



CAIRNS DIOCESAN NEWS OCTOBER 2017

From the outback, through the rainforest to the sea



On Saturday 29th July, Ravenshoe parish celebrated the anniversaries of the dedications of the St Teresa churches, the first on 6th June 1937 and the current church on 31st July 1977. Consequently, 2017 marks the 80th and 40th anniversaries of these very important occasions in the life of the parish.

James Foley, Bishop of Cairns, other clergy, some of the Sisters of Mercy who had lived and worked in Ravenshoe, as well as Joe Paronella, Mayor, Tablelands Regional Council, joined with past and present members of the parish to celebrate these major milestones. *See larger article on Page 5*



RECENT PARISH APPOINTMENTS

Fr Barry Craig has agreed to move from Malanda to Atherton, as parish priest with pastoral responsibilities for the Southern Tablelands region. This region has Church communities at Atherton, Herberton, Malanda, Millaa Millaa, Mt Garnet, Ravenshoe and Yungaburra.

In agreement with his religious superior, Fr Joby Jose CFIC has agreed to work as associate pastor with Fr Barry.

POPE FRANCIS RECOGNISES BISHOP FOLEY'S 25 YEARS A BISHOP (Translation of official Papal Certificate to Bishop Foley – Fr Barry Craig translator)



To venerable brother James Foley, bishop of Cairns.

By this letter, venerable brother, with you desire to commemorate the truly happy event of your life, namely the completion of the twenty-fifth year from the acceptance of episcopal ordination, which will be the 21st day of the next month of August. Along with the most beloved ecclesial community of your

diocese of Cairns we wish to join our congratulations, and fraternal wishes for the approaching celebration of that anniversary day, when we recollect with you the special moment of your apostolate.

As a young man sensing yourself to be called to the service of God and man, you entered Pius XII Seminary at Banyo and gave completed the course of sacred studies you received priesthood for the metropolitan See of Brisbane. After a period of parish ministry you attended the Faculty of Philosophy in the Belgian city of Leuven where you achieved honour in Philosophy and returned to your country and became Chaplain of a Catholic school and professor of Philosophy in a certain Institute.

In the year 1992 Saint Pope John Paul II, considering your becoming qualities and experience of pastoral matters, nominated you as Bishop of Cairns and you received episcopal ordination on that day we already mentioned.

In holding this important office (even among the difficulties of the culture of our time when the spiritual goods are being neglected

by many, and economic and earthly goods are being distained, and human life itself from the beginning is despised) as bishop you have announced the Gospel of life and according to your abilities have united the faithful to the magisterium of the Church for the edification of the flock entrusted to you.

Therefore on the so pleasing anniversary of your episcopate, it behoves you, venerable brother, to praise the goodness of the Most High, who is our strength, protection and salvation by the words of the psalmist, *“What shall I render to the Lord for all that he has given to me? I will take the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord”* (Ps 115/116:12-13).

May Christ, the chief Shepherd, by the example of the most holy Mother of God and the intercession of the Saints of your diocese, preserve you in his love, and fill you with every spiritual consolation, and guard you. May the Apostolic blessing that, in the name of the holy apostles Peter and Paul, we (asking prayers for us) willingly impart to you, venerable brother, and the most beloved ecclesial community of Cairns in beloved Australia, be the announcement of these things and mediator and witness of our mutual love.

From the Vatican, on the 15th day of July in the year 2017, the fifth of our pontificate.

Franciscus

Clergy Luncheon to celebrate Bishop Foley's 25 years a Bishop held on Monday 11th September at Palm Cove.



A TANGIBLE LINK TO OUR RICH PAST ...

(Content taken from the Diocesan Archives)



The Chair or *Cathedra* of the Bishop of Cairns is situated behind the altar in St Monica's Cathedral and has an interesting history. The *Bishop's Throne*, as it was known in ecclesiastical terms prior to September 1968, was commissioned and donated by Ambrose Madden and his wife Margaret (née O'Callaghan) in 1887. This is testified to in a letter in our archives, to Bishop Cahill dated 29 July 1949 from their Carmelite nun daughter Eileen Mary.

It was originally thought that the Chair was made of rosewood, a term often applied to richly hued brownish timber with darker veining. However when being restored recently, it was identified as being made of Queensland red cedar, an attractive hardwood native to Queensland rainforest areas and not unlike mahogany in appearance and durability. The Chair was made by a Danish, Protestant cabinetmaker; we believe this was Heinrich August Freisleben Nielsen, born Denmark c.1857, who came with his new wife to Australia late in December 1886 and settled in Cooktown.

In the early days of the Vicariate of Cooktown, the town of Cooktown was the *seat* of the Bishop. However in 1906, with the decline of Cooktown, the bishop's residence was transferred to Cairns. In 1940 the Very Rev Fr Thomas A. Hunt OSA, anticipating that Cairns would soon become a Diocese, suggested to Bishop Heavey OSA to bring the Throne down to Cairns. Towards the end of that year, by favour of the late Mr Charles Hales, Snr. the Throne was shipped to Cairns.

On the 9th July 1941 the *Diocese of Cairns* was declared, and St Monica's church became a *Cathedral* and this historic Throne was installed. The threat to the area in the following year, with war operations coming close to our northern coastline, made Fr Hunt's decision all the more timely.

The Chair was transferred to its present position in St Monica's Cathedral in 1968 and is a tangible link with our rich past. Also to be noted is that when the original chair came down from Cooktown in 1940 it may also have been the occasion when the choir stalls, now in the chapel of the Bishop's house, were taken out of the fine Mercy convent in Cooktown. They too are of Queensland red cedar and presumably by the same cabinetmaker.

As they now stand in the chapel they are reversed. The curved ends are at the back and not the front.

When Bishop James came to Cairns in 1992 he enquired about the origin of those choir stalls and nobody could enlighten him. The following year when he attended his first *Ad Limina* in Rome and stayed with the Irish Augustinians, where Tom Hunt revealed that they had come from the Mercy convent in Cooktown.

At one time a Bishop's Chair included a canopy with curtains gathered back. If you look closely at an old photo of the interior of St Mary's church, Cooktown, you see the chair, with a wooden backing and small canopy. The upholstery seems to be a cloth *plush*. Subsequently, most likely in Bishop Cahill's time, as he also covered everything else he could find in the house, the bishop's chair was re-upholstered in a red vinyl. About ten years ago it was re-covered in a more suitable and subtle ox blood leather.

It is also said that in Bishop Cahill's time (he was not a tall man) he had some inches cut off the legs of the chair. Before that it must have sat high off the floor, now with legs shortened, it is still a rather high chair. Shorter bishops may have needed a footstool!

Also of interest is this photo of Bishop Cahill seated in the Chair, most likely on the occasion of his enthronement on 27 March 1949. As well as an elaborate canopy over the Chair, there is a



large version of his crest up above. Bishop Cahill wears gloves, a ring, a deacon's dalmatic in a light fabric under a Roman chasuble, and a precious mitre (which he is believed to have taken with him when he was transferred to Canberra-Goulburn). He holds a long crozier possibly borrowed from his home diocese of Sandhurst.

In the photo, the priest with his back to the camera is Father Tom Hunt, who in performing the function of Archdeacon was required to sit at right angle to the Bishop with his back to the congregation. Father Hunt also wears a rather elaborate copper gold cope. Also in attendance are Augustinian priests in the roles of deacon and sub-deacon. A young gloved altar server completes the picture. The servers wore a veil across their shoulders to hold the Bishop's mitre and crozier at different times during the ceremony.

The stools in this photography were most likely also made with the original chair in 1887 and are now in the main foyer of the Bishop's House. Immediately behind the canopy is a statue with a crown of thorns held in the right hand against the chest. Who was it and where is it now?

In the Bishop's House there is another chair, which was probably used in the post-1927 cyclone pro-cathedral, now the Catholic Services Building. It is a poorer copy of the original and present chair. It found its way to St Joseph's presbytery Parramatta Park, after the new Cathedral was opened when various objects from the old Cathedral were dispersed.

BLESSING AND OPENING OF THE HEART OF ST CLARE'S GARDEN

Written by Kathleen Kennedy (Assistant Principal Religious Education)



On Friday, May 12, St. Clare's parish and school came together to celebrate the blessing and opening of a place of sanctuary, *The Heart of St Clare's Garden*. In a space, previously rarely used, yet

perfectly situated between St Clare's Church and the school, this beautiful garden has special meaning to our Catholic community. In this space we can come together to celebrate the charism of our school and parish.

The charism of the school is *Faith and Knowledge*. These values were adopted from St Clare of Montefalco who was an Augustinian nun, together with the values of *Welcome, Community and Hospitality* from the Good Samaritan Sisters who established and taught at St. Clare's school for many years.

The Heart of St. Clare's Garden is a welcome addition and has already been used as a gathering space by students and for class prayers and meditations. The community looks forward to using this space to enhance the religious life of both the school and parish. The joint project was orchestrated by St. Clare's school, St. Clare's parish and St. Clare's P & F.

During the ceremony, Father Hilary Flynn and Mr Bill Dixon, Executive Director of Catholic Education Services in the Cairns Diocese, blessed and officially opened the garden. It was a joyful occasion attended by school parents, students and staff together with members of the parish community.

SPOTLIGHT ON YOUTH SPIRITUALITY AT 2017 SYNOD

Written by Anne Chellingworth (Diocesan Youth Ministry Coordinator)



L-R Ceiridwen Vaughan, Ethan Lavia, Grace Fawkes (St Andrew's Students) Anne Chellingworth, Richard Rymarz, Darcie Hockings, Morgan McCulkin (St Monica's Students)

With the 2018 'Year of Youth' just around the corner, the focus of this year's Diocesan Synod was "A Call to Our Youth" – one of the key pastoral priorities in our Diocesan Pastoral Plan.

The Synod Permanent Committee invited Professor Richard Rymarz of the Broken Bay Institute to share some of his extensive research into the landscape of youth spirituality with the clergy, parish and agency representatives gathered at St Augustine's College.

We learned that "knowing your why" is vitally important to passing on our faith to the next generation. As Catholics, are we able to give reasonable answers to the questions: "Why should I lead a life of faith?", "Why should I belong to the church?" and "What does the church offer in the marketplace?" Young people today have a multitude of interests and obligations competing for their time, the challenge for our Church is to offer them something attractive, and of value that stands out from the clamour of contemporary society.

The greatest gift we can offer is Jesus Christ. In the words of Benedict XVI, "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction" (Deus Caritas Est, 1



APOLOGY FROM THE EDITORIAL STAFF

Mid-Year Edition 2017 – *The 50 Years Referendum Day Mass Celebration* – Centre page spread

Photo at the bottom of page 16 was wrongly captioned Lillian Madams & Olivia Tapim as students from St Monica's College. Lillian and Olivia are St Andrews Catholic College students. We apologise to Lillian, Olivia and St Andrews Catholic College for this error.

RAVENSHOE PARISH 40TH AND 80TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Written by Deacon Peter De Haas
(Pastoral Leader)

Continued from front page:

In his welcoming remarks, Deacon Peter de Haas acknowledged the presence of descendants from some pioneering and early settler families, and other local families, whose history in Ravenshoe has been closely intertwined with the history of the parish. He also acknowledged all past and present members of our parish and school communities who have contributed so much over the years. In that sense, the anniversary was also an important opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate their legacy.

Following Mass, a delightful lunch was held at the Respite Centre, superbly catered for by some local businesses. Mrs Bev Bolton very generously donated a beautiful cake with pictures of both churches imprinted in the icing. The cake was cut by Bishop James and Moya Hayden, (sister of Fr Pat Jones), on whose 'watch' as parish priest the current church was built. Moya and her husband Lawrie travelled from Kingaroy to join in the celebrations.

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PRIESTLY LIFE IN RETIREMENT

Written by Fr Kerry Costigan

Since his early retirement as a parish priest, Fr Kerry has served for over 10 years in the Diocese of Cairns as a relief priest. He has ministered for varying lengths of time in Atherton, Tully Ravenshoe, Gordonvale and the "Gulf Mission".

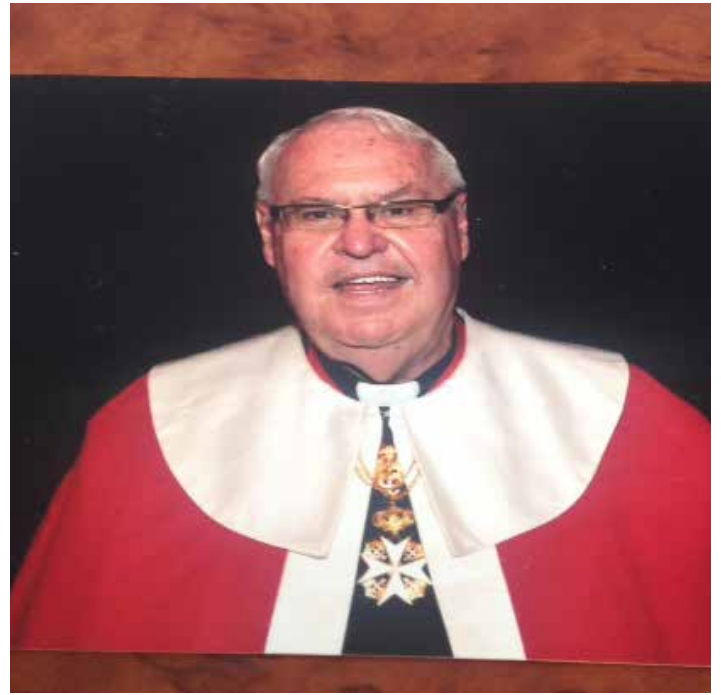
He loves getting away from the cold Toowoomba weather and coming north to enjoy not only the weather but also the company of the welcoming, vibrant and caring communities he is called to serve.

When in Toowoomba, he is an active member of many public organisations. Having served earlier in life as a full time Navy Chaplain, he has a special interest in groups that support service men and women (e.g. R.S.L. and Legacy). He has been honoured with several "Community Service" awards.

Fr Kerry has written a small book about his life as a priest. "Make us Count" and this is for sale at the Cathedral Book Shop for \$20.00.

Fr Kerry has also been recognised as a Chevalier (Knight of Grace) of the Order of St John of Jerusalem knighted by the Crown Prince of Yugoslavia, a great grandson of Queen Victoria (pictured).

As he is getting older, he is finding he is starting to slow down, especially when walking; however, he intends to continue his relief priest duties as long as he can.



ST JOSEPH'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

Written by Benjamin Buckman (Year 3 Student St Joseph's Parramatta Park)



L-R Mrs Kirstie Byrne, Matthew White (the actual artist of the painting) Mrs Jodie Smith

On Friday 18 August, the whole school, staff, parents, past students, and visitors from Catholic Education and other schools were celebrating St Joseph's Parramatta Park 90th Birthday. We reflected on the history and memories of St Joseph's. We did it at St Joseph's in the hall, on the oval and in the breezeway. It was a day of fun!

In the hall, we had a whole school Mass. Bishop James blessed everyone and we were all singing and listening about the Sisters of Mercy starting our School. Staff and their kids brought up the Bible that they gave to Bishop James. Some students and staff had readings. *It was the best Mass!*

After Mass, we all went out on the oval for lunch. St Augustine's students brought food for the teachers and some students. I had a sandwich and it was delicious.

After lunch, we played exciting activities including; marbles, pickup sticks, quoits, dominoes, cards, ball games, skipping and sewing. *It was my first time skipping!* Then we had lunch and a yummy icy pole.

After lunch, we watched a Bible story on YouTube while we did a 90th colouring in. At the end of the day, I received a St Joseph's medal and a lanyard to celebrate our 90th.

It was a great day! I wish I was there for the 75th and 100th as well!

OSHC JOINS IN THE ST JOSEPH'S 90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Written by Sandra Casey (Coordinator St Joseph's Outside School Hours Care)



On the anniversary of St Joseph's 90th birthday, there were plenty of celebrations being held and enjoyed by the school's past and present members. Tuesday afternoon was the beginning of the birthday activities; OSHC (Outside School Hours Care) was kindly invited by Mr Gavin Rick, our school Principal, to plant an Australian Native tree on the oval to provide shade for the children.

St Joseph's school was built on the profits made at *Bingo* over a long

period. In conjunction with St Joseph's 90th Birthday celebrations, this idea led to a Friday evening of a "Night of Chance", an evening with trivia and bingo games. Many families of the school and associated businesses gave donations and contributions. Cairns Catholic Early Learning & Care were a major contributor to the night, donating a generous money prize. It was a great night, full of memories and celebrating such a wonderful community spirit which St Joseph's school has instilled in so many.



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CARE & SUPPORT TEAM – SILKWOOD/ TULLY PARISHES

Written by Gail Bromell (Pastoral Support Services, Southern Deanery)



The Care and Support Team was officially set up in 2013 under the guidance of Fr. Karel Duivenvoorden when he was parish priest in Tully/Silkwood. Some of the members of this team have been volunteers in the two parishes for many years ministering in hospitals, aged care homes and bringing Communion to the housebound within our communities. In 2013 these volunteers were brought together as 'The Care and Support Team', with the Pastoral Care Associate, Gail Bromell, co-ordinating and supporting this team.

Two meetings a year are held and these sessions include looking at better ways to provide care; prayer; and also a power point

presentation of guidelines and care for lay ministers, as set out in 'Integrity in the Service of the Church' booklet, which is a document of Principles and Standards for Lay Workers in the Catholic Church.

A recommitment of ministries is held at the start of each year and a retreat at the end of each year. These are times when the group can come together to nurture themselves spiritually and debrief in a confidential space.

The Care and Support Team now has 24 ministry members, all with a particular setting in their ministering to the Catholic community of the area, as well as being present for other faiths if the need arises, mainly in the two aged care homes and hospital.

The funeral ministry was included to the areas of ministry within this group and more ministers were required so that Silkwood, Tully, Mission Beach, and Cardwell parishioner's needs were being met.

The Care and Support Funeral Ministers in Tully and Silkwood parishes meet with bereaved families to help with the organizing of a family member's funeral, and with their permission, the Pastoral Care Associate is notified of the death and a visit is then arranged within the following few weeks.

These volunteers do a great job in working alongside the parish priest Fr. Hilary Flynn who is kept informed of all activities within this group.

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CAIRNS SUPPORTERS SHOW THEIR MISSIONARY SPIRIT



The faithful of Cairns have been praised for their generosity after Catholic Mission's annual report revealed Australia's northernmost diocese raised over \$130,000 for global mission last year.

Father Brian Lucas, National Director of Catholic Mission, said 'the contribution of Cairns supporters was testament to their commitment to the mission of the organisation.'

'The numbers show that the people of Cairns are with us in our mission to give fullness of life for all people, as God intends,' he said. 'It's heartening to know that this mission is upheld in every corner of our country and I thank the people of Cairns for sharing their faith.'

The Diocese of Cairns raised \$130,761 for projects supporting children, communities and future church leaders, both in Australia and around the world.

Anna Jimenez, Catholic Mission's Diocesan Director in Cairns, said the outcome was typical of the missionary spirit of her diocese. 'It is a humbling experience to be part of our Church's missionary journey,' she said. 'Each day is grace unfolding, to connect with God and His people in Cairns; to animate mission by spreading faith and sharing the good news that we are all saved and loved by our Father!'

Father Lucas said the contribution from the people from Cairns was made more special by the stories of where the support helps. 'I am

equally impressed by the other numbers in our annual report,' said Father Lucas. 'In 2016-17, we directly supported 238,693 children, as well as 1,778 catechists. We funded 26 projects supporting seminarians on their journey to the priesthood. Of these numbers, I am immensely proud.'

Specific examples of where your support made a difference are featured in the report, which you can read online at www.catholicmission.org.au.

For more information about the work of Catholic Mission, contact Anna Jimenez at ajimenez@catholicmission.org.au or on 0450 213 042.

Gross Income by Diocese 2016-17

Diocese	SAUD
Adelaide	396,501
Armidale	115,252
Ballarat	621,221
Bathurst	202,725
Brisbane	1,602,262
Broken Bay	735,728
Broome	17,090
Bunbury	93,952
Cairns	130,761
Canberra & Goulburn	369,240
Darwin	39,681
Geraldton	40,460
Hobart	92,830
Lismore	204,543
Maitland-Newcastle	446,292
Melbourne	2,534,939
Parramatta	2,022,692
Perth	1,396,280
Port Pirie	75,419
Rockhampton	182,310
Sale	85,565
Sandhurst	78,211
Sydney	2,469,322
Toowoomba	393,298
Townsville	107,473
Wagga	279,570
Wilcannia-Forbes	19,142
Wollongong	1,906,930
National Office	2,091,279
Total	18,750,968

Funds Raised by Works in 2016-17

	SAUD
Work with Communities	5,806,150
Work with Children	5,797,916
Work with Church Leaders	991,555
Designated Projects	126,412
Other	6,028,935
Total	18,750,968

Distribution of 2016-17 Income

	SAUD
Funds Distributable for Overseas	8,335,292
Funds Distributable for HMF	1,787,256
Community Education	3,375,612
Transferred to/(from) reserves	633,508
Special Project Cost	313,122
Net Operating Expenses	4,306,178
Total	18,750,968



MARIST YOUTH MINISTRY VISITS ST AUGUSTINE'S COLLEGE

Written by Lachlan Doyle (Year 12 Arts Prefect)



Caitlin Humphrys, the Regional Coordinator for Marist Youth Ministry for Queensland, facilitated workshops with St Augustine's College students on the 21st and 22nd of July. She had met Saints boys previously at both the Marist Youth Festival and the Senior Leaders gathering at Ashgrove, Brisbane.

During her time in Cairns, however, Caitlin led a workshop on the

five Marist pillars with the Burke Residence boarders (Years 8 and 9) and ran year level sessions for Years 7, 10 and 11. Additionally, the Student Representative Council was made more aware of the problems that the Saints community felt were palpable within the College.

Two of the main issues discussed were the desire to foster more support for teams from the College and encouraging the junior grades to follow in the seniors' footsteps of active community service and 'having a dig'.

St Augustine's Prefects were also offered the opportunity of a workshop with Caitlin. Rather than delving into effective leadership strategies, the workshop was centred around the topic of 'who am I' and discovering where their paths may lead in life, with particular emphasis on the notion of why they wanted to pursue a particular field.

Caitlin expanded on Marist concepts and values, especially in one of the sessions involving the seven *Immersion* participants who will embark on a mission to Thailand in the September school holidays.

Over the course of two hours, Caitlin walked participants through the process of journaling their experiences in Thailand whilst communicating the importance of teamwork. During the *Immersion*, students will experience firsthand the plight of refugee families residing in Samut Sakhon, Thailand, and they will be assisting children aged between 5 and 14 years old with their education.

Overall, Caitlin's time at St Augustine's College has left a memorable impression on the pupils, all the while enhancing their understanding of the Marist values.

Jeff Taylor Psychiatry

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AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC SOCIAL JUSTICE COUNCIL - *EVERYONE'S BUSINESS*

Written by Dennis Innes (Diocesan Contact)

Social Justice Sunday was celebrated on the 24th September. Most Rev. Vincent Long Van Nguyen DD OFMConv, Bishop of Parramatta, and Chairman of the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council introduced the 2017-2018 Statement as follows:

"On behalf of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, I present the 2017-2018 Social Justice Statement, Everyone's Business: Developing an inclusive and sustainable economy.

This Statement is inspired by the teachings of Jesus and by the unwavering vision of Pope Francis: that the most vulnerable and excluded are the ones who need to take first place in our hearts and in our actions as individuals and as a society. As this Statement makes clear, our Pope draws on Christ's message of love and ministry to the poor. He also draws on the wisdom of his predecessors, Popes Benedict and John Paul II, and on a tradition that stretches back to Pope Leo XIII in the 19th century..."

At a local level, Sr. Therese Masterson is a past member of the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council (ACSJC) and more recently the Cairns Diocesan Contact. As the Diocesan Contact, Sr. Therese's role was to disseminate information received from the ACSJC. Her contribution to the diocese in this role was of the highest standard. Recently she stood down from being the diocesan contact and Dennis Innes was asked to take on this role.

Dennis commented, *"as a member of the Justice and Care Board for the Cairns Diocese, an approach was made to me to consider taking on this role. At first, I was quite reluctant as it becomes all too easy for people to become over committed and thereby run the risk of doing nothing and one can have the opportunity to add another title to an already "busy" schedule. However, the persuading influence was the opportunity to grow further in this role.*

Sr Therese commented on Dennis' appointment *"Warm congratulations and thanks to Dennis for accepting Bishop James invitation to serve the diocese as the Contact person for the Australian Social Justice Council.*



Sr Therese Masterson & Dennis Innes

Shortly after his arrival in Cairns Bishop James requested that I accept the position as one of the two Queensland members on the Australian Social Justice Council. Members of the Council were mostly lay people from a broad range of professions. Central to the educational arm of the Council was the work of the Diocesan Contacts in each Diocese. It is through them that the work of the Council is disseminated throughout the Dioceses of Australia. I assumed the position after the death of that tireless Social Justice worker, Audrey McGregor. Audrey was the Chairperson of the local Social Justice Committee for many years. She was a committed worker and I feel privileged to have worked alongside her. Our small and dwindling group folded after Audrey's death and I continued on as the ACSJC Contact Person in the diocese.

Dennis comes to this role well equipped with a variety of experiences in the St Vincent de Paul Society, and is kept busy through his interests in finance, housing and homelessness.

ST MONICA'S CONNECTING THE PAST STUDENTS WITH FACEBOOK

Written by Monica McDonald (Public Relations Officer)



This year Sister Therese Masterson rsm, and Principal Ms Edna Galvin, St Monica's College, initiated the use of our own Facebook page and an official Alumni page to draw in past students. With training and guidance from Catholic Education Services, we have established an interesting and up to date profile of the school. With the help of Ms Jacqueline Lester, we aim to post relevant College news, photos and videos to keep past students and the community informed of our most recent events and activities.

Connecting with Alumni has been one of this year's priorities, keeping them in touch with school activities and establishing a forum to reconnect with friends. Reunion invitations, photos or request to help find a long-lost school friend, can be posted on the page. We are also happy to assist where possible with organising your year level reunion.

Ms Galvin remarked, *"on the importance of networking through our Alumni page, past student's achievements and capabilities are important to be acknowledged and celebrated and are an excellent source of inspiration for our current students."* One such example was to connect with past student Marinka Zanetich, who because of her musical expertise was asked to be one of the Judges at the College's recent *Sacred Song Competition*.

Now, we have over 560 followers on the Alumni page and would welcome any past student to join. Simply answer two questions to confirm your connection with the school i.e: the year you left the College



L- R Fr Martin Kenny, past student Marinka Zanetich , Erin Rose Brown, Olivia Crotty, Della Miller and Natalie Zwart. and Ms Joanne Armstrong at the Sacred Song Competition

and your maiden name, if applicable. We can then use this information as reference when organising reunions or connecting friends.

As we all know the present College is so much richer when it acknowledges the gifts of the past.

If you are a past student you are welcome to join the official Alumni page, by typing in the following address www.facebook.com/groups/stmonicascairnsalumni/.

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SACRAMENTS CELEBRATED AT ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, GORDONVALE

Written by Rita Watson (Parish Secretary)

Bishop James Foley confirmed 36 young people on Friday night 26th May, it was a great celebration in the Church and then a party followed in the hall.

36 young people made their First Communion on Sunday 23rd July at the 8am Mass, celebrated by Fr Jude, it was another great celebration and a First Communion Breakfast was celebrated in the hall with family, friends and parishioners.

Fr Jude wrote the following article in the Bulletin on the day of the First Communion:



Confirmation Group



First Holy Communion

Today, we celebrate the First Communion of the children. It is a point on a long journey that began with Baptism and progressed over many years until today. Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism – Confirmation – Penance – Holy Communion.

Most of those celebrating today, without their approval, were brought to the church as babies to be “Christened”; families brought the new born to the church to thank God for the gift of new life, to formally name the child and to celebrate as a family.

The ceremony began outside the church as the child was to be brought into the Church. So, after name-giving, the parents asking for “baptism”, the sign of the cross on the forehead of the child being made by priest, parents and godparents – the child to be baptised was formally brought into the Church.

The Baptism itself – the prayers – the Word of God – words of explanation – the complex, yet very simple liturgy with its many signs and symbols followed. The pre-baptismal anointing - the washing with water in the name of the Trinity – the anointing with the Holy Oils – the clothing with the White Garment – the baptismal candle – the blessing of the ears and mouth.

All through this – the little ones being baptised said little or nothing or just made the occasional squeak or howl of protest! The parents and godparents, on behalf of the children, did all the talking. They promised to pass on their faith to the children so that one day the baptised could stand on their own two feet, profess their faith, and take on responsibility for their own faith journey. They have done this in receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation and Penance. Now, today, with their reception of Holy Communion, their initiation as Christians is completed.

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Muluridji elder, Deacon Ralph Madigan from Mareeba, Kuku Yalanji woman, Gertrude Davis from Cairns and Augustinian Priest Robert Greenup work together throughout the Diocese of Cairns as Indigenous Connections. Their involvement in Coen has recently been supported by a generous donation from Skytrans Aviation, which prompted the following article.

COEN BY ROAD AND BY AIR... GENEROSITY MAKES IT HAPPEN!

Written by Fr Robert Greenup

Coen is located at about the geographical centre of Cape York Peninsula and is a traditional meeting ground for the Kaantju and Ayapathu peoples with the Lama Lama, Umpila, Olkolo and Mungkanu peoples living in the vicinity. Gold was discovered at the Coen River in 1876 and the mining camp that sprang up there developed into the town of Coen, which today has a population of about 400 people.

In 2011, Deacon Ralph Madigan and Fr Robert Greenup O.S.A. began driving to Coen from Mareeba on a monthly basis, St Augustine's College in Brookvale, Sydney having generously supplied them with a brand new Holden Colorado. The distance from Mareeba to Coen along The Peninsula Developmental Road is 500 kilometres and in 2011 the bitumen finished at Lakeland. Beyond Lakeland it was a dirt road with just a few short stretches of bitumen to facilitate overtaking the road trains which raise thick clouds of dust on the dirt sections. Over the seven years that they have been using the road much new bitumen has been put down and now there are only about 140 kilometres of dirt between Mareeba and Coen. The current, perhaps optimistic, forecast is that it will be bitumen all the way to Coen, and on to Weipa, by 2020. The condition of the remaining dirt road varies from month to month but dust holes, corrugations and road trains are always part of the journey.



The Peninsula Developmental Road (pictured), however, shows another side to its character in the wet season. Generally from about December through until April the monsoonal rain comes, the dirt turns to mud and the numerous river and creek crossings make road travel difficult and uncertain. So, for the four months of the wet, Fr Rob has travelled by plane to Coen without Deacon Ralph. This, however, is an expensive exercise and they had begun to think about suspending their visits to Coen during the wet season.

Last year Fr Rob happened to mention their dilemma to one of Mareeba's most loyal North Queensland Cowboys supporters and she suggested that Fr Rob write to Johnathan Thurston who is a co-owner of Skytrans Aviation. This he did and was subsequently contacted by Rebecca Hyde, the Skytrans Business Development Manager, who has now given Fr Rob air travel to Coen, free of charge, for the four months of the wet season. Needless to say, they are very, very grateful.



Coen after Mass

Being involved with the people of Coen over the past seven years has been a very rewarding experience for Deacon Ralph and Fr Rob. They have been privileged in getting to know the people well, celebrating Mass each month with what must be one of the youngest Mass congregations in Australia. Deacon Ralph has baptised 24 children in Coen, and prepared children for the Sacraments with the help of Sisters Irene Harrison from Chillagoe and Irene Masterson from Cooktown. They have also presided for funerals, and have both attended other important community occasions and celebrations.

Indigenous Connections are extremely appreciative to all those who have helped them in this venture especially St Augustine's College in Sydney for providing the vehicle. Barry Mulley who painted Our Lady of the Way Church, Coen inside and out. Tony and Ruth Kiely who repainted the Stations of the Cross. The local Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) group who put down a cement apron in front of the church. Bishop James Foley who engaged MiHaven Homes to construct accommodation for them in Coen, and now Skytrans Aviation who have provided free air travel during the wet season. They are very grateful for such practical and generous support.

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THE JOURNEY TO 2020: OPENING THE CONVERSATION TO THE PLENARY COUNCIL

MEDIA RELEASE: Monday 11 September 2017



Bishops, leaders of religious congregations and Catholic lay leaders from across Australia have come together in Sydney for the first of a series of consultation seminars in the lead up to the historic Plenary Council in 2020.

The consultation seminars, The Journey to 2020: Opening the Conversation to the Plenary Council are being led by the Chair of the Bishops Commission for the Plenary Council, The Archbishop of Brisbane, Most Reverend Mark Coleridge (pictured)

The first consultation seminar took place at Mary MacKillop Place in North Sydney on Friday 8 September and was attended by 150 participants. The seminar was facilitated by the Congregational Leader of the Presentation Sisters, Sr Anne Lane PBVM.

Specific information from the discussions that come out of the seminars will be passed on directly to a 14 member Facilitation Team which will work closely with the Bishops Commission to ensure the successful preparation, celebration and implementation of the Plenary Council 2020.

Archbishop Coleridge thanked BBI- The Australian Institute of Theological Education for hosting the consultation seminars and in his keynote address he emphasised the importance of ensuring the Plenary Council was a meaningful consultation process.

“This must certainly not be just another talk-fest that risks becoming tokenistic, but one that allows all voices to be heard, that is attuned to the Holy Spirit and which actively seeks out the views of the disaffected



as well as those more actively engaged with the Church”, Archbishop Coleridge said.

The seminar concluded with a memorable panel discussion in which six participants from across Catholic welfare, health and education led a discussion around the challenges facing the Church in Australia based around group discussions held throughout the day.

Archbishop Coleridge urged the participants to reflect upon the longer-term significance of the Plenary Council. *“The world is watching this process and we can’t therefore afford to see the Plenary Council as merely significant for the Australian Church”, he said. “This will indeed help shape the direction of the universal Church as well”.*

Archbishop Coleridge’s full address can be found on BBI’s Facebook page.



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Fr John McGrath	16th December 1966
Fr Neil Muir	4th February 1994
Fr Robert Greenup	20th March 1993

NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS AT GOOD COUNSEL COLLEGE, INNISFAIL

Written by Karen Joyce (Indigenous Liaison Officer)

Prayer table for NAIDOC liturgy



NAIDOC week began at the College this year with a liturgy on Tuesday 11th July. The theme this year was *Our Language Matters*. This resonates strongly with our people and recognises the importance, resilience and richness of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages.

It aims to emphasise and celebrate the unique and essential role that Indigenous languages play in cultural identity. Through story and song, this identity links people to their land and water and in the transmission of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, spirituality and rites.

On Thursday 13th July, we were entertained during lunch by a local performer, Wesley Walker and Mrs Loretta Kreis. The hospitality department provided an awesome lunch that was shared by all.

After lunch, the students broke into house groups and rotated through activities for the rest of the day. Traditional games were



played on the oval, led by the PE teachers, Mr Liam Auer, Ms Kate Haren, Mr Jacob Vecchio, and the Year 12 Certificate III fitness students.

Mrs Kathleen Alders and Miss Nav Bath ran an art activity that got students to design a totem for their respective houses while Auntie Mona McKenzie and Jahryah Hart from Jitta Art told stories and showcased some traditional Aboriginal painting techniques.

Indigenous Education Officers from Catholic Education Services, Ms Myree Sam and Mrs Pip Booth, together with Year 9 student, Denikah Elisa, (pictured) taught some traditional Torres Strait Island weaving.

Local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island dance groups performed in the Auditorium and got both staff and students participating. It was a wonderful afternoon enjoyed by all.

NEWS FROM ST FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH WEST CAIRNS

Written by Peter Buckley (Parishioner)

Dorothea Silverman with her Confirmation preparation group
L - R Emilie, Haylee, Zaliah, Amy, Grace, Finn and Ewan.



Forty-two members of our parish community received the Sacrament of Confirmation at a wonderful and inspiring ceremony at St Monica's Cathedral on August 14. Bishop James confirmed the candidates, and spoke of the awesome potential we possess to overcome what is contrary to God's plan for us, if only we stay close to Him and use the power given to us in the Sacrament.

The candidates have been preparing for several weeks under the guidance of their leaders and families. Already this year they have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and will now begin to prepare for the November reception of the Eucharist for the first time. Parishioners have been praying for and supporting these young members of our community both individually and collectively throughout the year.

Anointing of the Sick within the celebration of the Eucharist takes place on five Saturdays throughout the year. These Anointing Masses (pictured) afford opportunities for those who are elderly or often too unwell to participate in regular parish liturgies to come together with other parishioners to celebrate these Sacraments with them and share time and morning tea as well. All are very welcome

to attend and are invited to the forthcoming Anointing Masses at 10:00am on Saturday, October 21, and on Saturday, December 16.

A dozen parishioners have been participating in *Epic*, a 20-week program covering the history of the Catholic Church from the first century to the present day. Led by Alyssa Crawford, the group has been investigating the early years of the Church. This has covered persecutions, Councils, the Papacy, heresies, the Crusades, the Reformation and the great schisms in Christendom. Other topics included the great men and women who have been heroic throughout the ages in witnessing by their lives and scholarship. How the Church has shaped civilisation and has in turn been influenced by secular history was also covered.

It is a fascinating story and journey throughout the ages and the participants have gained much knowledge and wonderful insights into the story of us, and have benefited greatly from the course.



Epic Attendees - Front row L-R Father Frank, Beryl Henshall and Louise Thomas. Back Row Ann Simpson, Denis Provera, Mick Godwin, Alyssa Crawford, Peter Buckley.



Opening Mass for CEW



Acting Principal Lucas Felstead and students welcoming guests to the Mass

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK CELEBRATIONS

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK COMES TO FNQ

The Queensland Catholic Education Week official State Launch was held at St Andrew's Catholic College in Cairns on 26 July, 2017, for the first time outside Brisbane. The event included Mass concelebrated by Brisbane Archbishop, Mark Coleridge. The Cairns Diocese recipient of a Spirit of Catholic Education Award, was Ben Smith from Mount St Bernard College, Herberton. He was presented the award by Minister for Education Kate Jones MP.

WELCOME..COMMUNITY..HOSPITALITY.. AT ST CLARE'S TULLY CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

Written by Kath Kennedy (Assistant Principal Religious Education)



In Week 3 of Term 3 we celebrated Catholic Education Week across Queensland.

With a special focus on the ethos of Catholic schools as well as the great things that take place in Catholic schools every day, we started our celebrations on Sunday, 10th July with 15 children receiving their First Eucharist. Congratulations to all for receiving this important sacrament of initiation.

The school week started with two special events on Monday, 17th July. Fr Costigan, parents, friends and grandparents helped celebrate our 'Sharing the Journey' Liturgy in which Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 students enthusiastically participated.



After lunch, the whole school assembled in the *Heart of St Clare's Garden* to celebrate a meditation and prayer, led by the Stewardship Team. We then sang our school song before classes took a walk past our 'Sharing the Journey St Clare's Way' display, which was created by all classes. The display remained assembled on the school balcony for the month of July and later classes displayed their part of the journey in front of their classes. The display was well received by the school community.



Year Three, Four, Five and Year Six students, together with their teachers, school officers, Miss Harney and Mrs Kennedy journeyed to Innisfail to the Southern Deanery Day at Good Counsel Primary School. We participated in a beautiful Mass prepared by Good Counsel Primary, before Year Three and Four students took part in organised activities at Warrina Lakes, whilst Year Five and Six students were given a tour of Good Counsel College. It was a wonderful opportunity to share our school journey with the other schools, as well as meet up and make new friends with others in the Southern Deanery.

Miss Harney represented the St Clare's School Community at the Catholic Education Week (CEW) Launch and Mass at St Andrew's College in Cairns on Wednesday, 19th July. We were truly blessed to share in a week of faith-filled and spiritual activities which highlighted the charisma and Catholic ethos of our school.

Mt St Bernard 'Badu' Dancers on stage at Catholic Education Week Launch



CEW auditorium view





Bishop Mark Coleridge & Lucas Felsted Acting Principal St Andrews Catholic College



MSB College Leaders attending CEW Launch



CEW invite

CELEBRATED IN FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

Written by Matt de Jong (Assistant Principal - Mission)

Mount St Bernard College celebrated Catholic Education week. Along with Principal, David Finch, we accompanied our Year 12 student leaders to St Andrew's College in Cairns for the launch of Catholic Education Week.

The students represented the College very well. Dale Kepi, College Captain was involved in the entrance procession and our Badu dancers performed their traditional dance. Dancing and singing were; Meku Dau, Euwanae Mairu, Collis Nona, Horace Baira, Zjahndalee Nona, Yarus Blanket, Saiyan Nona, Veronica Nona, Phoebe Nona, with assistance from family members, Timena Nona, Brian Nona, Aunty Ella Nona, Aunty Geiza Blanket and Nancy Nona.

Our sincerest thanks to all participants especially Aunty Geiza, Aunty Ella, Brian and Timena Nona for all their hard work and effort, particularly travelling to assist in these celebrations. We really appreciate you all sharing your culture with us.

Congratulations also goes to teacher, Mr Ben Smith, who won a Spirit of Catholic Education Award.

ST MONICA'S STUDENTS RING THE BELLS FOR CEW

Written by Adrien Innes (Assistant Principal Religious Education)

Cairns had the honour of hosting the State Launch of Catholic Education Week. (CEW) This was the first time that this event has been held outside of Brisbane. Representatives from across Queensland, along with schools from the Cairns Diocese came together to mark this special occasion. The Mass was twofold, it was an opportunity to celebrate our Catholic identity and showcase the varied talents of our students and staff. If you were fortunate enough to be present or to watch the live stream, I am sure that the talents of all the Cairns diocesan schools would have also impressed you.

The St Monica's College Choirs performed alongside the St Andrew's Band, St Stephen's Guitar Group, Our Lady Help of Christians Choir, and Good Counsel dancers transformed the space through music. Adrien commented, "It was one of the most moving liturgies I have been to." Students from other Catholic secondary and primary schools took on other roles in the liturgy really making this a whole of Diocese celebration.



The State Launch was the premier performance by St Monica's College Choir, which formed this year under the guidance of Jennie Clark-Smith. The girl's performance was one of the highlights for so many of the congregation. The Handbell Choir preformed alongside the St Monica's College choir, directed by Jo Langtree and Chris Burcin and was a demonstration of the talented students and music staff at the College. St Monica's also celebrated CEW with their annual Sacred Song competition, an event enjoyed by the whole school community.



Catholic Education Week Awards recipients with Kate Jones MP
CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK QUEENSLAND
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Dale Kepi MSB during Entrance Procession for CEW Launch Mass

HAPPENINGS ACROSS DIOCESE

DANCE PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS THE IMPORTANCE OF TRADITIONAL DANCE

Written, Georgina Whap (Year 12 Student) Mount St Bernard College, Herberton



Deborah Gulurrwuy and Georgina Whap were lucky enough to be able to be part of the *Bangarra Rekindling Youth Dance* program held in Townsville during terms two and three. During the three weeklong sessions they learnt professional dance choreography and saw what it would be like if they chose dance as a career.

Georgina was able to share her Torres Strait Islander background and dance styles with the group. Deborah, from Elcho Island in the Northern territory, brought her cultural knowledge to the group as well.

They worked towards a public performance at Jezzine Barracks on The Strand in Townsville.

OLYMPIC HONOUR FOR SPORT EFFORTS



St Stephen's Catholic College captain, Matthew Cheesman has been recognised for his sporting and leadership achievements. On 8 July, he joined other deserving students from all over Queensland at Sommerville House in Brisbane, where he was awarded the prestigious *Pierre de Coubertin Award* for demonstrating the spirit of the Olympic movement in his interactions with all with whom he comes into contact.

Principal, Mrs Ida Pinese said Matthew was a wonderful candidate for the award. "We are very proud of Matthew's achievements", she said. "Not only is he a role model for our students, but also a great ambassador for both the College and the community".

Matthew encouraged future students to take advantage of the award and nominate if given the chance. "I'm pretty happy to have received the award - I just thought I'd give it a go", he said.

SVDP COMMISSIONING



L-R Gary Spencer, Deacon Tony Moore and Fr Neil Muir

Gary Spencer was recently commissioned as the President of the Holy Cross Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society. Members of the Society assist disadvantaged people in the parish by way of food vouchers, help with payment of other bills and delivery of furniture or household items as required.

The Society is looking forward to the opening of a new Vinnies Store in the Campus Shopping Centre, Smithfield. The store will open in early October.

Volunteers are most welcome at the store or with the Conference. Contact Gary on 0400507977 for more information.

GATHERING FOR MISSIONS

Written by Anna Jimenez (Diocesan Director)



L-R Hazel Enriquez (Catholic Mission-Cairns volunteer), Fr Philip Balikuddembe Amooti (PMS National Director - Uganda), Anna Jimenez (Catholic Mission-Cairns Diocesan Director), Bill Nolan and Jessica Laidler (QLD Donor Relations Officer)

Catholic Mission in partnership with BDO North QLD hosted a morning tea to launch the *Propagation of the Faith Appeal* in the Diocese of Cairns on June 21, 2017. Catholic Mission supporters, volunteers, mission ambassadors, priests and deacons, Catholic Education Services staff, teachers, student and members of the Board of Justice and Care attended the morning tea.

Those who were present had the opportunity to meet and listen to Fr Philip Balikuddembe Amooti, the National Director of the Pontifical Mission Societies in Uganda. Fr Philip shared about the missionary work of the Catholic Church in Uganda.

Catholic Mission is currently supporting the work of Sr Mary Goretti from St Luke's Bujuni Health Centre. Through your prayers and support, we will provide funding to St Luke's Health Centre for them to be able to expand their maternity ward, build a new children's ward and provide the desperately needed ambulance for mothers, children and others in critical need.

This is the featured project of the Catholic Mission's Propagation of the Faith appeal. Parishes and communities will hear more about the story of St Luke's

through the generosity of *Mission Ambassadors* who will offer their time, talent and treasure by visiting various parishes in Cairns. They will animate mission by sharing the good news of how we are able to reach out and give life to those in greatest need like Sr Mary and the people whom she serves at St Luke's Bujuni Health Centre.

Fr Philip's visit to Cairns leaves us with a reminder from Saint Pope John Paul II that "nobody is so poor that he has nothing to give, and nobody is so rich that he has nothing to receive."

Please visit www.catholicmission.org.au to learn more about Catholic Mission and the life-giving projects we are able to support around the world. If you want to be involved in the missionary work of the Church, please contact Anna Jimenez, Diocesan Director on 0450 213 042 or email: ajimenez@catholicmission.org.au.

LOCAL COUPLE RECOGNISED FOR THEIR COMMITMENT



Kevin and Margery Duffy were honoured to receive a special Papal Blessing on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary.

Kevin and Margery (nee Gahan) were married in their Nuptial Mass at Holy Rosary Church, Bundaberg, on 6th May 1957 in the presence of their parents, families, friends and neighbours.

They have lived their married lives in Cairns where they have raised four children, Teresa, Maureen, Catherine and Kevin and have seven grand children and a great-grandchild due to arrive in 2018.

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



Holy Cross Catholic Primary School celebrated its 30th Anniversary with a celebratory Mass on Thursday 14th September. Bishop James Foley presided at the Mass, which was followed by morning tea and the official blessing of the Administration building.

FIRST EUCHARIST CELEBRATED AT MISSION BEACH



On Sunday 13th August, 5 young people made their First Eucharist at Holy Spirit Church Mission Beach. After Mass the children were presented with their certificate and a lovely handmade cross made by a local parishioner.

PEARL OF NORTHERN BEACHES



Holy Cross was placed third in the Cairns Festival Grand Parade on Sunday 27th August. Their float (pictured) Pearl of the Northern Beaches made a great splash in the Parade.

Social Justice Prayer - prepared by the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council for personal prayer, in schools and parishes, and for family and group prayer time.

God of justice and compassion,
Whose light shines into our hearts and into our nation's halls of power,
Strengthen our faith as we acknowledge the enormity of our task:
To include all in the prosperity of this land.

We pray for your spirit of generosity in challenging greed and neglect.
Give us your grace to reach out to the lowest paid workers,
Families subsisting on meagre incomes,
People who are homeless,
The dispossessed First Peoples of this land,
So that we may achieve change, inspired by the Gospel that leads to human flourishing.

We pray for your spirit of truth as we place our own economic choices before you,
Reflecting on our own motives as we strive
To give and to keep,
To save and to spend,
To invest and to speak out in ways that honour every human being.

We pray for your spirit of fierce love and determination as we seek
To assist and empower the most vulnerable,
To create jobs and opportunities where they are most needed,
To build an inclusive economy that enables government and business to champion at
Society where justice and equity abound.

May we be instruments of your compassion as we take up the needs of the poor,
May we be instruments of your mercy as we bring truth to greed and neglect,
May we be instruments of your creative spirit as we seek to make our world anew.

In Christ and through the Spirit we pray.

HAPPENINGS ACROSS DIOCESE CONTINUED...

ROSIES CAIRNS CELEBRATES 25 YEARS Written by Lyall Forde



On the 18th July 2017, Rosies celebrated 25 years in Cairns at a cocktail party at Doubletree Hilton, with more than 150 people attending. The Cairns Co-Ordinator Lyall Forde welcomed the volunteers and a number of important guests.

The master of ceremonies Werner Rossbach, General Manager Andrew O'Brien and the Chairman of the Rosies Board, John Scobie addressed the gathering.

The founder of Rosies, Theresa Shepherd was honoured and thanked. Theresa started Rosies Cairns when she was 19 years old. A number of volunteers were recognised for their service over the years, and the companies who have supported Rosies were thanked.

We also honoured Dr Sharmila Biswis who was the driving force behind the Queensland Medical Association donating our new van.

Rosies enjoys enormous support in Cairns, and again that shone through on the night as the entire evening, food, drinks and staff was generously donated by Doubletree Hilton.

It was a delightful night to celebrate 25 years and this continues due to support and encouragement of so many and 170 volunteers. *A true blessing.*

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ST MONICA'S COLLEGE CLASS OF 1962 REUNION



On Sunday August 6, the St Monica's College, class of 1962, held a reunion at the college. It was so exciting to see these active, vibrant women still so keen to return to their secondary college and remember the days they spent here, as well as rejoice in the continuing tradition of St Monica's College community.

Gwenda Simmons emailed after her return to Brisbane; *The reunion was a huge success from beginning to end. You chose a perfect time of the year Cairns was sparkling. Our dinner on Saturday evening was delightful – wonderful company with superb food. I wish we had a Linga Longa close to home.*

The tour through St Monica's school and old convent led by Sr Therese filled us with wonderful memories of being St Monies girls. All this excitement was capped off with an invitation to join the choir at the Cathedral. The voices were angelic and the stained-glass windows made the atmosphere heavenly.

Carol Rolls also emailed; *Thank you and your loyal, hardworking band of helpers for organising and putting together a special weekend for us. I really enjoyed catching up with everybody. It was so great to share their unique stories and journeys. Everything was so lovely, dinner on Saturday, the Mass, the choir, revisiting the school with Sr Therese and the shared lunch.*

THELMA MAY GOULD 100 YEARS YOUNG... Written by Terry Gould

L-R Terry Gould and Thelma with the Papal Blessing



Thelma Gould celebrated her 100th birthday in Brisbane recently with her family and friends. Her youngest son Terry is now a parishioner at St Monica's Cathedral and was there to share the day with his wife Shirley and their three daughters, Courtney, Angela and Gemma. Terry had previously been actively involved at St Joseph's Parramatta Park and Shirley had worked at the school there for 16 years.

Thelma has been a frequent visitor to her Cairns family and is always warmly welcomed into their home for extended visits. She enjoyed exploring the backcountry up here, and shared her wisdom and faith with her granddaughters. It was the Bishop's office here in Cairns that helped to organize a Papal Blessing from Pope Francis for her special day.

Thelma's faith has been a fundamental part of her life and has sustained her through the death of her much loved husband John, and three of their six children. After being widowed 44 years ago, Thelma has been an active parishioner at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Coorparoo, and has been a volunteer worker at the Little King Movement (LKM), Buranda, for 43 of those years. She somehow managed to fund two overseas pilgrimages as a carer with LKM, and still volunteers there to this very day.

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SILOAM'S HERMITAGE Written by Christine Ritchie



For just over two years *Siloam* situated on the outskirts of Atherton, has been providing a quiet place for day retreats, spiritual direction and somewhere simply-to-be for a few hours of needed 'time-out'. Until now there has been no capacity for anyone to extend the stay overnight. However this has changed: *Siloam* now has its 'Hermitage'.

The 'Hermitage' is a small, one-bedroom, stand-alone, self-contained building set slightly apart from the other *Siloam* buildings, and looks into a quiet, treed area of the hectare property. There also are extensive views across Tableland fields to the mountains from the covered deck and the 'picture window'.

Besides offering quiet time for someone stressed and seeking a 'circuit-breaker', or recovering from a challenging experience and needing rest, the Hermitage provides accommodation for a silent retreat of up to eight days, either with or without spiritual accompaniment and direction.

Anyone staying in the Hermitage also has access to a spirituality and wellbeing library, an art studio and a large permanent Labyrinth based on the medieval Chartres Cathedral design and set into the *Siloam* grounds.

With the coming of the Hermitage, the vision Lesley Newman and Christine Ritchie had for *Siloam* as a contemplative place of retreat, rest and renewal has taken a significant step forward. They are grateful for and acknowledge the generous contributions of a few individuals who have made this vision possible.



Lesley will facilitate the Hermitage retreats. She undertook a full time intensive one-year training program in spiritual direction and retreat facilitation at the MSC Heart of Life Spirituality Centre, Melbourne in 1995. She also has a Bachelor of Theology (MCD, Melbourne) and a Dip. Pastoral Ministry. Since returning to Cairns in 1996 she has offered spiritual direction / accompaniment to many people in the Cairns Diocese, retreats at *Siloam* Centre and Seville Mercy Centre, Cairns, and has been on the retreat team at St Mary's Towers, Douglas Park, south of Sydney.

Further information on the Hermitage and retreats, including availability, options and cost, can be made by contacting *Siloam* Retreat (07) 4091 2339 or emailing lesley@siloamcentre.com or christine@siloamcentre.com. See also new website: www.siloamretreat.com.au

2017 DOCEMUS AWARDS

Written by Sarah Jane Griffiths (Digital Media Officer, Catholic Education Services)



L to R Nick Hardy (Volunteer Supporter), Pat Findlay (School Officer), Ida Pinese (Leadership), Samantha Benvenuti (Early Career Teacher), Martin Ainsworth (Primary Teacher), Chris Chapman (Lifelong Contribution), Andrew Dorahy (Secondary Teacher) and Bill Dixon (Executive Director).

Recently, Catholic Education Services conducted the Docemus Awards. The Awards, were founded in recognition of the outstanding contribution to Catholic Education by Tom Doolan, a former Deputy Director of Catholic Education in the Cairns Diocese. Held annually since 2002, the awards provide a mechanism to recognise those whose efforts are beyond the already high standards of education and care from the Catholic Education community.

Docemus (meaning 'to teach') Awards acknowledge and celebrate the exceptional commitment, achievement and contribution to Catholic Education by staff, volunteers and supporters of Catholic

Education. The awards are presented at a special Cairns function to conclude Catholic Education Week.

"The 2017 Docemus Awards was a very special event indeed and a fitting way to wrap up an incredible week," said Cairns Catholic Education's Executive Director, Bill Dixon. "From one of our very bright young teachers to one of our longest serving staff members, this year's 7 award recipients, plus our SOCE (Spirit of Catholic Education) awardee, Ben Smith, demonstrated the very special array of talent, experience and commitment that we have amongst our staff in this diocese."

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CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL CONFERENCE

Written by Paula Malaponte (President CCR Cairns)



The annual conference for Catholic Charismatic Renewal was held at Seville Conference Centre Saturday 19th - Sunday 20th August. This two-day event came under the title "Prepare Ye The Way", [Mark 1-3] and was presented by Vince Fitzwilliam from Wollongong.

Vince who hails originally from New Zealand has been involved in the Renewal since 1974 and moved to Australia in 1987. He has had several roles within the Renewal including membership of the National Service Team and chairperson for NSW CCR. He was also in Rome recently to celebrate Catholic Charismatic Renewal's Golden Jubilee.

Today he and his wife Barbara (pictured) have an active prayer ministry and lead a local prayer group while facilitating as CCR coordinators for Wollongong. His ministry in teaching at conferences and seminars encourages people to come alive and embrace the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

His talks over the weekend covered such topics as "Who is Jesus", "How to Listen to God", as well as encouragement and teaching for CCR Cairns to seek a new heart in preaching and hearing the Word of the Lord.

STORY DOGS ARE HERE!

Written by Christine Hofman (Resource Officer)

Meet Frankie. She is the newest staff member at St Gerard Majella School at Woree. Her role is our *Story Dog* and she will be working from our Library.

Story Dogs is based on the successful American literacy program Reading Education Assistance Dogs (R.E.A.D.). The R.E.A.D program was launched in 1999 in Utah USA, as the first comprehensive literacy program built around the appealing idea of children and young adolescents reading to dogs.



- *Story Dogs Facts: We help over 1185 children each week.*
- *We have 238 current volunteer Dog Teams*
- *We have Dog Teams in 141 schools in NSW, QLD, VIC, TAS, WA and SA.*
- *Of the 129 Dog Teams 61% are sponsored.*

Frankie started her life as a rescue dog. As a young dog, Frankie, was passed from owner to owner. It was common for her to be found wandering the streets of Tully. Mrs Beswick, our Year 3 teacher, took Frankie into her care and gave her a home.

Frankie loves coming to school so we decided to get her an official job. To be selected Frankie had to pass a few tests which she flew through. I would also like to say a big thank you to Southside Vets for supporting the *Story Dog* program, as they are Frankie's Sponsors.

Term 3, sees Frankie and Mrs Hofman, begin story time for students in the library.

Students selected will choose a book then settle down in a comfortable reading area in the library. Frankie loves to hear all the stories chosen for her.

Maybe if you have a dog and some time available, you could qualify as a volunteer dog team.

For more information check out our website below or call into the library and have a chat with me. <http://storydogs.org.au/>

**Invitation to Taizé Prayer
PRAYER FOR PEACE**
1st Monday/month: 6 November

St Augustine's Church, Stratford
Meet & Greet from 7.10pm
(Group going into recess during January & February, resumes in March)

Taizé Prayer began in the little village of Taizé in northern France during WWII. This prayer for peace and reconciliation came from an ecumenical community founded by Swiss born Roger Louis Schütz-Marsauche (1915-2005). It has been growing in popularity and spreading around the world ever since. Today the town remains a pilgrim centre welcoming thousands of pilgrims every week, especially the youth.

Taizé chants

These meditative, simple songs typically feature a line or two from the Psalms.

Because Taizé songs have so few words and are repeated multiple times, it's easy to join in the singing or simply listen in prayer.

All welcome to this gentle, quiet prayer time.
We pray for the gift of God's peace and for healing and reconciliation where needed.

Taizé is a simple form of prayer using familiar elements such as Psalm Singing, Scripture Readings, Silence, Prayer around the Cross and Intercessory Prayers. Participants are invited to stillness and to listen for and to the voice of God.

REFLECTIONS ON THE LATEST IN A DECADE OF RETREATS WITH CAIRNS PASTORAL CARERS

Written by Rev Fr John Chalmers (Director Mission Centacare Brisbane)



Back Row L-R: Angela de Haas, Cathy Spencer, Fr John Chalmers, Trish Inderbitzin, Linda Scanlan. Middle Row: L-R: Tania Gilbert, Gail Bromell, Josette O'Donnell, Anni Zazzi, Frank Bedford. Seated Row: L-R: Lorraine Van Ballegooyen, Kath Buosi, and Gaile Bedford.

For the last ten years or so, in the second half of each year, I have had the delight of joining Pastoral Support Services pastoral carer associates for three days of retreat. While each gathering could accurately be described as a retreat, the participants have taken anything but a backward step. They have put their best foot forward and gained enormously, because each year's retreat has helped them glimpse and name the pastoral journey as walking in step with the *Risen One*. We recognise the Lord in our gathering (where two or three gather together, there am I with you). In the scriptures, we have reflected on, He has been there among us.

One of the scripture readings that we pondered this year was St Matthew's version of the Last Judgment. It is essentially good news: for, ultimately, we are judged by the one who knows us best and who loves us most. In the end, we face the Son of Man, either grouped with the sheep or with the goats. The sheep are those who gather on the right-hand and have been dexterous in life, lavishly giving to those who hunger and thirst. The others gather on the left side of Jesus and are named sinister. This group grasps and clings to everything within reach. Their hands are so full, and they couldn't

let go of any of it. Hence they couldn't receive all that the Son of Man wanted to lavish on them. So he said to those on his left hand 'go away from me'. So they slip around the corner where, as they say, they reach the pearly gates. There they are greeted, not by St Peter, but by the Good Thief! Of all people, his was probably one of the most gifted deaths in history. Jesus died beside him, and promised: "Today, you will be with me in Paradise."

Pope Francis never tires of reminding us that only those who have experienced mercy can be merciful. There, in experiencing the merciful embrace of the Good Thief, they gradually loosened their hold on what filled their hands and their hearts. They were able to open up to the mercy and composure that the Son of Man offers with such generosity. Another way of saying this is to say: **we get to heaven not because we are good, but because God is good.** Although this may sound too good to be true, it is the traditional doctrine of grace. No wonder this retreat proved so inspiring: we all heard and took to heart God's Good News of the Last Judgment. In the days and months to come, may many people encounter God's Good News through the easy presence of the Pastoral Care Team.

PRAYER, FRIENDSHIP & SERVICE HALLMARKS OF JOSEPHITE ASSOCIATES

Written by Sr Moya rsj and Joan Gilbert (Brisbane Archdiocese)



Sr Moya & Joan on the road

Sr Moya Campbell rsj and Joan Gilbert visited Cairns Josephite Associates in July. This was to be first of many journey stops for Sr Moya and Joan as they visited with Josephite Associates across Queensland. Josephite Associate Queensland Groups are established in Allora, Cairns, Clermont, Caboolture Millmerran, Rockhampton, Townsville, and places in between

Sr Moya remarked, *The miles passed quickly and by 11.00 am we were in Cairns and enjoying the warmer weather. Our first task was to find our accommodation at Seville Conference Centre run by the Sisters of Mercy. We were welcomed by Terry Power who gave us a tour of the place and then left us to settle in.*

On 10 July, Sr Moya and Joan gathered to meet with the local Associates at Mercy Place Westcourt. Carol Leary, an Associate of many years had gathered together 20 people for this event, including Joy Laifoo, Sheila Thatcher, Margaret Collins, Connie Fitch, Merle Condon and some potential Associates. Special mention was made of Bruno Mayne one of Cairns first Associates who was too unwell to join the group.



L-R Josephite Associates Elaine Sawyer, Margaret Collins, Bev Hohn and Carol Leary

The atmosphere in the meeting was positive and affirmed the way forward for the future of the Associates. There were people there who had never heard of the Josephite Associates. This gathering was an opportunity for them to ask their questions, take a brochure and

hopefully, continue to commit themselves to living a life of prayer, friendship and service. Sr Moya said, *"We saw service in action from the group who prepared the venue, the food and did the clean-up."* She commented further, *"There was a real sense of appreciation by the group for our visit and the news of the Associate movement. All of us left the meeting inspired anew to continue to live the spirit of Mary MacKillop."*

Thank you to everyone who attended this gathering, Mercy Place for the venue and Carol Leary, Margaret Collins and Maria Parise for organizing and setting up. The morning was so meaningful and friendly.

There is a website <https://www.sosj.org.au> with prayer requests included. The Diocesan Resource Centre has a good collection of books on Mary MacKillop and it is free to join.

ON THE 2ND FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH

Mary MacKillop prayers are held in the OLD MATER DEI CHAPEL, Coral Sea Gardens Retirement Village, Lyons Street, Westcourt. TIME: 9.30am
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TULLY REGION CELEBRATES THE SACRAMENTS

Written by Tania Gilbert (Sacramental Co-ordinator)



Confirmation Group, photo taken by Chris Grey.

On the 14th May, 19 Sacramental Candidates from Tully and Mission Beach made their Confirmation. This year's liturgy included a candle ceremony where parents lit a candle from the Paschal candle and handed it over to their child.

This ritual reminded us of the Baptismal promises the parents and godparents made for their child when they were infants. Now that they have grown, handing over the candle to them reminded the children that they are now responsible for their own faith. It was a touching ceremony made even more special as Fr. Kerry



First Holy Communion Group, photo taken by Chris Grey.

Crowley officiated the Liturgy and would have baptised most of the candidates present.

On Sunday 23rd July 14 children received First Eucharist at the 9:00am Mass at St Clare's Tully. Children have spent the last few months preparing for their Sacraments by attending Mass and three one-day lessons. The presiding priest for the day was visiting priest Fr. Kerry Costigan who was delighted to have such an honour. The parish celebrated afterwards with the children at a special morning tea where the children received their certificates and cut their cake.

MEET OUR NEW STAFF



L-R Kym Harrison (Diocesan Finance & Administration), welcomed to the diocese, Tina Massey, Emma Wyhoon and Julia Boothroyd at a morning tea Thursday 14th September.

Emma Wyhoon - Diocesan Workplace Health and Safety Officer (Bishop's House)

I live in the Northern Beaches with my husband and my fur baby. In our spare time we enjoy the great outdoors, good food and being in the company of our friends and family. I've worked in the Occupational Health & Safety industry for over 15 years and have significant experience through previous roles in South East Victoria (Tourism, Energy Sector and Vegetation Management) before commencing in Cairns (Health & Community Services) and Cape York (Indigenous Org's/ Land & Sea Management). I was recently appointed to the Safety Institute of Australia, Certification Governance Committee and I love being able to further contribute to the industry. I'm also very passionate about human rights and social justice causes and have been, and continue to be involved in a number of related campaigns. Emma said, "It's exciting to now be a part of the Diocese team and I look forward to working with you all."

Julia Boothroyd – Payroll Officer, Diocesan Payroll Services (Catholic Services Bld)

Born in the UK, immigrated to Australia in 1976, married with 2 sons both born in the UK. My husband and I have lived in Darwin 5 years & Gove 5 years, Melbourne for 11 years. We left in 1997 & arrived in Cairns 1997. We owned a business in Cairns for 16 years, Cairns Cleaning Supplies. After Cyclone Yasi we left Cairns for 4 yrs. Today we have 6 granddaughters & 5 adopted grandchildren, currently have 2 great-grandchildren, born this year to our adopted grandchildren. Swimming is my passion, having competed competitively during my younger years. I was a swimming coach in Gove & became a qualified Swimming Teacher in 1997, teaching babies from 3 months old children & adults of any age. This summer I am looking forward to teaching Great Grandchildren since returning to Cairns the youngest being 2 months old, it gives me great pleasure to watch babies, children or adults finally manage to swim or learn survival skills.

Tina Massey - Assistant Accountant Diocesan Finance & Administration Services (Catholic Services Bld)

I am a long-term Cairns local of over 30 years. My husband and I have two daughters aged 15 & 11 and they both attend St Andrew's Catholic College in Redlynch. I am also privileged to have my parents and some of my husband's extended family living in Cairns. Currently we are in full swing renovating a home we recently purchased, but usually in our free time we enjoy spending weekends at Lake Tinaroo water skiing and catching up with friends in between taking our girls to dancing and gymnastics. Tina commented, "I am thrilled to be part of the Catholic Diocese 'family' and I look forward to meeting more of you in the future."

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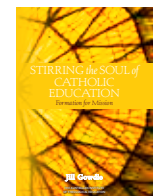
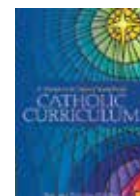
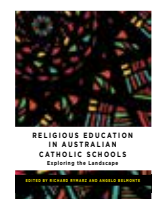
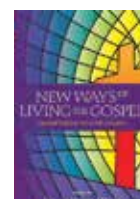
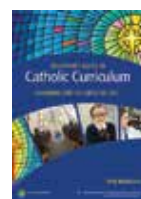
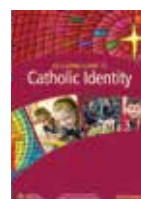
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WELLBEING WEEK AT ST MONICA'S

Written by Monica McDonald (Public Relations Officer)



Gavin Willett and Jill Gower admiring their prizes, which were won as part of the Wellness Week at St Monica College.

As we all know schools are busy places to work in, planning, marking, writing reports, answering phones, the list goes *on and on*. In Term 3, St Monica's Staff were given the opportunity to stop and have a break. A variety of activities were on offer to reduce fatigue and offer staff some relaxation and rewards.

Office manager and Executive Assistant, Ms Petrice Sutton initiated the Wellbeing week after attending a conference in Melbourne. Ms Sutton saw a need for staff to be rewarded for their hard work and set about planning the activities in collaboration with the Leadership team. Activities on offer included massage, meditation, exercise plus coffees and small gifts. Prizes were drawn each day. Staff commented *"the mediation session gave me time to appreciate what is important to me and just relax my mind and body"* and *"It's amazing how a small unexpected gift can really brighten up someone's day"*.

A team challenge was organised with teaching and office staff darting around the College looking for the answers.

The week finished with drinks and nibbles in the staff room Friday afternoon, with staff hopefully a little more relaxed. The Leadership team will review the success of Wellbeing week with the view to continue or develop in the future.

MSB CONFRATERNITY TEAM 2017

Written by Dave Scheffe (Head of Residential – Boys)



Tina Scheffe and David Scheffe with Ash Ellul, Tanneal Micallef and Jason Stephens spent the first week of the recent school holidays in Brisbane while the MSB team of 20 young men competed in their first outing at the *Confraternity Carnival*. David said of this week, *"What a pleasure and a privilege it was to take our squad of 20 players and support personnel to the 2017 Confraternity Carnival."*

David extended his congratulations to the following team members for their involvement and commitment – Daniel Mairu, Richard Dau, Meku Dau, Billy Dau, Euwanee Mairu, Keane Ryan, Lee Liddy, Yarus Blanket, Daniel Sam, Zjahndalee Nona, Barry Maitie, Percy Maitie, Toby Williams, Braiden Sesar, Matthew Ederer, Tyrese Malachi, Dale Kepi, Tommy Johnson, Daniel Pedro and Nabil Warriia. What a team!

This year Padua College in Kedron (Brisbane) hosted the carnival. There were 48 teams in total, with 50 schools being represented. The

opening Mass at Padua College was a huge event, with over 2500 people packed into the school's auditorium for a Eucharistic service. MSB team captain, Daniel Mairu was involved in the opening ceremony, presenting the team Jersey to the assembled crowd.

The carnival was a grand robin event, and the team made it to the Grand Finals and competed against Emmaus College (near Brisbane). The end result was a great outcome for a first time event for MSB. The College was awarded *Runner Up* medallions for division 3, and Billy Dau was justifiably awarded a brand new award – *Player of the Division*.

David commented, *"Again, it was an absolute pleasure taking this journey with the team. We are already getting organised for 2018, when the Confraternity is being held at Columba Catholic College in Charters Towers. At least next year it is closer to home. Bring it on!"*

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2017 INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIAN SCIENCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT SCHOOL

Written by Megan Lyall (Year 12 Student) Mount St Bernard College, Herberton



Megan Lyall top LH corner and fellow SID students

During the winter school holidays, I attended the 2017 SID School in Brisbane. This weeklong camp for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in Years 10 to 12 focused on science and is designed to break down myths and barriers around attending university. It aims to build student's aspirations about all that is possible in the future.

We visited 'real-world' work places and met industry professionals, participated in interactive university activities and, most importantly, made new friends who are also considering university study.

In five hectic days I experienced campus life, I found out what it is like to study at QUT and learned about the different pathways available at university. After a tour of the engineering faculty, we were given the opportunity to program robots, which we raced.

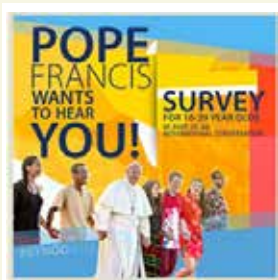
We travelled to the Gold Coast Aquatic Centre, where people involved with the Commonwealth Games, explained how the Games will run and where the athletes are going to stay. We also met some of the engineers that were building the Games Village. They demonstrated the design process using technology. We visited the defence force barracks where we used simulations. After the barracks, we went to the Lone Pine Koala sanctuary where an ecologist spoke to us about ecosystems.

It was an amazing week, which inspired me to think about my future and study options after school. I would like to thank and show my appreciation to the co-ordinators of the SID school, QUT, ADF and the mentors and university staff for their time and inspirational presentations.

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A PROPHETIC GATHERING HELD IN ADELAIDE

Written by Paula Malaponte



From L-R Anne Marie Gatenby (speaker from WA), Paula Malaponte (CCR President for Cairns Diocese), David Morzone (representing CCR Townsville), Sr. Carmel Boyle (Rockhampton Diocese), Margaret Kerwick (Representing CCR Brisbane), Jan Heath (speaker from Brisbane) and Ann Brereton (speaker from TAS)

This event held over the the 28th – 30th July was sponsored by Catholic Charismatic Renewal Australia (NSC) and 27 people from all states were present to attend a weekend of training in the Prophetic Gift.

Paula Malaponte, president for CCR Cairns diocese was one of those who was invited to attend along with 3 other people from Queensland including Sr. Carmel Boyle from the Rockhampton Diocese, David Morzone from Townsville and Margaret Kerwick from Brisbane.

Presenters for the weekend were Jan Heath, who has been involved in the work of evangelization for 27 years, Anne Marie Gatenby

who serves the Renewal as Intercession co-coordinator for both the Australian and Asia Oceania regions and Ann Brereton who is the current National Service Committee Chairperson for CCR and who also represents Oceania on the ICCS Council.

The training weekend was an opportunity for those present to grow deeper in the prophetic gifting, and to become a prophetic people listening to and responding to the Holy Spirit's leading in our lives.

Topics included "How to Hear the voice of God", The Purpose of Prophecy, The Character of Prophetic Life, How to be good Stewards of this gift, The gift of Prophecy in Evangelization.

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Maria Vitali	15th April	Atherton	Hazel Boyd	13th August	Innisfail
Bernard O'Kane	11th June	Tully	Frank Mlinaric	16th August	Northern Beaches
Robert Sordelli	12th June	Innisfail	Bruno Panozzo	17th August	Innisfail
Robert Green	14th June	Babinda	Giovanni (Johnny) Grava	17th August	Innisfail
Paula McDonald	23rd June	Mareeba	Mary Scanlan	17th August	Earlville
Joan De Agostini	23rd June	Babinda	Frank Pappalardo	18th August	Cathedral
Antonino (Tony) Raciti	25th June	Innisfail	Elizabeth Lazzaroni	18th August	Gordonvale
Carol Lovell	25th June	Cathedral	Louis (Ben) Rousetty	18th August	Northern Beaches
Carmel Doolan	26th June	Cathedral	Angela Amatt	19th August	Innisfail
Margaret St John	27th June	Innisfail	Adina Salerno	20th August	Mareeba
Harold Venables	30th June	Earlville	Jakov Bosnic	20th August	Mareeba
John Agnew	30th June	Atherton	Adelina (Lina) Sorbello	23rd August	Innisfail
Elsie Collins	1st July	Innisfail	George Pervan	23rd August	Innisfail
Gary Shirvington	3rd July	Cathedral	Carmela Tatti	24th August	Mareeba
Nola Debel	7th July	Atherton	Kathleen Cowan	24th August	North Cairns
Giovanni De Zen	9th July	Mareeba	Francis McKenzie	25th August	Atherton
Patricia McAuley	12th July	Gordonvale	Patricia (Pat) McEachan	27th August	Innisfail
Allan Accatino	16th July	Innisfail	Rose-Marie Dash	28th August	Cathedral
Antonio (Tony) Bertuola	17th July	Innisfail	Michael ter Rahe	28th August	Innisfail
Kathryn (Kathy) Tait	20th July	Innisfail	Dina Dalla Vecchia	29th August	Innisfail
Bernard Goldsworthy	21st July	Babinda	Daniel Hayes	31st August	North Cairns
Gwen Nicholls	21st July	Mareeba	Sofia Cassola	5th September	North Cairns
Mary Clayton	22nd July	North Cairns	Lily Turner	6th September	Mareeba
David Farrell	26th July	Tully	William Goes	9th September	North Cairns
Filomena Erana	2nd August	Cathedral	Bill Lowry	17th September	Cathedral (died in Melbourne)
Mary Scheltens	3rd August	Innisfail			
Bianca Amadio	6th August	Gordonvale			
Michol Delorie	8th August	Cathedral			

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