

# Grenfell welcomes new Priest

## □ Former Central West schoolteacher returns to the diocese in a new role

Ross Craven's arrival in Grenfell as Priest in Charge of the parish last Saturday (June 4) was warmly welcomed by the parish community – as was the steady soaking rain that fell through Friday night and the day of Ross Craven's commissioning.

A strong contingent of parishioners from Elmore, in the Victorian Diocese of Bendigo, made the trip to Grenfell to farewell the priest who had served their parish for the past four years.

As has been his practice in recent years, Bishop Ian Palmer drew on the Five Marks of Mission to shape the commissioning service and form a framework to guide the incoming priest's ministry in the parish.

Members of the parish presented Ross Craven with symbols representing the five marks:

- ♦ a Bible - from which he is to proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom;



**SYMBOLS:** Grenfell parishioner Ron Booth presents the incoming priest with a bowl of earth, symbolising the call to care for creation - one of five symbols presented during the service



**WELCOME:** Bishop Ian hands Ross Craven his licence of appointment as priest in Charge of Grenfell before inviting the congregation to welcome him with a warm round of applause.

- ♦ a Prayer Book, pitcher of water, chalice and paten – illustrating his call to teach, baptise and nurture new believers;
- ♦ a towel – as a reminder to respond to human need with loving service;
- ♦ a cross – the symbol of God's response to human violence, and the call on Christians to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation;
- ♦ a bowl of earth – symbolising the call to care for, sustain and renew the life of the earth.

Bishop Ian began his sermon by handing Ross Craven a large three-dimensional cut-out of the word 'Dream', quoting the Old Testament prophet Joel: 'And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy,

your old men will dream dreams and your young men will see vision' (Joel 2:28).

The bishop encouraged both the incoming priest and the people of the parish to "dream dreams and see visions" as God pours out his Spirit.

He described the Epistle reading for the day (2 Timothy 4: 1-8) as being a job description for a parish priest, and recommended that Ross Craven "read it every day for a month" as he settled into his new role.

Bishop Ian also paid tribute to the faithful ministry of Fr Bill Pryce, who has served as locum tenens in Grenfell for the past 18 months.

The Reverend Ross Craven has strong links to the central west region, having trained at Mitchell College in Bathurst in the early 1970s before working in Orange and then Mudgee as a teacher. He subsequently moved to Newcastle Diocese, where he was ordained in 2011 to serve in the Parish of Merriwa.

His appointment to Grenfell is on a part-time basis, for three days per week.



**FAMILY CAMP 2016:** More than 70 people took part in this year's Diocesan Family Camp, including some who just came for the 'Saturday Sampler' part of the program rather than the whole weekend. Held at Ridgecrest Conference Centre at Burrendong Dam, the annual event brought together people from eight different parishes and once again strengthened inter-parish connections to help develop the sense of being part of a diocesan family.

Guest speaker for the gathering was the Rev'd Dan Bidwell who came with his family from the Sydney suburb of Miranda and spoke on the theme "Community of the King" from Romans 13, looking at true worship (12:1-2), true ministry (3-8) and true community (9-21).

Once again, lively worship and singing were a feature of the weekend, as well as a range of family-friendly activities. Bishop Ian joined the camp on Saturday morning (after attending the Parkes parish debutante ball on Friday evening). The introduction of a ladies' breakfast on Sunday morning turned out to be a highlight.

## Former Bathurst priest appointed Dean of Sale Cathedral, Gippsland

The Reverend Canon Susanna Pain has accepted the invitation of The Right Reverend Kay Goldsworthy, Bishop of Gippsland, to serve as Dean, St Paul's Cathedral in Sale in the Diocese of Gippsland.

Susanna served as rector of Cowra from 2002-04 before moving to Canberra, where she was appointed rector of Jamison in 2006. She was subsequently appointed regional Archdeacon.

Susanna's great grandfather, Bishop Arthur Pain, was the first

bishop of Gippsland, and the Deanery is in the refurbished 'Annie Pain Memorial Kindergarten Hall' - named after Susanna's great grandmother.

Susanna has a long association with the diocese herself, having preached at the ordination of the first woman priest in the diocese, opened the refurbished deanery, and led Clergy Conference, Youth Synod, InterPlay Workshops, and retreats in the Diocese.

Her commencement date is yet to be confirmed.

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# Steven O'Connor welcomed as new Head of All Saints' College

## ❑ Former boys' Housemaster returns to Saints' after 18 years

Mr Steven O'Connor was commissioned in his new role as Head of All Saints' College, Bathurst, during the Evensong service at All Saints' Cathedral on Sunday May 1.

Mr O'Connor commenced his new responsibilities at the start of Term Two.

The Bishop of Bathurst and Chair of the All Saints' College Council, Ian Palmer, led the service with Cathedral Dean the Very Reverend Anne Wentzel and College Chaplain the Reverend Tony Card.

Before presenting the incoming Headmaster with his licence of appointment, Bishop Ian prayed for him and anointed him with oil as a symbol of the presence of the Holy Spirit.

The service was attended by the State Member for Bathurst, the Hon Paul Toole MP, the Mayor of Bathurst, Councillor Gary Rush and a number of members of the All Saints' College Council.

A packed Cathedral gave witness to support for Mr O'Connor, and at the end of the service church and community leaders gave speeches of warm welcome.

The music for the service was led by the All Saints' Cathedral Choir and the 50-strong All Saints' College a capella vocal ensemble.

For Steven O'Connor and his wife Trudi, the move to All Saints'



**LICENCE:** Mr Steven O'Connor receives Bishop Ian Palmer's licence to serve as Head of All Saints' College.

College has been something of a homecoming: he served as Housemaster of the boys' boarding house in 1998, before accepting an appointment as Director of Boarding at St Stanislaus' College in Bathurst the following year.

He comes to All Saints' from Trinity Anglican College in Albury-Wodonga, where he has been Headmaster for the last seven years.

Like All Saints' College, Trinity is a co-educational school and caters to students from kindergarten through to Year 12.



**COMMISSIONING:** Bev Hobbs and Laurie Cole were commissioned as Licensed Lay Ministers in Rylstone/Kandos Parish on Sunday April 10 during the morning service at St James' Rylstone. Visiting priest Canon Carla Archer presented the licenses on behalf of Bishop Ian.

## CLERGY MOVES & APPOINTMENTS

◆ **The Reverend Ross Craven** has been appointed Priest in Charge of the Parish of Grenfell. Currently serving as Priest in Charge of Elmore Parish in the Diocese of Bendigo, Ross worked in the Mudgee area as a teacher before moving to Merriwa in Newcastle Diocese, where he was ordained in 2011.

Ross was commissioned by Bishop Ian and welcomed to the parish on Saturday June 4 in a service in Holy Trinity Grenfell.

# Sun shines for Women's Retreat

The 2016 Diocesan Women's Retreat was held at "Shalom House of Prayer" Carcoar from Monday 14th March to Thursday 17th March.

Under the gentle guidance of the Rev'd Anastasia Webster Hawes, Rector of Blayney, eleven women from the Diocese (Nyngan to Bathurst) were led to reflect on the retreat theme of "Footprints".

Anastasia used famous Biblical pictures by artists such as Rembrandt, Stanley Spencer, Salvador Dali and Caravaggio to guide our thoughts on the "footprints" the artists left in their paintings, and then sent us off to meditate on our responses that the "footprints" of the characters in the paintings may be encouraging us to leave in our lives.

We were also encouraged to record our thoughts in the book provided but sharing was voluntary. Each session started with prayer and was followed by silence until we met for a brief sharing time before the next session.

We were blessed with amazing weather which allowed us to wander around the property and further afield if so desired. The women thoroughly enjoyed al fresco "happy hour" and dining out in the fresh air. Greater silence from after Compline each day till Morning Prayer each day was offered time for



**OUTDOORS:** Women on the retreat appreciated the warm weather which allowed them to enjoy dining outdoors.

retreatants to reflect more deeply.

We are very grateful to the Community of Shalom - Nick, Fran, John, Kate and their helpers for the loving care and prayers they extended to us which helped make our stay such a special time for each one of us.

## THY KINGDOM COME... ON EARTH

### 2016 END OF FINANCIAL YEAR APPEAL



In the Lord's Prayer, Jesus teaches us to pray that God's kingdom will come on earth as it is in heaven. It is clear that God intends his kingdom to encompass both the heavenly realm and our earthly reality. Only God can build God's kingdom, but as followers of Jesus we also want to see things put right – choosing to live and work now for the world that God wants.

We are given an important responsibility as God graciously invites us to partner with Him in this work of renewal. To pray this prayer is to ask God to act, but it is also to make a commitment to doing our part to realise this vision of God's coming kingdom.

At Anglican Overseas Aid we think of our international development work as one way of living for God's kingdom. In our work we try to emphasize social equity, health and prosperity, peace and reconciliation, and care for the earth. All of these things relate closely to the theme of global restoration found in the coming kingdom of God.

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