

## JOY SPREADING

There was once again a joyful gathering of young adults in Ballarat on Friday, July 27 for the second of the *Joy Spreading* events. A Year of Youth initiative, *Joy Spreading* is an opportunity for young adults to talk and socialise in a friendly and informal environment.

Sam Clear, author and missionary, was the guest speaker to present to the gathering. He spoke widely and engagingly on his Catholic upbringing and how it motivated him to set off on a fifteen thousand kilometre mission walk around the globe to promote Christian unity, of the challenges he faced on the journey, and how he continues to share his faith back in Australia. We were all engrossed in the many tales he told and had ample questions to ask afterwards. It was also good to see a mixture of familiar as well as new faces at the event!

Sam's book *Walk4one* and DVDs of his documentary can be borrowed from the Ballarat Diocese Resource Centre, 5 Lyons St Sth, Ballarat. The next date for *Joy Spreading* is on **Friday 14 September** at the Lake View Hotel Ballarat, with guest speaker Stacey Atkins presenting 'Don't be a couch potato: Myanmar, Mission, and Me?' Info for the event is on the Youth and Young Adult pages at [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)



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