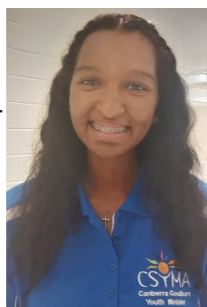


MICHAEL & KAREN IRWIN:

Michael & Karen are travelling to Adelaide by car to attend the funeral of Karen's brother, Patrick Barter, who died of cancer. They would especially appreciate the prayers of parishioners for a safe and successful trip for them, and also other members of the family who'll be travelling separately. Thank you all in anticipation. The funeral will be held on Thursday 11th at Gawler Catholic Church and the cemetery.

YOUTH MINISTER Hey there! I am the new Youth Minister of the Coastal Deanery as part of the Canberra and Goulbourn Archdiocese. I enjoy travelling and seeking opportunities where I am able to share and develop my knowledge. I spend my free time writing, exploring, playing soccer, volunteering, attending Catholic events and planning Youth Group sessions for Immaculata Youth Group in Bundoora, Melbourne. Growing up in a musical household and in a Church Choir allows music to be a part of my everyday life. I value Faith and Catechism and intend to journey with the Youth to fulfillment of their gifts, talents and experience of God in their lives. As part of the New Evangelisation, I will work towards generating fun and creative ways to share the Word of God and assist the Youth in ways to develop a deeper connection with God. I am excited to meet with all Youth of Sacred Heart Parish and look forward to journeying in Faith with you! God Bless, Juliette Pierre



YOUTH MINISTRY ACROSS THE ARCHDIOCESE!

Following the pilgrimage to World Youth Day, the Archdiocese hosted 130 national and international leaders at the *Youth Ministry Equipping School* last month. These leaders were joined by educational and broader Church Archdiocesan leaders at the inaugural *Catholic Leaders Formation Dinner*. Young people from across the Archdiocese joined together to celebrate their faith at the *One: Youth Cultural Festival and Youth Mass*. These initiatives brought a new momentum across the Archdiocesan Youth Ministry, headed up by our 19 *Archdiocesan Youth Ministers* and extended *Youth Leaders Network*. Two months have seen the rollout of the new *Junior Ministry Model* with seven *Journeying with Jesus* Retreats conducted across the Archdiocese. This was accompanied by our first *Catch the Wave Retreats* conducted across the Western Deanery to launch the secondary model. Local Youth Ministry including Youth and Young Adults Groups, Youth Masses, School Youth Ministry will be highlighted in the next couple of months, supported by the return of *Guinness and God* in the Archdiocese beginning in May.

PARISH AUDIT: A team will be coming from the Archdiocesan Finance Office on Thursday for this periodic activity. We look forward to welcoming them here and inform all next week of some of the matters that have arisen.

NAROOMA RECO: I will be going down to Narooma Parish on Thursday evening for their 2nd Rite of Reconciliation.

CONCERNED CATHOLICS OF CG

Concerned Catholics of Canberra-Goulbourn will host a public forum on Tuesday April 16 at 7.30pm. 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"*. VENUE: Australian Centre for Christianity & Culture, 55 Blackall Street, Barton. Overnight billeting can be arranged for people from regional and rural areas (contact rod@rodpage.com). Further details: www.concernedcatholicscanberra.org

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP

25th Anniversary National Pilgrimage The Sisters of St Joseph invite you to join the 25th anniversary National Pilgrimage, giving you the opportunity to journey to places in Australia made holy by St Mary MacKillop. The Pilgrimage commences in Melbourne 22 October, visiting Penola, Adelaide and other significant places, and concludes in Sydney 2 November 2019. Cost \$3,575 – \$4,390 (twin share) depending on capital city of departure (Australia or New Zealand). Single supplement for all areas \$685 pp. For a brochure, application form or further information please email national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au or call Sr Therese Leydon rsjon 0417 683 123, or Sr Annie Bond rsj on 02 8912 4818.

MESSAGE JACINDA ARDERN IN NZ: "E rau rangatira mā, e ngā reo, e ngā mana. Tēnā koutou katoa.

(I acknowledge amongst us today our distinguished leaders, speakers and those who bear authority.)

Ngāi Tahu Whānui, tēnā koutou.

(My greetings to the whole of Ngāi Tahu.)

E papaki tū ana ngā tai o maumahara ki runga o Ōtautahi.

(The tides of remembrance flow over Christchurch today.)

Haere mai tātou me te aroha, me te rangimārie, ki te whānau nei, e ora mārire ai anō rātau, e ora mārire ai anō, tātou katoa.

(So let us gather with love, in peace, for this family, so that they may truly live again, so that we all may truly live again.)

We gather here, 14 days on from our darkest of hours. In the days that have followed the terrorist attack on the 15th of March, we have often found ourselves without words.

(IF YOU) SELL ARMS, WHAT ABOUT PEACE: POPE

Nations that actively engage in arms dealing and help foment war in other countries should not expect to find peace in their own lands, Pope Francis said.

During a wide-ranging interview with the Spanish news program *Salvados* on Sunday, the Pope was asked his opinion regarding the Spanish Government's sale of weapons to Saudi Arabia, which is currently engaged in a conflict with Yemen. The Pope said that while he was saddened by the country's action, Spain "isn't the only country" involved in arms dealing. Countries that sell arms, he said, "have no right to talk about peace. They are fomenting war in another country, and then they want peace in their own land."

He said it has a "boomerang" effect in which there's always a price to pay when taking a life. "If you start war over there, you're going to have it at home whether you want it or not." Asked about migration in Europe, the Pope cited the book of Deuteronomy, saying the act of welcoming migrants is "a Christian attitude."

While countries like Turkey, Lebanon and Jordan have received millions of migrants from Syria, the Pope said he was "saddened" and did "not understand the insensitivity" toward migrants facing injustice of war, hunger and exploitation. "For me," he said, "Europe's biggest problem is that they have forgotten. They forgot that after the war, their children went knocking on the doors of America, North and South America; they forgot. And along with that, (Europe) doesn't grow. We are living in a demographic winter."

Although birthrates in Europe continue to decline, some countries continue to reject migrants, thus running the risk not having a future, he said.

The Pope was also asked what he thought about US President Donald Trump's proposal for a wall along the Mexican border. "Those who build walls end up becoming prisoners of the walls they built," he replied.

"And that is universal law, not only within the social order but also in one's personal life. If you build a wall within yourself, you end up becoming a prisoner of the wall you built. 'I'm defending my autonomy.' Yes, but you'll be as lonely as a cloud," he said.

WHAT WE HAVEN'T GOT RIGHT ABOUT SEX Several years ago, in the question and answer period after a public lecture, a rather disgruntled young man asked me a question that carried with it a bit of attitude: "You seem to write a lot about sex," he said, "do you have a particular problem with it?" My lecture had been on God's mercy and had never mentioned sex so his question obviously had its own agenda. My answer: "I write 52 columns a year and have been doing that for over 30 years. On average, I write one column on sex every second year, so that means I write on sex, on average, every 104 times I write. That's slightly less than 1% of the time. Do you think that's excessive?"

I highlight this exchange because I'm quite conscious that whenever a vowed celibate writes about sex this will be problematic for some, on both sides of the ideological spectrum. Be that as it may, by referring here to two insightful quotes by Gary Gutting, I want to suggest that our culture would do well to courageously examine its views on sex to see where our current ethos regarding sex might be not serving us well. Here are the quotes:

Writing in an issue of *Commonweal* (September 23, 2016), Gutting says: "We do, however, need an ethics of sexuality, and the starting point should be the realization that sex is not 'fun'. That is, it's not an enjoyable activity that we can safely detach from things that really matter. Sex isn't like telling a joke, drinking good wine, or watching a basketball game. It's not just that sex is more intense; it also taps emotional and moral depths that ordinary pleasures don't. Core human values such as love, respect, and self-identity are always in play. 'Casual sex' is a dangerous illusion. Sex is a problem for us mainly because we conflate it with fun."

Two years later, in another issue of *Commonweal* (March 19, 2018), commenting on the moral outrage that sparked the #MeToo movement, he writes: "Our outrage may seem anomalous, particularly in the Hollywood context, because the entertainment industry – along with advertising, the self-help industry, and the 'enlightened' intellectual – is a primary source of the widely accepted idea that sex should be liberated from the seriousness of moral strictures and recognized as just another way that modern people can enjoy themselves. ... I'm not a cynic, but I do think it's worth reflecting on the tension between moral outrage over sexual harassment and the ethics of liberated sexuality. The core problem is that this ethics endorses the idea that sex should typically be just another way of having fun. ... This ethics is open of course to the idea that sex can also be an expression of deep, committed, monogamous intimacy, but is still sees no problem with sex that begins and ends as just fun." Can sex begin and end as just fun? Many within our culture today would say yes. It seems this is what we have evolved to.

In the short space of a half century we've witnessed a number of paradigm shifts in how our culture values sex morally. Until the 1950s, our dominant sexual ethos tied sex to both marriage and having children. Sex was considered moral when it was shared inside of a marriage and was open to conception. The 1960s excised the part about sex being tied to having children as birth control became acceptable within the culture. But sex still needed to be within a marriage. Pre-marital and extra-marital sex, though prevalent, were still not seen as morally acceptable.

The 70s and 80s changed that. Our culture came to accept sex outside of marriage, providing it was consensual and loving. Sex, in effect, became an extension of dating. Today's generation was born and raised inside that ethos. Finally the 1990s and the new millennium brought still a more radical shift, namely, "hook-up" sex, sex where soul, emotion, and commitment, are deliberately excluded from the relationship. For many people today, sex can be understood as purely recreational – and still moral – purely for fun.

What's to be said about this? Can sex be purely for fun? My answer is the same as Gutting's. Sex purely for fun doesn't work because, try as might, we cannot extricate sex from soul.

In the end, sex just for fun is not fun – except in fantasy, in ideology divorced from reality, and in naive novels and movies. For the sensitive, it invariably brings heartache, and to the insensitive it invariably brings hard-heartedness. To everyone it brings sexual exploitation. Most seriously, it leads to a certain loss of soul. When soulfulness is not given its rightful place within sexuality, worse still when it is deliberately excluded, we end up selling ourselves short, not properly honoring ourselves or others, and at the end of the day this results in neither happiness within ourselves nor proper respect of others.

Soul is a commodity worth protecting, particularly in sex.

FROM FR RICHARD ROHR

We do not think ourselves into new ways of living, we live ourselves into new ways of thinking.

every time God forgives us, God is saying that God's own rules do not matter as much as the relationship that God wants to create with us.

Most of us were taught that God would love us if and when we change. In fact, God loves you so that you can change. What empowers change, what makes you desirous of change is the experience of love. It is that inherent experience of love that becomes the engine of change. There is nothing to prove and nothing to protect. I am who I am and it's enough.

Christians are usually sincere and well-intentioned people until you get to any real issues of ego, control power, money, pleasure, and security. Then they tend to be pretty much like everybody else. We often given a bogus version of the Gospel, some fast-food religion, without any deep transformation of the self; and the result has been the spiritual disaster of "Christian" countries that tend to be as consumer-oriented, proud, warlike, racist, class conscious, and addictive as everybody else-and often more so, I'm afraid.

NEWS FLASH: The latest edition of "The Voice" has arrived! It is an especially fine edition, regarding 'Prayers of Loving Kindness'. Find out who is writing them and to whom they are being sent. Along with 'Safeguarding our community', 'Opportunities for Women to come together', 'What's been happening in Yarralumla?', AND our own Deacon Paul and Jo Rummery!!! Don't miss out on getting your family copy; there is a limit of one copy per family because they are free!

AND The Parish BBQ, please sign on for this soon to enable good planning. Sheets at the church entrance!

First reading A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah (43.16-21)

Thus says the Lord,
 who made a way through the sea,
 a path in the great waters;
 who put chariots and horse in the field
 and a powerful army
 which lay there never to rise again,
 snuffed out, put out like a wick:
 No need to recall the past,
 no need to think about what was done before.
 See, I am doing a new deed,
 even now it comes to light; can you not see it?
 Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness,
 paths in the wilds.
 The wild beasts will honour me,
 jackals and ostriches,
 because I am putting water in the wilderness
 (rivers in the wild)
 to give my chosen people drink.
 The people I have formed for myself
 will sing my praises.

Responsorial Psalm

*What marvels the Lord worked for us!
 Indeed we were glad.*

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
 it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
 on our lips there were songs.

*What marvels the Lord worked for us!
 Indeed we were glad.*

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels
 the Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us!
 Indeed we were glad.

*What marvels the Lord worked for us!
 Indeed we were glad.*

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
 as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears
 will sing when they reap.

*What marvels the Lord worked for us!
 Indeed we were glad.*

They go out, they go out, full of tears,
 carrying seed for the sowing;
 they come back, they come back, full of song,
 carrying their sheaves.

*What marvels the Lord worked for us!
 Indeed we were glad.*

A Reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Philippians (3.8-14)

I believe nothing can happen
 that will outweigh the supreme advantage
 of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.
 For him I have accepted the loss of everything,
 and I look on everything as so much rubbish
 if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him.
 I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts,
 the perfection that comes from the Law,
 but I want only the perfection

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that comes through faith in Christ,
 and is from God and based on faith.
 All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection
 and to share his sufferings
 by reproducing the pattern of his death.
 That is the way I can hope to take my place
 in the resurrection of the dead.
 Not that I have become perfect yet:
 I have not yet won, but I am still running,
 trying to capture the prize
 for which Christ Jesus captured me.
 I can assure you my brothers,
 I am far from thinking that I have already won.
 All I can say is that I forget the past
 and I strain ahead for what is still to come;
 I am racing for the finish,
 for the prize to which God calls us upwards
 to receive in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
 Now, now – it is the Lord who speaks –
 come back to me with all your heart,
 for I am all tenderness and compassion.
 Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

GOSPEL Jn 8.1-11

A Reading from the Gospel according to John

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.
 At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again;
 and as all the people came to him,
 he sat down and began to teach them.
 The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along
 who had been caught committing adultery;
 and making her stand there in full view of everybody,
 they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught
 in the very act of committing adultery,
 and Moses has ordered us in the Law
 to condemn women like this to death by stoning.
 What have you to say?'
 They asked him this as a test,
 looking for something to use against him.
 But Jesus bent down and started writing
 on the ground with his finger.
 As they persisted with their question,
 he looked up and said,
 'If there is one of you who has not sinned,
 let him be the first to throw a stone at her.'
 Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again.
 When they heard this they went away one by one,
 beginning with the eldest,
 until Jesus was left alone with the woman,
 who remained standing there.
 He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they?
 Has no one condemned you?'
 'No one, sir' she replied.
 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus
 'go away, and do not sin any more.'

The readings on this page are from the Jerusalem Bible, which is used at
 Mass in most of the English-speaking world.

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Well, hello, everybody! It has been a wonderful and busy week here in the parish! St Mary's Parish Primary School have had their Registration exercise; those who came from the Catholic Education Office were very impressed with the character of the school, the dedication of the Staff and the parental involvement. A lot of other things happened during the past week, 'for young and old'! Our new Youth Minister, Juliette Pierre has started; we spent some time together in St Mary's Kindergarten and Grade 6 Classes; We (eventually) had a pleasant Mass at IRT and gracious hospitality and significant conversation at Banksia Village. At Carroll College, we had the College Community Council Meeting; great things are happening there too! By the way, I have not yet become fully informed, but I can say that the name 'St Mary's Parish Primary School' is an accurate name. How does that relate to the parish having the name 'Sacred Heart Parish'. My understanding is linked with the street name: the parish address is 'Queen Street' and Church Street is at the rear of the parish; and the old convent building faces Church Street. This evidence leads me to think that our parish was called 'St Mary's Parish' and somewhere along the timeline of history, the Parish Church building was turned 180 degrees around to face Queen Street instead of Church Street! And I'm reckoning that the name changed at that time also. Did something happen between the parish priest and the beloved Good Samaritan Sisters working in the school? If you know something more, I'd love to learn from you!
 Holy Week begins on Sunday, April 14, Palm Sunday. We need to do some planning for how we are going to do this; there are lots of things to be done, and so lots of people can be involved. If you have been thinking about having a bit of a go at something, this is your time! During Holy Week, short term involvements are on. So, this week on Tuesday, we'll have the regular 5.30pm Mass and after that we'll have the Holy Week Liturgy Planning meeting. All are welcome. If you feel like you're unsure, you are the person we need. We'll talk about what needs to be done and you can then say, 'I could have a go at that.' Please feel adventurous, and free—doing what you haven't done before. Come for the Mass, Come after the Mass. You are welcome and needed. Please feel included.

Daylight Saving ends on April 7, 2019!

Palm Sunday (usual times)		Solemn Entrance		Setting up needed. Usual arrangements apply from last year
5pm Holy Thursday	Mass of the Last Supper	Gloria + bring and ring bells	Washing of the Feet	Transfer of Blessed Sacra- ment. Adoration Leave in silence
Good Friday	1pm, 2pm 3pm	1pm Reconciliation	2pm Stations of the Cross	3pm Ceremony of Passion -10 Prayers of Faithful -Adoration of the Cross -Holy Communion Leave in silence
Holy Saturday	Jesus in the tomb	An unclear day for silence, solitude, 'away'		
Easter Vigil 5pm	The mother of all vigils	Less rather than more	Candle Procession Exsultet 3 OT Readings: Gen 1.26-31; Ex 14.15-15.1; Ez 36.16-28.	Baptismal Promises Liturgy of Eucharist HAPPY EASTER!!!
Easter Sunday (usual times)	The Lord Is risen!	Gloria + bring and ring bells		HAPPY EASTER!!!

Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday at The Pines, Tuross 8am; Sacred Heart Moruya 10am.
Weekday Masses: Monday Communion Service 9.15am; Weekday Masses Tues 5.30pm, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9.15am.
This Week's Special Mass: Thursday 9.15am Bodalla.
Reconciliation: 10.30-11.30am, or by appointment
Baptisms, Anointings, Weddings & Funerals by appointment.
For the sick: Fay Goff, Barbara Kirk, Joan Ranken, Eunice Priestley, Fr Kevin Murphy, Lori-Anne Foran, Catherine Hulse, Gerri Maynard, Frank Honan, Kath Hodges, Julie Kay, Joy Jaensch, Kerrie Cooper, Ted Lewis, Therese Wood, Clair Holmes, Julia Hanslow, David Simpson, Viola Connellan, Graham Beer, Eddie Hybler, Declan Holmes, Justin Laplow, Noeleen Norman, Michael Heffernan and Lincoln Gett.
For the deceased: Serge Dobson, Patrick Barter & Janet Hoare.