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Bishop reflects on canonisation



Bishop Colin walks to St Mary's canonisation with Townsville's Bishop Michael Putney (rear) and Archbishop Mark Coleridge, of Canberra.

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By BISHOP COLIN CAMPBELL

IT was a rainy evening in Rome that Saturday night before Mary MacKillop's canonisation as St Mary of the Cross. One of our St Joseph Sisters had told me there would be no problem with rain for the canonisation. Sure enough, the next day, Sunday October 17, dawned bright and clear.

Our Harvest group of pilgrims, including Tony and Genny Hanning, set out by bus while Australian Bishops Michael Putney, Mark Coleridge, Joe Crech and myself took a taxi to the Piazza of St Peter.

I met Archbishop John Dew there and also Sr Colleen Keeble and a number of the St Joseph Sisters, who were all bright-eyed, joyful and excited.

The Canonisation Mass was a two-and-a-half-hour service. With six saints being canonised, for each a delegation of three people came forward to bring relics and symbols of the respective saint.

For Mary MacKillop's delegation, a feature for some of us was a Highland Scot in kilt and staff in

hand, with which he placed his symbol at the base of the table and knocked it adroitly into place.

I was intrigued by this Scottish gentleman – Ronny Campbell – and had the good fortune to meet him the next evening at the banquet for delegates.

He was a spritely 79-year-old Highlander from the area in Scotland where Mary's mother, Fiona McDonald, had come from. He expressed a fond wish to "get out on the road" and spread the good news about Mary MacKillop's life.

For many of the pilgrims, one of the principal highlights was the Mass of Thanksgiving at St Paul's Outside the Walls with Cardinal George Pell, of Sydney, as chief celebrant.

There was a wonderful sense of unity and faith evident and people meeting and mingling and exchanging stories and anecdotes, just delighted to be part of God's family and this remarkable woman from Australia who helped make the Cross of Jesus Christ shine out in the Southern skies.

AFTER a long wait beset by changing timelines, the translation of the Third Edition of the Roman Missal will be launched on the first Sunday of Advent, November 28.

The Diocese's Director of Liturgy, Fr Tony Harrison, said the Missal was being launched in progressive steps. The first step included the people's responses contained in the Missalette, which had been delivered to all New Zealand parishes.

"As there is a limited publication, it is hoped that there will be at least one copy for each household," Fr Harrison said. Power Point presentations and overhead

New Missal translation

projector slides had been made available to parish communities to assist in the introduction of the new words, which replace some of the words in use for 40 years.

"The aim of the translation team was to give us texts which express our faith in a language which respects the dignity and sanctity of our hearts and minds being raised in prayer to God," he said.

The translation is only of the Roman Missal. The Lectionary, giving Scripture readings, remains unchanged.

"Alongside is the introduction of new setting of the parts of the Mass by Douglas Mews," Fr Harrison said. "It is intended that all parishes will learn this Mass setting, which will be held in common throughout New Zealand. Mass settings which do not use the new translation may not be used.

"It must be pointed out that only a composer may revise his/her Mass setting. Parish musicians may not alter the text or music without the express

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Final note after 72 years of teaching music

By PAT VELTKAMP SMITH

CELEBRATING what may well be a record, Southland music teachers have honoured one of their own, Dominican Sr Mary Gertrude Fox, who is retiring after 72 years continuous teaching.

It was, said Jenny Grieve, of Gore, a very special occasion.

As chairman of the Southland branch of the New Zealand Institute of Registered Music Teachers, she presented flowers to Sr Gertrude, saying she had brought music to life for generations of Southlanders during her very successful decades of teaching.

The afternoon function at the Southland Women's Club brought many musicians, teachers and performers together.

Hosted by former branch chairman Helen Watson, the occasion include a concert with musical items, songs and piano playing by pupils of Sr Gertrude, among them 12-year-old Ebony Phillips, the last pupil taken on Sr Gertrude before she moved into care at the Calvary community.

She has since placed Ebony with one of her former pupils, who is now teaching, and was delighted to hear her protégé play so well at the event.

Many of the pianists, singers and organists and a number of teachers at the function were taught in earlier times by Sr Gertrude, who had as remarkable a run of success with her students as her own early teachers had with her.

Her first teacher was a Dominican nun in Invercargill, Mother Mary Borromeo OP, and later she was taught in Dunedin by Sr Mary Augustine OP, studying singing there with Mrs Bertha Rawlinson.

Such was her natural ability that she achieved teacher's and performer's licentiate diplomas from both the Royal School and Trinity College in both piano and singing, all by her early twenties.

Professed a sister of the Dominican Order in 1939, she began her teaching career. An exacting tutor, she was always totally positive and encouraging in her teaching, which has been



Dominican Sr Mary Gertrude, honoured for 72 years continuous teaching of music, is pictured with fellow teachers Helen Watson (left) and Jenny Grieve, and 12-year-old Ebony Phillips, the last pupil taken on by Sr Gertrude, who played the piano at the celebratory afternoon.

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meticulous and broad-ranging from beginners to the many diploma students presented.

She taught secondary school economics and commercial subjects throughout Otago and Southland and, while living in Dunedin, was a valued member of the Otago branch of the music teachers' institute, as she has been in Southland.

Sr Gertrude's many contributions to city life have included stints at Citizens Advice Bureau and Victim Support as well as Lifeline, where she is still involved three days a week.

In 1995, she received an Invercargill City Council community service award for her cultural and community activities.

Today a Fellow of the Institute of Registered Music Teachers of New Zealand, Sr Gertrude, a former organist at St Mary's Basilica, remains active and involved, and her advice on musical matters is still sought..

Mrs Watson said 72 years was a lifetime of teaching. It was time well spent and much enjoyed, Sr Gertrude said.



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Bishop's diary

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3: Caring Foundation Mass in the Cathedral, 9.30am
6: Diocesan Benefactors' Mass, St Mary's Basilica, Invercargill

Move made to consolidate three primary schools

BISHOP COLIN CAMPBELL has initiated a move to consolidate the three primary schools in the Dunedin South Pastoral Area into two.

In a letter sent to school families and parishioners, Bishop Colin said: "Over recent months, I have given careful consideration to restructuring of Catholic primary schooling in the Dunedin South Pastoral Area.

"Quite rightly, St Patrick's School Board of Trustees brought to my attention concerns about the declining school roll, and the consequential strains placed on governance and management. Some form of intervention is expected of me as Proprietor.

"I am grateful for the discussion that has taken place between the Catholic Education Office and the Board of Trustees, as well as the consultation meetings with parents and parishioners."

The bishop noted St Patrick's School had served its parish well over many years but demographic shifts and other changes in South Dunedin had created the need for reviewing the way Catholic education was provided for families of the area in the future.

"I am determined to see that, however we modify the system, the children of St

Patrick's parish will continue to have ready access to Catholic schooling," he wrote.

"After giving prayerful consideration to the matter, I believe that the pastoral area is well placed to offer Catholic schooling to families in a viable way by consolidating on two schools for the area, rather than three.

"I have, therefore, asked the Director of the Catholic Education Office, Tony Hanning, to advise the Ministry of Education of my wish to restructure Catholic schooling in the South Dunedin Pastoral Area as soon as possible by consolidating on St Bernadette's School, Forbury, and St Brigid's School, Tainui. This means that, in due course, the Integration Agreement for St Patrick's School will be cancelled."

Bishop Colin said he was making this announcement now in order to give as much certainty as possible to parents, staff and board members so that they, too, might plan for the future.

"No decision like this is taken lightly, and my prayers are with all of you at this time," the bishop wrote. "I give thanks for all that has been achieved in the past, and for the great effort of so many good people. May they be blessed, and may the Spirit guide the future."

New Missal launch

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"Likewise, no composer may use the new texts of the Mass in their own compositions without the express approval of ICEL, which owns the copyright for these texts. Composers may apply to the National Liturgy Office to begin the process of approval."

During 2011, the next step will be to launch the remainder of the Roman Missal. There is a revised translation of the Eucharistic prayers, prefaces and the prayers for each celebration.

"The value for us is that we will have our own New Zealand version of the Roman Missal," Fr Harrison said. "The feasts and celebrations which are uniquely our own will be found in place and not in an appendix."

For instance, he said, when the Missal was opened to April 25, the Mass texts for Anzac Day were given while, on August 8, the texts for St Mary of the Cross (MacKillop) were listed.

"There will be some words in the new translation which will be found to be cumbersome," he said, "but it is important that these few words do not distract us from the overall value and privilege of being able to gather in praise and worship as God's people."

Advent Collection echoes concern for needy

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

WE have all been rejoicing lately at the canonisation of the first Australasian saint, Mary MacKillop. St Mary first came to our diocese in 1897 and opened a school in Arrowtown and later one in Port Chalmers. I felt privileged in representing you all at the canonisation on October 17 in Rome.

Mary was a remarkable woman for her care and education of children and the care of the needy, a work that is carried on by our Sisters of St Joseph with the same zeal and dedication as that of their foundress.

As we celebrate Advent and Christmas 2010, our thoughts turn to those in need. Our annual Advent Collection addresses some of these issues and I would ask you all to again support it generously this year.

Some of the areas where we help will be familiar to you. Our contribution for them continues to give ongoing support and nurture to their work for the Kingdom.

I thank you sincerely for your support of the Advent Appeal and

pray that as God our Father reached out to us in Jesus, we will reach out to others, especially those in need.

In the Spirit,
† Colin

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December

5 – A conversation with Saint Nicholas, then Mark Kurowski recounts his conversion story and outlines his pastoral and evangelical work in the parish.

12 – Omar Gutierrez and Our Lady of Guadalupe; and 101 days of prayer for the Sudan.

19 – Catholics Come Home: Tom Peterson, founder and president, tells his story and invites “retired” Catholics to come home to Christ and his Church.

Fire damages saint’s convent



A fire last month caused substantial damage to the first Port Chalmers convent of the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart (left). No one was hurt in the fire, believed to have started in the kitchen. The order used the wooden building as a convent from 1898 to 1906.

PHOTO: TOM WOODHOUSE

Filipino community marks feast day

IT has been two years since the Southland Filipino Community Club has celebrated the Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz de Manila, “the Patron Saint of Filipino Migrants”, which was initiated by the Filipino priest who was visiting at the time.

This year, the initiative came from Southland’s resident Filipino priest, Fr Ronelo Resco MSP, who asked for the assistance of the SFCC executive committee to organise the event, with a Filipino Fiesta themed celebration after the Mass. The Winton Memorial Hall was decorated for the October 10 celebration, with balloons and ribbons to suit the theme and the whole Mass was prepared and celebrated

in the Filipino language. The homily stressed gratitude, which most of us tend to forget when we have already received the things we asked from God. Gratitude which reflects the life of San Lorenzo Ruiz, who, even in the time of torture and death, had not succumbed to renounce his faith in Our Lord.

The fiesta started with tea with all sorts of Filipino dishes and desserts, followed by games for the children and adults. The Southland Filipino cultural dance troupe also performed some Filipino folk dances as part of the entertainment. As the night drew to a close, an iPod raffle was drawn and won by Evelyn Short, who then danced with the dance troupe in their last number for the event.

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'Special occasion' for 25 young people

By MARY WITSEY

THE St Thomas Aquinas parish and school community celebrated last month when 25 young people from the Central Southland area received the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Families, friends and parishioners gathered on Sunday October 17 to celebrate the special Mass and later joined the young people in the school hall for a joyous Communion breakfast.

Fr Ronelo Resco MSP said it was a day of real meaning for the children, bringing them even closer to God.

"May God bless you on this important day," he said.

St Thomas Aquinas principal Julian Ineson said it was a great day with special meaning.

"It was wonderful to see the school, and the community which supports it, joining together to celebrate this special occasion.

"It marks an important progression in our children's faith journey. It is a special and significant times in their lives.

"It is also a time when the special character of our school can be



The 25 young people from the Central Southland area who received the sacrament of Holy Communion at St Thomas Aquinas parish in Winton last month.

celebrated," he said.

"The support and encouragement which families and parishioners

provided St Thomas Aquinas students at this time also added real meaning to the occasion."

Day of reflection to be held in January

ON Sunday, January 30, Fr Anthony Gittins CSSP will be the guest presenter for a day of reflection entitled *Transforming Mission*, to be held at Holy Cross Centre, Mosgiel.

Fr Tony, a Spiritan Priest, is a social and theological anthropologist, born in Manchester. His ministry has included almost 10 years working among the Mende people of Sierra Leone. He is currently Professor of Theology and Culture at Catholic Theological Union, in Chicago. A prolific writer, Fr Tony's books include: *A Presence that Disturbs: A Call to Radical Discipleship* (Liguori, 2002).

In *A Presence that Disturbs*, he says that true Christian discipleship is based on



Fr Anthony Gittins CSSP

having experienced within ourselves God's disturbing presence – "That is what rearranges the contours of our own lives, gives our lives meaning, and motivates us to be concerned for others ... It is our God-inspired restlessness that compels us to reach out to encounter."

Fr Tony encourages us to think beyond our limited perceptions of our current reality and to imagine what might be.

If we are led by the Holy Spirit, we will be able to ask "Why not?" And "What if?" We need to identify the gap between what is and what is yet to be or what might be. To do this we need to name our vision. A vision is something that is not immediately within our grasp,

yet not impossibly difficult to commit to. We need to work out how to achieve our vision by taking action for mission. This approach carries the promise of transformation for our communities as they seek to fulfill the mission of Jesus in our times.

The topic, *Transforming Mission*, is particularly relevant to our current reality of challenging and changing Church dynamics. Fr Tony's presentations will be an inspiring starting point for personal reflection and group work. Those present will have the opportunity to imagine what could be as they seek to follow the promptings of the Spirit today.

The reflection day will be held at Holy Cross Centre, Mosgiel, on Sunday, January 30, 2011, from 10.30 am to 5.30 pm, concluding with Mass.

All are invited – members of Walking New Paths, Catholic parishioners, teachers in Catholic schools, priests, religious, and members of other Christian traditions.

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ST MARY OF THE CROSS

Cheers for Australasia's first saint

WHEN Pope Benedict XVI officially canonised Mary MacKillop and five others on October 17, the crowd of New Zealand and Australian pilgrims – estimated to be 8000 among tens of thousands in St Peter's Square – cheered their first saint.

Now known as St Mary of the Cross, the woman who co-founded the Congregation of the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart saw the Josephites spread across Australia and into New Zealand. Since then, they have extended their ministry to Ireland, Peru, East Timor, Scotland and Brazil.

Pope Benedict celebrated the Mass of the six newest saints as a "feast of holiness." Alluding to the day's Gospel readings, he declared that their prayerful lives were "shining examples" and proof that faith still can be found on earth.

The Vatican estimated attendance in St Peter's Square at 50,000 as Pope Benedict XVI recognised the holiness and heroic virtue of six Catholics.



New Zealand Sisters of St Joseph who attended the canonisation in Rome.

In the Rite of Canonisation, the Holy Father said: "In honour of the most holy Trinity, in exultation of the Catholic faith and the development of our Christian life, with the authority of Our Lord Jesus Christ, of the Apostles Peter and Paul and after long reflection, invoking divine help and listening to many of our brothers in the Episcopato, we declare and define [as] saints the Blessed Stanislaw Kazimierczyk, Andre Bessette, Candida Maria de Jesus Cipitria y Barriola, Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Giulia Salzano and Battista da Varano."

During his homily at the Mass, the Pope spoke of the celebration as a renewal of "the feast of holiness." Referring to Sunday's Gospel message in that context, he said that its "fundamental teaching" is "the need to always pray ceaselessly."

"God in fact is generosity personified," said the Pope. "He is merciful and therefore he is always willing to listen to prayers. Therefore, we must never despair, but always persist in prayer."

Following the tradition of centuries, relics of the new saints were then brought to the altar for blessing. Kathleen Evans, whose cure from cancer was attributed to the miraculous powers of Mary MacKillop, carried a cross containing a lock of the saint's hair.

In Australia, thousands of faithful took part in a parade on the streets of Melbourne, the saint's birthplace, and thousands more crammed St Mary's Cathedral, in Sydney, where a Canonisation Mass was celebrated.

– CNA

NZ children send book to Pope

BEFORE the canonisation, Pope Benedict XVI was presented with a book of drawings, stories and messages from the children of Australia and New Zealand.

Two Josephite Sisters gave the Pontiff a book, *Beneath a Cross of Stars*, featuring the children's stories, drawings and handwritten personal messages. A medallion featuring Mary MacKillop's portrait was also presented to the Pope.

"The Holy Father was particularly pleased to receive the special messages by the children of Australia and New Zealand ... as they celebrate their first saint," Sr Anne Derwent said. – CNA

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Bishop Len Boyle and Jack Murray (7) unveil the Balclutha church's new signboard.

A new name for

By GILLIAN VINE

"THERE'S nowhere in the New Zealand I would rather be today," Bishop Len Boyle told the congregation at Blessed Mary MacKillop Church, Balclutha, on October 17.

"We are an historic gathering."

Not only did the day mark the canonisation of Blessed Mary MacKillop – and the Balclutha Canonisation Mass was probably the first in the world – but it also saw the renaming of the church as St Mary MacKillop. For Bishop Len, it was the second time he had been part of the church's renaming.

Originally named St Virgilius, when a new church was built in the mid-1990s, Bishop Len suggested it be named after her. Blessed Mary MacKillop Church was opened and blessed December 1995, the first New Zealand church to take the name. The chapel is still St Virgilius.

Mary MacKillop "was brought up with the same Scripture we heard today", Bishop Len said, and "no doubt God challenged her [as he did



Above: Among the Josephite Associates from Dunedin at the Balclutha celebrations were (from left) Myrtle Meier, Denise Mitchell and Trish Clark.

Below: Some of the crowd at the lunch, with parish priest Fr Michael Hishon in the centre.



Above Bill McDonald, of Clan Donald, with parish chairwoman Pauline Dodds.



(MACKILLOP)

Balclutha church

St Peter] with those same words, *quo vadis*, 'Where goest thou?'" As followers of Jesus, we all had to answer the call and respond as she did, he said.

"At times it is difficult, as it was for Mary MacKillop. Sometimes we look for the soft option, but this is not the way Christ wants us to go."

Mary MacKillop responded with grace to the call and we should endeavour to follow her example, Bishop Len said.

After the Mass, at which the Litany of Mary MacKillop was sung, Bishop Len and St Joseph's School Year 3 pupil Jack Murray (7) unveiled the new signboard of the church.

At a celebratory lunch, Bill McDonald, of Clan Donald – to which the MacKillop family was connected – brought blessings and best wishes from the clan's High Chief, Lord Godfrey McDonald.

Don Cameron, of Balclutha, a distant relation of Mary MacKillop, attended the Mass and luncheon. His family owned Nokomai Station and Mary MacKillop had stayed there.

Bishop Len and Josephite Sisters Frances and Benedict, who had served in Balclutha, cut a cake to mark the occasion.1



Bishop Len Boyle and Josephite Sisters Frances (left) and Benedict cut the cake at the lunch. Sr Frances, who now lives in Temuka, taught music at St Joseph's School, in Balclutha, and Sr Benedict was the pastoral worker from 1992 to 2002.

"I visited everybody in the parish many, many times," Sr Benedict said.



Above: Kathleen Scott with her cousin, Fr Merv McGettigan, of Mosgiel, a curate in Balclutha in the 1960s. Fr Merv is the Josephite Associates' chaplain.

Right: Don Cameron, a relative of St Mary of the Cross.

Left: A banner made by Denise Mitchell was on display in St Mary MacKillop Church during the Canonisation Mass. It was later to be displayed at St Mary Star of the Sea Church, Port Chalmers.



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History reawoken in Arrowtown

TABLET REPORTERS

WAKATIPU pulled out of the stops to celebrate the Canonisation of St Mary of the Cross (Mary MacKillop) as Australasia's first saint with three days of festivities.

On Friday, November 4, the 153 pupils of St Joseph's School and their teachers joined parents and parishioners in a packed St Patrick's Church for a liturgy marking St Mary's Canonisation in Rome on October 17. Pupils used various ways – acting, using drawings, singing and dancing – to tell the story of how Mother Mary MacKillop established a school and mission in Arrowtown in 1897.

Also present were two representatives of



"Sr Cecilia" (Angela Verry) conducts a class outside Mary MacKillop Cottage during diocesan celebrations. The young actors were pupils of St Joseph's School, Queenstown.

PHOTO: JANE MCLEOD

outside the Arrowtown Museum. Two groups walked around historic Arrowtown, getting a feel for how the place was when St Mary was ministering there. Arrowtown was pretty much the same now as it was then – Buckingham St was the main road, the tree plantings had been undertaken and the old cottages had been built that housed the grocer, butcher and baker. Along from these was Burnbank, the cottage the then Mother Mary rented when she first arrived. The tour continued to the jail, and then the old school site, now a private residence.

A lovely story recounted about Mother Mary was that when she was invited for a meal, with all the food laid out. Mother Mary (being an Aussie) said "What, no cold meat?" so Annie Cotter (the late Mrs Hamilton) was sent home to get some cold meat from their safe.

After the tour, the crowd assembled outside Mary MacKillop's Cottage where Sr Cecilia, portrayed by Lakes District Museum education officer Angela

the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart, the order St Mary founded. New Zealand provincial leader, Sr Colleen Keeble, of Auckland, and Sr Jill McLoughlin, of Christchurch, had been among the 140 sisters who attended the Canonisation Mass in St Peter's Square in Rome.

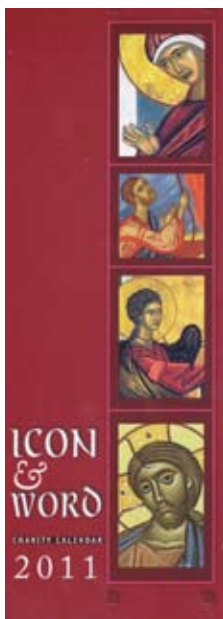
Sr Colleen told the children that if St Mary were to walk through the door that day, her message might well have been, "Do your bit and listen in your hearts to God's message."

St Mary would have wanted them to always be grateful and to never see a need without doing something about it.

On the Saturday, a large crowd met

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ST MARY OF THE CROSS

as diocese celebrates new saint

Verry, conducted a class of a dozen children from St Joseph's School in period costume.

Margaret Hyland, dressed as Mother Mary, addressed the crowd, giving a talk about "my [St Mary's] life, the work I had done and was doing".

On the Sunday, parishioners, guests, descendants, supporters and clergy from the Dunedin diocese, Anglican and Methodist Churches processed from St Patrick's to the Athenaeum Hall in Arrowtown, where Mass, attended by some 300 people, was celebrated. The parade was led by Kevin Burdon, an associate of the Sisters of St Joseph, holding a banner depicting Mother Mary and the Sisters being greeted by Fr Keenan. Mr Burdon was followed by the Southern Lakes Highland Pipe Band.

"What a remarkable woman," Bishop Colin Campbell said in his homily.

"What was this 'spirit of Mary MacKillop' that so typified her and the Sisters of St Joseph? What was this vision that she and Fr Julian Woods had of a congregation of sisters who would help the needy especially the disadvantaged and poor children of the outback to give them a Catholic education?" he asked.

"While the work was principally for the education of the needy young in the rural areas, the work of the Sisters went out in many directions. Not only were schools being opened for the poor but an orphanage for neglected children, girls in danger and the aged poor, women's refuge, a place for the incurably ill and visitation of the sick and the imprisoned. There was a ready hand of help to anybody in trouble or sorrow irrespective of religion.

"The numbers of people the Sisters cared for increased so rapidly, the Josephites went out begging from door to door, from shop to shop.

"Besides all that, the trouble and adversity this woman and her congregation encountered was met with the equanimity, patience and



Bishop Colin Campbell in St Peter's Basilica, Rome, where he attended the canonisation of Mary MacKillop.

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calmness of spirit," Bishop Colin said

"She suffered from misunderstanding, jealousy and innuendo; you would have to be a saint to withstand it!

"The wondrous thing about her, though, was her magnificent trust in God ... his will was always before her guiding her like a lodestar in our lands of the Southern Cross," Bishop Colin said.

"When you look up on a starry night you see the Southern Cross constellation that is always there in our southern skies. Mary saw the Cross of Christ as always there, as essential to the Christian life. How many people today want a Cross-free life or a Crossless spirituality and they can get very cross when troubles come and they begin to blame God.

"Whether it was the dry and dusty roads of South Australia or Queensland, or those of Central Otago, for Mary it was all part of following her Lord on his dusty road to Calvary. As Mary of the Cross she saw this as central to her faith and life and said: 'Faith is the

first essential if we are to cope with the cross in life ... faith in God as a loving Father who (if you let him) will, in his Providence, use trials and sufferings for your greater good and his glory.'"

It was her remarkable trust in God and her desire to do the will of God that enabled her to accept the joys and sorrows of life with calmness and serenity, the bishop said.

"As we hail this first Australian saint in whose reflected glory we in New Zealand bathe, in that Mary walked our land of Aotearoa-New Zealand, and lived and worked in this very area ... I often think that Mary MacKillop embodied characteristics that typify Aussie and Kiwi alike. There is that mutual sense of 'going into bat' for the battlers of life, to give a helping hand to the needy irrespective of colour, culture or creed; it is that sense of a 'fair go for everyone'. It was the genius of Mary that in seeing Christ in every person, she was deeply appreciative of the dignity and worth of every person made in God's image and likeness.

"When we realise around the world today and in our own country ... more and more the need for people to stand up for the lives and dignity of the needy and defenceless, the vulnerable and dependent ... the charism of Mary MacKillop stands as a blazing light of hope in our fractured and fractious world. The daughters of Mary MacKillop stand today as beacons of hope and help, of compassion and care; we are truly blessed by their presence," Bishop Colin said.

He acknowledged "with deep gratitude" the order's presence in the Dunedin diocese since 1897 and "the splendid work that the Sisters of St Joseph have done in carrying on the charism of Mary of the Cross to this part of the world".

At the end of Mass, a tribute to St Mary was read on behalf of Lord Fitzroy MacDonald, Chief of Clan Donald.

Everyone then enjoyed a delicious finger-food lunch.

Petitions and prayers

PETITION

Prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary (never known to fail): O most beautiful flower of Mt Carmel, fruitful vine, Splendour of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me here thou art my Mother. O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech thee from the bottom of my heart to succour me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand thy power. O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (three times). Holy Mary, I place this prayer in thy hands (three times). This prayer must be said for three days and the prayer published. (Published on behalf of J.T.L.)

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Most grateful thanks to the Deart Heart of Jesus for the many favours received. (Published on behalf of P.M.K.)

SACRED HEART OF JESUS

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be praised, honoured, adored, and glorified throughout the world forever. Amen. Say six times for nine days and remember to promise publication. Your prayers will be answered, no matter how impossible it may seem to you, before the ninth day. (Published on behalf of J.J.W., P.M.)

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St Joseph’s School and Parish Upper Hutt

100th Jubilee Reunion Queen’s Birthday Weekend June 3-5, 2011. Contact the parish office by email stjosephsuh@actrix.co.nz, phone (04) 528-2028, at PO Box 40-225, Upper Hutt 5019, or download a registration form at www.stjosephsuh.com.

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With some of the food collected on a mufti day are St Patrick’s South Dunedin pupils (from left) Joy Auckram, Cameron Bradley (partly obscured), Liam Craig, Hope Moses-Emery, William Patu, Ma’ole Faletolu, Briana Tohill and Kannha Te.

Young Vinnies help out

YOUNG VINNIES in South Dunedin and Ranfurly have been busy lately.

At St Patrick’s School, South Dunedin, Young Vinnies Room 3 organised a school mufti day on October 22.

“It was to help collect food for the St Vincent de Paul food bank,” Room 3 pupils explained.

“The whole school came in mufti and brought two items of food. In the afternoon Mr Fahey came and collected all the food. He told us that there was enough food to make 12 food parcels. He was very thankful. We felt good being able to help others.”

And in Ranfurly, Young Vinnies had a work day helping elderly and needy people in the community. Most of the jobs were gardening – weeding, clearing out a glasshouse and sweeping leaves – but the children also washed cars and windows. The children were very positive about doing something for nothing, and would like to make this an annual project.



Ranfurly Young Vinnies tackle weeding (above) and car-washing during a day helping others.



Around the diocese

Hall upgraded

THE hall at Sacred Heart, in Waikiwi, has had a major facelift. A new Colorsteel roof and aluminium windows with armoured glass will ensure the hall will be available to the parish, the school and community groups in the area for many years to come. The total cost of the renovations was \$53,908, of which the parish paid one third from its funds in the CDF, while the balance was paid from grants from the Community Trust of Southland, the Invercargill Licensing Trust, and the ILT Foundation. Parish priest Fr Vince Smith said the parish and community were most grateful for the help from the trusts, as the parish would have found it very difficult to raise the funds alone.

Pupils' successes

JAKE MEIKLE, a pupil of Sacred Heart School, Invercargill, won the titles "King of the Canterbury" in Christchurch, and the "South Island Champs" in Reefton, in his age group class for MX. Jake thanked all themothers who sacrificed their waistslines to support of his chocolate sales. Other Sacred Heart pupils to score honours recently were Abby Humm and Caitlin Smith, whose art work was chosen for national judging in the Mitre 10Takahe Art Competition; and Patrice Brookland who won a gold medal in Level 3C Women's Gymnastics and a silver medal for the individual bar apparatus. Patrice's team was first in the Southern Gym Competition held in Balclutha.

Scholarships awarded

ST KEVIN'S COLLEGE student Oliver Hailes is the recipient of two scholarships, the 2010 Russell McVeagh School Leavers' Law Scholarship and the Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship. He has also earned an associate diploma of public speaking and declaration of excellence from Speech New Zealand. Oliver, St Kevin's Head Boy, was one of the college's two representatives at the *Otago Daily Times* Class Act awards.

Special Character support

AS part of the programme of support provided by the Christian Brothers to St Kevin's College, Br Damian Price has worked recently with staff and students to capture the essence of its Special Character.

CWL committee

AT its recent AGM, St Theresa's Catholic Women's League, in Invercargill, elected the following officers and committee members: President, Marie Casey; minute secretary, Isabel Boyer; treasurer/social secretary, Marion Maloney; committee, Cath Chamberlain, Pauline Dowling, Mary Gameren, Pat Griffin, Patricia Harrington, An====n McCarthy and Joan Weatherall.

Driver wanted

THE St Vincent De Paul Society, in Invercargill, wants to obtain the services of a volunteer driver to drive the society's Wheel Chair Ambulance (with passengers) one afternoon a week. A heavy traffic licence is required for this role. If you can help, contact Tony Dowling, phone (03) 216-7922.



St Thomas Aquinas Primary School pupils (above) joined with Southland entertainer Suzanne Prentice to raise funds for children in need, through the international charity World Vision, at a concert in Invercargill last month. The "Kids for Kids" charity concert was held at the Civic Theatre in Invercargill. Hundreds of friends and family gathered to hear a selection of Christmas carols performed by the children and Ms Prentice. St Thomas Aquinas pupil Danielle Banzuello performed a wonderful solo of *Silent Night* and fellow student Callum Findlater gave a spirited impromptu performance of *Jingle Bell Rock* after Ms Prentice unexpectedly handed him the microphone. She said she was impressed with the standard of singing in Southland. "I think your kids have been absolutely superb. You can be proud of what they've achieved – they have worked really hard."

– MARY WITSEY

Bishop John Cunneen dies at 78

EMERITUS BISHOP of Christchurch, John Cunneen, died peacefully on November 11 after a long illness. He was 78.

Born in Christchurch in 1932, Bishop Cunneen was educated in Ashburton and Christchurch, then Holy Name Seminary, Riccarton (1947-1950); Holy Cross Seminary, Mosgiel (1951-1952) and All Hallows College, Dublin (1952-1956).

He was ordained in 1956 and served in a number of parishes before being ordained bishop in 1992 and, after a period as auxiliary bishop, was appointed Bishop of Christchurch in 1995.

Because of health problems, he retired as Bishop of Christchurch in May 2007.

Credit where it is due

IT was the late Sr Xavier Phelan RSM whose advice Bishop Len Boyle sought when discerning a vocation to the priesthood (October *Tablet*). The Mercy Sister, who had taught him at St Patrick's School in Nightcaps years earlier, told him to take his vocation, but not himself, too seriously. Bishop Len said that good advice showed him the joy there ought to be in a religious life.

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New banner made for Verdon

ERIN YOUNG is well known for her magnificent patchwork and Verdon College has been given one of her creations, a new banner for Verdon College to replace the one made for the school at least 15 years ago by Kathy Ryder.

As well as the new banner, Verdon College has been given what Erin calls a “pinney” for the rostrum. The college community provided the finances for the materials used

in the banners but the hours and hours of work put into the new banners was a labour of love by Erin. She and her husband, Alistair, (right, with banner) have had a long association with Catholic education in Invercargill. Erin was educated by the Dominican nuns at St Catherine’s and Alistair went to Marist. Their three daughters all went to St Catherine’s and their son David went to Marist.



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‘Brain grain’ award for Kavanagh students

KAVANAGH COLLEGE Year 10 students Annabelle Weston, Charlotte Steele, Caitlin Spence and Ike Saunders are part of the brain grain, not the brain drain.

The quartet last month won the New Zealand Institute of Food Science and Technology/Crest Student Product Development Challenge Awards.

It was a challenging year for the team from Kavanagh College, as they worked to to develop a product from barley grain, a by-product of the beer brewing process.

With industry mentor Chris O’Leary, of Emerson’s Brewery, and Kavanagh technology and science teachers, the students learned about the brewing process and product development. They investigated the nutritional values of the grain and explored processing the barley into food products such as muesli and bread. While achieving some success in this area, it was transforming the barley into a biodegradable product that combined waste barley and recycled newspaper to produce environmentally sustainable weed matting and seed-propagation planting pots that ultimately won them the prize.

Teamwork was the key to their success as the students explored the significant variables that make a product successful.

Each student will also receive a Bronze Crest Award from the Royal Society of New Zealand.

Run with the support of Phil Bremer, of the University of Otago Food Science Department, the project gave the students and staff at Kavanagh College the opportunity to appreciate the innovative work done by scientists, technologists and engineers in New Zealand’s food industry. The students worked on their project outside school activities, and were dedicated, enthusiastic, and passionate about it.

Kavanagh gets 'tech building

BISHOP COLIN CAMPBELL has announced that a contract has been entered into for the acquisition of the former Otago Polytechnic building in Tennyson St (pictured right).

The intention is that the building, on the corner of Tennyson St and York Pl, will be redeveloped for use by Kavanagh College as an administration area.

"This acquisition is a significant challenge to finance but the opportunity to acquire the property was a once-only chance to provide Kavanagh College with capacity that is greatly needed, the school having been constrained on its existing site since its establishment," Bishop Colin said.



While detailed planning would not be finalised until after settlement, the intention was that the site would meet the needs of Kavanagh College in buildings and in increased open space, Bishop Colin said.

It was envisaged that the diocesan team and Kavanagh College would work together in 2011 to plan development and funding of the project.

Helping Hands putting love into practice in parish

By FAE ROBERTSON

I GAINED such an abundance of growth from my Walking New Paths studies, *Sister Mentoring*, and the faith family our group has become. I eagerly came back to Queenstown so wanting to be even more involved in my parish.

We have a demanding transient population and high visitor numbers – a peak season average of 43,000 a night. This means work can be seven days a week and often involved night work so young families can make ends meet.

Under Fr Tony Harrison's guidance, we have an excellent Parish Council dedicated to the smooth running of the parish. However, most pastoral work was looked after by Fr Harrison. In discussions with him, we talked of the need for a group within the parish which could lighten his load.

As we wanted a group which represented the diversity and needs of our area, representatives have come on board from the PTA, Catholic Women's League, the elderly, the Filipino community and the high school, which several Catholic students attend. I felt this group needed to welcome new



parishioners and celebrate the birth of babies. So CWL ladies have helped by providing knitted cardigans for the babies along with baby medals and cards. It is important we also be there for the times when there is illness and death or a need for a friend, celebrating the joyous times and supporting during times of trial.

Because I also work with Victim Support, I felt it was important members understand that in times of trial and sadness, confidentiality is very important.

Jesus asked us to love our neighbour as ourselves and quiet, simple loving means being there and doing what we can to build a close parish family. Our parish has a lovely heart but often the demands of living in Queenstown

does not allow people the time to be as involved as they would like.

This is a small beginning to what is a much-needed group to lighten Fr Harrison's load and help everyone understand what a blessing our parish family can be.

For example, Scarlet and Lily are twins, born on June 2, the first children of Ben and Saffron Philips.

I enjoyed knitting for them and, being a Nana and an all-night knitter, I was in my element. We have a feast of babies due over the next few months so it will be all hands to the needles. My Catholic Women's League ladies are great knitters. I have called the group Caring Hearts and Helping Hands.

Walking New Paths has been so amazing at strengthening and building my faith. I felt a strong need to put my faith into action as a gift to my parish for what I have received on my journey. For as Jesus said when he described the Commandments, "the greatest of these

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Emily Darling, Paige Robb and Hannah Liyanarachchi with Bishop Colin Campbell and Fr Pat McGettigan. The Roxburgh children's Confirmation was on October 10.




St Thomas Aquinas parish priest Fr Ronelo Resco (right) with St Thomas Aquinas School year 4 and 5 students enjoying the beauty of Fiordland during a school camp to Te Anau recently. Students, staff and parents spent three days in the town fishing, exploring the bush, studying the natural environment, visiting the Glow Worm caves, and meeting with their Te Anau School penpals. Principal Julian Ineson said it was a wonderful opportunity for the children to experience the great outdoors, while developing interpersonal and confidence skills.



Left: Sr Rita Bonisch RSM with St Patrick's School, South Dunedin, pupils (from left) Tamali'i Faletolu, Victoria Patu and Tineka Keane, who presented her with a bouquet of spring flowers.

The St Patrick's children joined the Sisters of Mercy for Mass to celebrate Mercy Day in September and sang two songs of praise at the end of the Mass.



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Last month, Walking New Paths members attended a retreat at Holy Cross Centre, Mosgiel.

Sr Stephanie Kitching RSM (right) was the retreat presenter. Participants learned about the Myers Briggs Type Indicator. By responding to a series of questions each came to an understanding of her own personality style and learnt about appreciating others with different personalities. These differences have an influence on prayer and spirituality. The group looked at different prayer styles and were encouraged to develop their prayer life according to their personality.

