morning; Good Friday 19 April 2019: Stations of the Cross – 10:00am, The Lord's Passion - 3:00pm; Holy Saturday 20 April 2019: No confession on Saturday; Easter Vigil – 7:30pm; Easter Sunday 21 April 2019: 8:30am, 10:00am Mass of the Resurrection; No 6:00pm Mass Sunday night

LAKE CARGELLIGO:
Palm Sunday: 6pm Saturday Vigil Mass; Holy Thursday: 6pm Mass of the Lord's Supper; Good Friday: 10am Stations of the Cross and at 3pm The Passion of the Lord; Holy Saturday Easter Vigil: 6pm Mass; Easter Sunday: No Mass.

MICHELAGO:
Easter Sunday, April 21, 9am – Easter Mass

MURRUMBATEMAN:
Good Friday, Stations of the Cross, 10:30am

MORUYA:
Holy Thursday 5pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper; Good Friday 1pm – Reconciliation; Good Friday 2pm - Stations of the Cross; Good Friday 3pm - Celebration of the Lord's Passion; Holy Saturday 5.30pm – Easter Vigil (shortened ceremony); Easter Sunday 10am

NAROOMA:
Thursday April 11: Second Rite of Reconciliation 6pm; Holy Thursday Mass 5.30pm; Good Friday: Commemoration of the Lord's Passion 3pm; Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil 7pm; Easter Sunday Mass 9.30am.

NARRABUNDAH:
Holy Thursday: 7.30pm; Good Friday: #Stations of the Cross: 10.30am; Good Friday: #Liturgy: 3pm; Saturday Vigil: 7pm; Easter Sunday Mass: 9am; Easter Sunday Charismatic Mass: 6pm

NIMMITABEL:
Good Friday 12 noon; Holy Saturday 8pm

O'CONNOR:
10 April, 6:30pm 2nd Rite of Reconciliation; 18 April, 7pm Holy Thursday Mass and adoration until midnight; 19 April Good Friday - 10am Stations of the Cross, 3pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion; Holy Saturday, 6:30pm Easter Vigil, 11:30pm Neo-Catechumenal Easter Vigil; Easter Sunday, 9am Easter Sunday Mass; 22 April, 9:30am Easter Monday Mass.

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Holy Thursday, April 18, 7pm – Mass of the Lord's Supper; Good Friday, April 19, 3pm - Celebration of the Passion of the Lord; Holy Saturday, April 19, 11am – Sacrament of Reconciliation; Holy Saturday, April 20, 7pm - Easter Vigil; Easter Sunday, April 21, 8.30am - Mass

PAMBULA:
Holy Thursday, 7pm; Good Friday, 11am - Stations of the Cross; Easter Sunday, 8am

PAMBULA BEACH
(Lumen Christi College): Easter Sunday, 10am

PEARCE:
Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7pm; Good Friday, Passion of Our Lord, 3pm; Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil, 6pm; Easter Sunday, 8.30am & 10am.

PERISHER:
Easter Sunday Mass 8.30am.

QUEANBEYAN:
Thursday April 11, 7.30pm: Second rite of reconciliation; Holy Thursday, April 18, 6.30pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper (Adoration until 10.00pm); Good Friday, April 19, 10am: Stations of the Cross, St Raphael's Church; Good Friday, April 19, 3pm: The Lord's Passion; Saturday, April 20, 6.00pm: Easter Vigil; Sunday, April 21, 8am & 10am: The Lord's Resurrection!

TALBINGO:
Easter Sunday, 8am – Mass

TARALGA:
Wednesday April 10, 6pm; Good Friday: Passion – 3pm; Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil – 7pm

TARAGO:
Easter Sunday – 8am.

TATHRA:
Good Friday, 10am - Stations of the Cross; Easter Sunday, 7.45am – Mass;

TEMORA:
Holy Thursday, 6pm: Mass Of Lord's Supper, Followed By Adoration; Good Friday, 10am: Stations Of The Cross; Good Friday, 3pm: Celebration Of The Passion; Holy Saturday Easter Vigil, 6.00 pm; Easter Sunday Mass, 10.00 am

TUMUT:
Holy Thursday, 7pm – Mass; Good Friday, 3pm ; Holy Saturday, 7pm - Easter Vigil; Easter Sunday, 10am – Mass

TUROSS HEADS:
Easter Sunday - 8am

UNGARIE:
Palm Sunday: 8am Mass; Easter Sunday: 8am Mass.

WANNIASSA:
Holy Thursday 7pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper (followed by Adoration until 10.00pm); Good Friday 10am - Stations of the Cross at 10.00am; Good Friday 3pm - Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion; Holy Saturday Mass 7.00pm; Easter Sunday Mass at 9.00am; NO EVENING MASS ON EASTER SUNDAY

WARAMANGA:
Thursday April 11: 7.00pm Second Rite of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Sacred Heart Church PEARCE), Palm Sunday April 14: 8.00am – 8.40am Confessions, 8.00am – 8.40am Adoration 9.00am Mass; Monday April 15 7am Mass; Tuesday April 16 7am Mass, Wednesday April 17 9.30am Mass, Good Friday 3pm Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (no Confessions); Easter Sunday: 8.00am

Adoration before Mass (tbc), 8.00am – 8.45am Confessions, 9.00am Mass

WATSON:
Tuesday April 16, 6.45am: Holy Rosary; Wednesday April 17, 5.30pm: Mass Holy Thursday April 18, 7.30pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper. Adoration until 10pm; Good Friday April 19, 10am - Stations of the Cross; Good Friday April 19, 3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion; Holy Saturday April 20, 11.30am-12.30pm – Confessions; Holy Saturday April 20, 5.30pm-6.30pm – Confessions; Holy Saturday April 20, 7.30pm - Easter Vigil 7.30pm; Easter Sunday April 21, 8am & 10am – Mass

WEST WYALONG:
Palm Sunday: 9.30am Mass at West Wyalong; Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper at 6pm; Good Friday: 10am Stations of the Cross; 3pm Passion of the Lord; Holy Saturday Easter Vigil: 6pm Mass; Easter Sunday: 9.30am.

YARRALUMLA:
Good Friday, Stations of the Cross, 10am, 19 April; Easter Sunday Mass, 9.30am, 21 April

YASS:
Tuesday, St. Augustine's, 5:30pm- Wednesday, St. Augustine's, 5:30pm (Anointing Mass for the sick and frail); Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7pm; Good Friday, Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 3pm, St. Augustine's; Holy Saturday; Easter Vigil, St. Augustine's, 6:30pm; Easter Sunday St. Francis Xavier, 8:15am; St. Augustine's, 10am

YOUNG:
Palm/Passion Sunday: 13th April Vigil 6pm; 14th April - 9am; 2nd Rite of Reconciliation 17th April - 7.00pm; Holy Thursday - 18th April - Mass of Lord's Last Supper - 6.00pm; Good Friday - 19th April - Passion/Veneration - 3.00pm; Easter Vigil- 20th April - 7.00pm; Easter Sunday - 21st April - 9.00am Young & Grenfell.



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