

thinking. When we are chafed and fretted by small cares, a look at the stars will show us the littleness of our own interests.’  
POEM OF THE WEEK: July 30 is marked as the International Day of Friendship, an initiative by the United Nations that celebrates the importance of friendship. Celebrate by reading or sharing “Love and Friendship,” a short poem written by the British poet and novelist Emily Brontë, who was born on July 30, 1818. Judging by what Brontë wrote here, she would have been very pleased to share her birthday with a commemoration of the steady bonds between friends.

#### Love and Friendship

*Love is like the wild rose-briar,  
Friendship like the holly-tree—  
The holly is dark when the rose-briar blooms  
But which will bloom most constantly?*

*The wild rose-briar is sweet in spring,  
Its summer blossoms scent the air;*

*Yet wait till winter comes again*

*And who will call the wild-briar fair?*

*Then scorn the silly rose-wreath now*

*And deck thee with the holly's sheen,*

*That when December blights thy brow*

*He still may leave thy garland green.* —Emily Brontë

**EARTH OVERSHOOT DAY** As of today, humans have used more resources than Planet Earth can regenerate in a year

*By Leah Asmelash and Brian Ries*

If Earth's resources were a bank account, today would mark the date we'd officially be in the red. As of July 29, humanity has officially used up more ecological resources this year than the Earth can regenerate by the end of the year. The occasion even has a name: Earth Day.

The Global Footprint Network, a sustainability organization which calculates the day, says humanity is currently consuming nature 1.75 times faster than the planet can regenerate. That means we're overspending our natural capital, compromising resources in the future as a result and leading to things like deforestation and carbon dioxide buildup in the atmosphere. And more carbon dioxide brings ever increasing climate change, the network says.

It's getting worse, too. The date has moved up two months over the past 20 years, and July 29 marks the earliest the date has ever landed. "We have only got one Earth -- this is the ultimately defining context for human existence. We can't use 1.75 without destructive consequences," said Mathis Wackernagel, founder of Global Footprint Network, in a statement.

The data comes months after a grim UN report The United States is one of the worst culprits. If the entire world's population lived like Americans, the organization said, we would need five Earths to meet our demands. That's compared to countries like France or the United Kingdom, which would need less than three, though that still isn't ideal.

And, even though poorer countries aren't the ones overusing resources, they are the ones typically paying the costs. Research shows that climate change will more drastically affect poorer countries before wealthier ones like the US.

This data comes months after the United Nations released a landmark report, saying that humanity's pace of environmental destruction could endanger the "ecological foundations of society." Continuing at the current pace, the report said, would create a global health emergency -- potentially leading to millions of deaths from air pollution in Asia, the Middle East and Africa, and creating antimicrobial-resistant infections from fresh-water pollution.

**ALSO: GREENLAND'S ICE SHEET** just lost 11 billion tons of ice -- in one day

*By Mark Tutton*

After months of record temperatures, scientists say Greenland's ice sheet experienced its biggest melt of the summer on Thursday, losing 11 billion tons of surface ice to the ocean -- equivalent to 4.4 million Olympic swimming pools.

Greenland's ice sheet usually melts during the summer, but the melt season typically begins around the end of May; this year it began at the start. It has been melting "persistently" over the past four months, which have recorded all time temperature highs, according to Ruth Mottram, a climate scientist with Danish Meteorological Institute.

This July alone, Greenland's ice sheet lost 197 billion tons of ice -- the equivalent of around 80 million Olympic swimming pools -- according to Mottram. She told CNN the expected average would be between 60-70 billion tons at this time of year.

The weather conditions that brought a heat wave to Europe last week have reached the Arctic, where scientists say they could trigger one of Greenland's biggest ice melts since 1950, when reliable records began.

Scientists recorded unconfirmed temperatures of 2.7C at 3,000 meters above sea level on Thursday, which would be close to a new record if confirmed.

**Record temperatures** It came on the same day as meteorologists reported that globally, this July has been as hot as any month in recorded history. Global average temperatures for July are on par with, and possibly higher, than those of the current record holder, July 2016, according to preliminary data for July 1-29 released by the Copernicus Climate Change Programme, which analyzes temperature data from around the planet. The final data will be released Monday.

Mottram said Greenland's warm weather is set to continue for the next few days, perhaps longer. With the melt season typically lasting to the end of August, she said the ice sheet is likely to see continued substantial melting, although not necessarily as much as in recent weeks.

Greenland's ice sheet is the second biggest in the world and this season's ice melt has already contributed around half a millimeter to global sea levels. It comes in a summer where the Arctic has experienced "unprecedented" wildfires, which scientists say have been facilitated by high temperatures. Since the start of June, Copernicus Atmosphere Monitoring Service (CAMS), has tracked more than 100 intense wildfires in the Arctic Circle. Temperatures in the Arctic are rising at a faster rate than the global average, providing the right conditions for wildfires to spread, Mark Parrington, a senior scientist at the European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts (ECWMF).

#### A FINAL SUMMER FOR JEAN VANIER

‘Summer in the Forest’ is a documentary on L’Arche founder Jean Vanier. Filmed in 2016, it is available in Australia for special screenings, with a wider release due later in the year. Vanier died earlier this year, aged 90, and public tributes revealed the significant impact he had on the on the world, the Church, Christians and compassionate people all around the world through his 147 L’Arche communities in 35 countries. L’Arche enables people with learning disabilities to live with their carers and be helped to grow to their full potential.

One of the great advantages of Summer in the Forest is that Vanier discusses memories of his early life, his first encounter with people with disability and founding the first L’Arche community. He reflects on simplicity, respect and his spirituality.

Most of this film takes place in France, where L’Arche began. It also includes an excursion to the occupied territories of Palestine with Vanier visiting the L’Arche community in Bethlehem. Vanier was a big man – physically and spiritually. But he was also very genial, down-to-earth, patient. We see him accompanying a range of men and women in France, visiting and supporting L’Arche in Bethlehem.

Accompaniment is a key word. There is no goal to be reached. Rather, those who live in the communities are listened to, meals shared, work shared, happy and patient conversations, realities of work and play day-by-day. Vanier notes we are all fragile but many of us hide this. Those who live in the communities have not cultivated the mind or the superiority of knowledge but seek friendship and family.

Vanier says that L’Arche is not a utopia, but a hope of presence, taking time, wasting time apparently, but a place where we can be what we are called to be. The surroundings of the L’Arche communities is a forest and the document captures beautiful shots of summer, the trees, the green and atmosphere of both growth and fulfilment through aerial drone photography.

**WHO HAS LIVED WELL?** We can’t cage life. We cannot freeze the present happy day under glass. We can’t impale it like a butterfly in a frame. No, life moves inexorably on, whether we go with it or not. It rocks and lurches and limps along. It reels from high to low at a pace often too wild to follow, sometimes slow to bear. The myth of life lived on an even keel persists in the minds of many, but seduces only the weak of heart. Life is a growing thing going from seed to sapling, from pillar to post, hither and yon, forwards and backwards but always, always toward its purpose, the shaping of the self into a person of quality, compassion, and joy. For that to happen, every smallest segment must be faced and cannot be fled. Life is not controllable; it is only doable.

Therefore, the keeping of the beat of life, the getting to the marrow of each of its measures, all of its elements is what the dance of life is really about. Who has lived well? Those who have sucked the juice of life from every period of its growing. Who is the happy person? Those who have survived each of these elements and found themselves to be more human, more wise, more kindly, more just, more flexible, more integrated because of having lived through that period of time, that moment of definition, that phase of survival, that streak of chastening awareness.

No doubt about it, the cycle of time shapes and reshapes our misshapen selves until we have the opportunity to become what we can.—from *For Everything a Season* by Joan Chittister (Orbis)

**GOD’S FINGER IN OUR LIVES** The problem in the world and in the churches, Jim Wallis suggests, is that, perennially, conservatives get it wrong and liberals (over-reacting to conservatives) then don’t get it at all. Nowhere is this truer, I believe, than in how we discern the finger of God in the events of our lives. Jesus tells us to discern the finger of God in our lives by reading the signs of the times. What’s meant by that? The idea isn’t so much that we look to every kind of social, political, and religious analysis to try to understand what’s going on in the world, but rather that we look at every event in our lives, personal or global, and ask ourselves: What’s God saying to me this event? What’s God saying to us in this event?

An older generation understood this as trying to attune itself to the workings of “divine providence”. That practice goes back to biblical times. When we read the bible, we see that for God’s people nothing happened that was understood as being purely secular or religiously neutral. Rather in every event, be it ever so accidental and secular, they saw the finger of God. For example, they believed that if they lost a war, it wasn’t because the other side had superior soldiers, but rather that God had somehow engineered this to teach them a lesson. Or if they were hit by drought it was because God had actively stopped the heavens from raining, again to teach them a lesson.

Now it’s easy to misunderstand this because, frequently, in writing this up, the sacred authors give the impression that God actively caused the event. That’s their wording, though not their intent or meaning. The bible does not intend to teach us that God causes wars or stops the heavens from raining; it accepts that they’re the result of natural contingency. The lesson is only that God speaks through them.

And it’s here where conservatives tend to get it wrong and liberals tend to miss the point. A recent example of this is the reaction of certain religious circles, conservative and liberal, to the outbreak of AIDS. When AIDS first broke out, a number of strong conservative religious voices spoke out saying that AIDS was God’s punishment on us for our sexual promiscuity, particularly for homosexuality. Liberal religious voices, for their part,

were so turned off by this that their response was: God has nothing to do with this!

Both need a lesson on the workings of divine providence. Religious conservatives are wrong in their interpretation: God does not cause AIDS to punish us for sexual promiscuity. Conversely, religious liberals are also wrong in saying that this has nothing to do with God. God doesn’t cause AIDS (or any other disease) but God speaks through AIDS and every other disease. Our religious task is to discern the message. What’s God saying to us through this?

James Mackey teaches that divine providence is a conspiracy of accidents through which God speaks. Frederick Buechner teases this out a little further by saying: “This does not mean that God makes events happen to us which move us in certain directions like chessmen. Instead, events happen under their own steam as random as rain, which means that God is present in them not as their cause but as the one who even in the hardest and most hair-raising of them offers us the possibility of that new life and healing which I believe is what salvation is.” God is always speaking to us in every event in our lives. For a Christian, there’s no such a thing as a purely secular experience. The event may be the result of purely secular and contingent forces but it contains a religious message for us, always. Our task is to read that message. And one further note: Mostly, it seems that we hear God’s voice only in experiences that are deeply painful for us rather than in events that bring us joy and pleasure. But we shouldn’t misread this. It’s not that God speaks only through pain and is silent when things go right. Rather, in the words of C.S. Lewis, pain is God’s microphone to a deaf world. God is always speaking, mostly we aren’t listening. It’s only when our hearts start breaking that we begin to attune ourselves to the voice of God.

Divine providence is a conspiracy of accidents through which God speaks and we must be careful to get both parts of the equation right. God doesn’t cause AIDS, global warming, the refugee situation in the world, a cancer diagnosis, world hunger, hurricanes, tornadoes, or any other such thing in order to teach us a lesson; but something in all of these invites us to try to discern what God is saying through them. Likewise, God doesn’t cause your favorite sports team to win a championship; that too is the result of a conspiracy of accidents. But God speaks through all of these things – even your favorite team’s championship win!  
-Fr Ron Rolheiser omi

**POPE FRANCIS** When the disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray, the Lord did not simply ‘give an abstract definition of prayer, or teach an effective technique for praying in order to ‘obtain’ something.’ Instead, Jesus shared with them His own experience of prayer, ‘putting them directly in contact with the Father, and arousing in them a longing for a personal relationship with Him.’

This ‘is the novelty of Christian prayer: It is a dialogue between people who love one another, a dialogue based on trust, sustained by listening, and open to the commitment to solidarity.’ The prayer Jesus taught them, the Our Father, ‘is one of the most precious gifts left to us by the divine Master during His earthly mission,’ the Pope said. With this prayer, Jesus teaches us ‘to enter into the Fatherhood of God, and shows us the way to enter into prayerful and direct dialogue with Him, through the way of filial trust.’ The Our Father, he said, ‘is the synthesis of every prayer, and we always address it to the Father in communion with our brothers and sisters.’

The disciples wanted ‘to experience the same ‘quality’ of prayer as was present in Jesus’ relationship with the Father. They could see that prayer was an essential dimension in the life of their Master,’ he said, noting that ‘each of His important actions was characterized by extended periods of prayer.’ They recognized, too, that Jesus ‘did not pray like the other masters of the time’; rather, ‘His prayer is an intimate link with the Father.’

First Reading  
Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23

**A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes**

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says.

Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured

wisely, skilfully and successfully

must leave what is his own

to someone who has not toiled for it at all.

This, too, is vanity and great injustice;

for what does he gain for all the toil and strain

that he has undergone under the sun?

What of all his laborious days,

his cares of office, his restless nights?

This, too, is vanity.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1

**(R.) In every age, O Lord,  
you have been our refuge.**

1. *You turn men back into dust  
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'*

*To your eyes a thousand years  
are like yesterday, come and gone,  
no more than a watch in the night. (R.)*

2. *You sweep men away like a dream,  
like grass which springs up in the morning.  
In the morning it springs up and flowers:  
by evening it withers and fades. (R.)*

3. *Make us know the shortness of our life  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.*

*Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?  
Show pity to your servants. (R.)*

4. *In the morning, fill us with your love;  
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.*

*Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:  
give success to the work of our hands. (R.)*

Second Reading Col 3:1-5, 9-11

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians**

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ,

you must look for the things that are in heaven,  
where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand.

Let your thoughts be on heavenly things,

not on the things that are on the earth,

because you have died,

and now the life you have

is hidden with Christ in God.

But when Christ is revealed

-and he is your life -

you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you

that belongs only to earthly life:

fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires

and especially greed, which is the same thing

as worshipping a false god;

and never tell each other lies.

You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self,

and you have put on a new self

which will progress towards true knowledge

the more it is renewed in the image of its creator;

and in that image there is no room

for distinction between Greek and Jew,

between the circumcised or the uncircumcised,

or between barbarian and Scythian,

slave and free man.

There is only Christ:

he is everything and he is in everything.

The Liturgy

of the Word

Gospel Acclamation Mt 5:3

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Happy the poor in spirit;

the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

**Alleluia!**

Gospel Lk 12:13-21

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**

A man in the crowd said to Jesus,

'Master, tell my brother to give me

a share of our inheritance.'

'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge,  
or the arbitrator of your claims?'

Then he said to them, 'Watch,

and be on your guard against avarice of any kind,

for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns,

even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable:

'There was once a rich man who,

having had a good harvest from his land,

thought to himself, "What am I to do?

I have not enough room to store my crops."

Then he said, "This is what I will do;

I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones,

and store all my grain and my goods in them,

and I will say to my soul:

My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by

for many years to come;

take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time."

But God said to him, "Fool! This very night

the demand will be made for your soul;

and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?"

So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself  
in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'



Jesus warns against greed for wealth.

If we spend our time hoarding material treasures

and neglect the spiritual aspects of life

then we are only half persons -

two dimensional at best. Jenny C

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**CANBERRA'S JESUIT FAREWELL:** We had a good ceremony at St Christopher's Cathedral and afterwards in the Archdiocesan Centre; the Archbishop, Christopher Prowse, presided and Fr Frank Brennan SJ, as Community Superior, preached. People who have known various Jesuits over the years in their different works came to join in the Mass of Thanksgiving. The atmosphere was joyful!

This week's edition of 'The Voice' gives a good account and some photos that give an accurate image and other photos make some of us look better than we do in reality; we're very grateful to Chris Gordon and his team for their generosity and professionalism, giving us front page and 'centerfold' coverage; some of us are less accustomed to that than others.

With Xavier House, Yarralumla, closing and due to be sold, the cleaning out has begun. I was given first pick of things in the house; I brought some back with me in car, and other things that put my tag on are still needed until Fr Frank leaves to take up his appointment in Melbourne towards the end of the year. We've got some new vestments, chalices, oil stocks, pictures, a little statue of St Ignatius and very fine white Marblehead of Jesus (which is in the parish office; viewers welcome!).

**GIFT OF HEALING** CCR seminar and workshop about the Gift of Healing, presented by Anne Marie Gatenby. Free, with a collection to cover costs. Friday 9 August @ St Benedicts, Narabundah, 6:45pm - 9pm. Soup and roll for a donation. Saturday 10 August @St Peter Chanel, Yarralumla, 9am to 4pm. Sausage Sizzle lunch \$5. For more information call Neda 0415 266 019.

**ARCHDIOCESAN APPOINTMENTS**

Dear friends, I write to advise you of the following parish appointments and other matters

**Young Mission** Fr James Onoja, currently the Assistant Priest at Cooma, will take on the role of Parish Priest of the Young Mission from Saturday, September 28. Fr Praveen Paul, currently the Assistant Priest at South Tuggeranong, will take on the role of Assistant Priest of the Young Mission from Saturday, September 28.

**Cootamundra** Fr Lolesio Gisa, currently the Assistant Priest at Goulburn, will take on the role of Administrator of the Cootamundra and **Harden-Murrumburrah** Parishes from Saturday, September 28.

**Goulburn** Mission Fr Alexander Osborne, who will be ordained on August 30, will take on the role of Assistant Priest of the Goulburn Mission on Tuesday, October 1.

**South Tuggeranong** Fr Andrew Lotton, who is currently filling in at Charnwood Parish, will take on the role of Assistant Priest of South Tuggeranong from Saturday, September 28.

**Ordination to the Priesthood and Vocations** Rev. Alexander Osborne's ordination to the priesthood will take place at the Cathedral, 6pm Friday, August 30. Let us pray for our brother,

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) 4/8/2019

**Weekend Masses:** Saturday Vigil 6pm Moruya;

Sunday at 'The Pines', Tuross 8am; Moruya 10am

**Weekday Masses:** Monday Communion Service 9.15am;

Weekday Masses: Tues 5.30pm, Wed, Thurs & Fri 9.15am.

**-Rosary** after Mass

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 10—10.30am

**Baptisms, Anointings, Weddings & Funerals** by appointment.

**For the sick:** Peter & Delma Morris, Kay Morton, Clair Holmes, 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, Lincoln Gett and John Bolton.

**For the deceased:** Denise Mongta

Alexander, in our parishes and communities. Ordinations are beautiful times to pray for vocations to the Archdiocese. Indeed, you may wish to invite young men from our parishes to join you in attending the ordination who you may believe have a vocation.

Welcome We welcome to the Archdiocese Fr Abraham Nadukunnel. He is now the new chaplain to the Syro-Malabar community of the parish of St Alphonsa. He resides at St Joseph's Presbytery, O'Connor. Archbishop Christopher Prowse

**A YEAR OF MISSION FOR ARCHDIOCESAN YOUTH**

*Belong to the Church. Believe in Christ. Become a Disciple.* God has placed a call on your life, personally. Now is the time to find out what it is. Following the Year of Formation and the Year of Youth (Celebration) in the Archdiocese, the 2019 Year of Mission places the focus on drawing all youth and young adults in the Archdiocese into the mission of the Church. This Year of Mission includes the Extraordinary Mission Month (October, 2019) called by Pope Francis. So what does this mean for you?

**All Baptised are Sent.** The Extraordinary Mission Month (October 2019) seeks to engage all faithful into formation and mission. It is not an end in itself, but a means to revitalise, renew and reawaken ongoing commitment to the life and mission of the Church. It provides an opportunity to focus on missionary renewal across four domains: encounter, testimony, formation and action.

**SOUL POINTS:** "It is when we all play safe that we create a world of the utmost insecurity," said Dag Hammarskjöld, former Secretary General of the United Nations, who was born on this date in 1905. Considered to be one of the greatest diplomats of the twentieth century, Hammarskjöld remained grounded in spirituality and efforts to make peace around the world throughout his career. He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize posthumously.

The great American astronomer, Maria Mitchell, was born on this date in 1818. Raised in a Quaker community on the island of Nantucket, Mitchell was well-educated, and from an early age helped her father calculate eclipses and study the stars. As an adult, she opened a racially integrated school, long before this was common, and continued her own work as an astronomer and librarian. After discovering a comet that was too distant from Earth to be seen with the naked eye, Mitchell gained international fame, and was the first person appointed to the faculty of Vassar College, an elite women's college. Under her influence, Vassar College enrolled more students in mathematics and astronomy than the all-male Harvard University from 1865 to 1888. She told her students that while many of them may not become astronomers, she expected that they would 'invigorate [their] minds by the effort at healthy modes of