

### *Centre for Christianity in Society*

The first course is to be held in August. **Belief in a Post-modern Age** will explore profound changes which have shaped contemporary Australian society and which pose special challenges for Christian faith. (See enclosed leaflet.) The seminars are being widely publicised among the churches and in schools, libraries, colleges and the secular press.

The Rev. Greg Shanahan, newly appointed Administrative Assistant to the Centre, has done a wonderful job installing the computer and developing leaflets, publicity, etc. The Board is very excited about the new venture and welcomes your participation and suggestions.

A second series of seminars, on issues in bio-ethics, will be held in October.

**Denbigh Rd. Church has been SOLD** for \$1.05 million to a developer who plans to construct apartments within the existing fabric of the buildings. Work will not start until next year.

**Final Service of Worship is on Sunday 15**

**August at 10.00 am.**

The preacher will be the Rev. Claire Tanner, grand-daughter of long serving minister at Denbigh Rd., the Rev. Scott Tanner. Please let others know of this special occasion. There will be no service at Kooyong Rd. on that day.

**Organ, too, has been sold** (for \$20,000).

Due to the publicity prepared by our Director of Music, Laurie MacLennan, there was keen interest in the organ from many parts of Australia. The successful bidder was **Sr. Michael's Roman Catholic Church, Wagga Wagga** where it will be used in the Cathedral. It is a great joy to know that it will continue to be used in praise of God.

After the final service nine large stained glass windows will be moved to Kooyong Rd, smaller windows will be stored in case they may be used in new churches, and pews and other furnishings will be auctioned. The cost of moving the windows will be met from the sale of the property; income from the sale of the organ and furnishings will go into our parish funds.

**Visit by the President-elect of the Uniting Church in Australia.**

**The Rev. Prof. James Haire**, Principal of Trinity Theological College, Brisbane and the next President of the Church, will be our preacher on **Sunday, 5 September, 10.00 am.** As it is an honour for him to accept our invitation, please make a special effort to attend the service.

He will also deliver the third Margaret McKinnon Memorial Lecture (Nepean Presbytery) on **Thursday, 2 September, 8 pm** at Ewing Memorial Church, East Malvern. His topic will be **'Mission in Christ's Way: the Abandoned Calling of the Church?'**

### *Around the Parish:*

**Sorry to be saying farewell to Nick Crossbie** who is leaving for Salzburg (Austria) at the end of July where he will do post-doctoral research in marine biology.

**First Sunday program** is on 4 July, 1 August and 5 September.

**UCF Annual Luncheon and fashion parade** was a great success. Thanks to the charming models - Yvonne, Emily, Lesley and Ida. UCF meets on 27 July, 24 August and 28 September.

'**Cornwall**' committee meets on 4 August. McMullins are off to Europe for a few weeks. George Barrett recently sent greetings with a donation in memory of his sister Phyllis. MacLennans will soon enjoy some Queensland sun. Congratulations to Rachel Champion who recently celebrated her 21st birthday.

### *Other 'Church & society' events:*

Conference on **4 Hall of Mirrors: Shaping Society by Media and the Arts**, featuring Les Murray, is on 26 July at St. James Court; on 23 August in the Reta Berry Room the **Forum on Faith and Society** is holding a seminar on **Reclaiming History**. Speakers are Prof. Geoffrey Blainey and Rev. Dr. Wes Campbell. Everyone welcome.

**Pastoral concerns** include Nona Graham (Epworth) and Stan Graham, Alex Borland (St. Vincents), Betty Just, Dorothy Garnett, Norma McNolly, Marjorie Lade, Edyth Rawson (St Josephs), Kath McIver, Shirley Bolduan, Tom Steel, Mary Crosbie, Ivy Duggan (MECWA Prahran), and Mabel Robinson (Mont Calm).