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The Bishop's Message Earthen Vessels



As Lent approaches the liturgy will urge us many times to repent, to allow our hearts to be converted. But of what, Lord, do we need to repent? We try our best. We are ordinary family people. We mostly honour our promises. We are mostly faithful in our commitments. We try to do the right thing. We have lived our marriage vows, and have tried to do so with integrity. Sometimes it hasn't worked out, but we have tried to be as genuine as we can. We keep space in our hearts for you, O Lord, and we partake of the Bread of Life. So what is this repentance?

Much of the above is very true, but we are earthen vessels, and earthen vessels can shatter. We know that when the Mass starts with "Lord, have mercy", we answer strongly and in full voice, "Christ, have mercy". So how to reconcile our obvious efforts at goodness with the sincerity with which we pray, "Lord, have mercy".

It is not as if the Lord is a fearsome God, threatening to destroy us, to punish us. We know of His unconditional love for us. God so loved us He sent His only Son. That is how important I am to Him, I know.

"Come to me all you who labour", Jesus said to us, "and I will give you rest". And You do, O Lord, You grace us with Your peace, especially at Communion time in Mass, a peace the world cannot give. So why this repentance language, and my

need for the prayer "Lord, have mercy"? It is because we are members of Your Body in the world. Baptism made us that, forever. Saint Paul said we make up in our bodies what was lacking in the sufferings of Christ. The only thing lacking was His physical extension, His living on into our times, into my time, on earth. How do we as members of Your Body, Your community of the baptised faithful, live in the world?

We ask what has happened to our Church that sinfulness has broken so much of its moral witness. What are we doing to ensure crimes against the innocent are no longer part of our story; is there enough we do to care for the victims? How do we work to restore credibility in the Church, this communion of my brothers and sisters who love Jesus? Are we working hard enough at it? Lord, have mercy. What are we doing to remove the cloth of scandal that has obscured the face of Christ shining through His Church? Guide us, Lord. Teach us. Christ, have mercy.

There are times it seems our nation is drifting, like a vessel without a rudder, subject to winds it cannot resist. Pillars strengthening the family and society have been weakened, and our social context and justification seems no longer to draw upon the Gospel of Jesus; the environment of values is being set by other voices. The destruction of the unborn, the social permission to euthanise the frail, the renunciation of

the truth we pray in our Creed, "Lord, giver of life". The basis of the family, a child being the fruit of a committed love between a man and a woman, has now been replaced, still under the title of marriage, by forms of artificial parenting. We pray as a Christian community, "Lord, have mercy".

And then there is the Lenten exhortation, "harden not your hearts". We look at Manus Island, and Nauru, and the grossly disproportionate number of Aboriginal men in jail, and we need to pray, "Christ, have mercy".

We are good people. We know Christ is our Redeemer. We know He calls us to ever closer discipleship. "What you did for the least of my brothers and sisters, you did unto Me". Grant us the grace through this Lent, O Lord, to live your presence in our world as the Body of Christ, in a way of more active discipleship.

Let us pray to strengthen our hearts so our lives may be a positive ministry in the world. Let us read the Gospels for a few minutes each day and ponder them in our hearts, as we are told was Mary's practice when observing her Son.

And yet Lord you are our Father

We the clay, You the potter.

We are all the work of Your hands.

Visit this vine and protect it, the vine Your right hand has planted.

Lord have mercy.

Bishop Greg O'Kelly SJ

DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY
2018

"Looking forward in hope to Plenary Council in 2020"







A Message to the Catholic Community at the Beginning Of Lent

Days of fasting and reparation in sorrow for child sexual abuse and for the healing of victims - February 14-17, 2018

Dear brothers and sisters,

Last December, the Royal Commission

into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse handed down its final report. Like the Australian Government and many other institutions, Catholic bishops of Australia leaders of religious institutes currently studying the final report and its recommendations.

In the long years since the tragedy of child sexual abuse within the Catholic community became known, the Church has committed to policies, procedures and structures to respond better to survivors of abuse and their families, to establish professional standards for all ministers and Church workers, and to safeguard children and vulnerable people. For the Church, as for other institutions, this has involved gradual learning and development, and so it will continue to be.

Through these years, Australia's bishops and other Church leaders have often expressed their sorrow and have offered their apology for what has occurred in the past – the harm suffered by victims and survivors, the instances of cover-up, the failure to believe survivors' stories and to respond with compassion and justice, and the distress that many still experience.

Our apologies have at time seemed too little - not because they were insincere, but because trust has been broken. We stand firm in our resolve to ensure that the abuse of children never happens again in the Catholic Church and to build new bonds of trust.

With the Royal Commission concluded, our country and our Church enter into a new moment. We are calling upon the Catholic community in Australia to embrace this new moment by beginning the penitential season of Lent with four days of fasting and reparation. These are spiritual practices which express our desire for God's reconciling and healing grace.

Through fasting, we stand in solidarity with the victims and survivors of abuse whose much deeper hunger is for healing and peace in their lives. Through reparation, we make amends for the sin of those in the Church who abused children or failed to listen and act when they should have.

The days of fasting and reparation in sorrow for child sexual abuse and for the healing of victims and survivors will be marked by prayer - in our homes and in our Catholic communities.

Please take to heart the importance of these days in preparing the Church to respond to the recommendations of the Royal Commission and to make the journey from Ash Wednesday to Easter. We cannot undo the past. With God's help, we can make the future better.

Liturgical and other prayer resources can be accessed at www.catholic.org.au/ fastingandreparation

Archbishop Denis Hart Chair of ACBC



Dear Readers, The Diocesan Assembly is on Tuesday March 20 from 9.00am to 5.30pm and Wednesday March 21 from 8.30am to 12.30pm. The invitation is extended to all. The Assembly is about preparing for the 2020 Plenary Council which is to update the Church after 2020. The theme for our diocese is "Looking Forward in Hope". It will divide into sub-groups of Looking Forward in Hope for Youth; Looking Forward in Hope for Families; Looking Forward in Hope for Ecumenism, Looking Forward in Hope as A Marginalised People, Looking Forward in Hope as A Rural Diocese, Looking forward in Hope In Creation. We are urged by Pope Francis to "speak boldly, listen humbly, to have a prayerful open heart, and listen to the Holy Spirit" in this Assembly and the 2020 Plenary Council. The agenda will also include:

the youth initiatives for this year's "Year of Youth"; our response to the Royal Commission on Sexual Abuse; and the Australian Bishops letter for the upcoming season of Lent. The guest speaker for our Assembly will be Fr Noel Connolly SSC, and Lana Turvey-Collins as facilitator for the 2020 Plenary Council, chaired by our own Mr Lee Abela (Principal of St Joseph's, Barmera). Bishop Greg O'Kelly SJ will also speak with the perspective of our diocese. We

its preparation, and others will follow. I think you will enjoy the read of our February edition!

will be the first diocese to assemble for

preparation of the Plenary Council. The Geraldton Diocese will meet in July for

Br Patrick Cronin cfc Editor with Marina Davidson



Welcome to our new Director of Catholic Education

I am very excited, hope-filled and optimistic stepping into the role of Director of Catholic Education in our diocese, and express my deep appreciation for the warm welcome I have received in recent weeks. I share with many others a deep sense of gratitude for Brenda Keenan's many contributions to our diocese and to Catholic Education South Australia during her time as Director. I come into this role believing strongly in the goodness of the people in our schools and parishes, and want to build upon our strengths.

I live in my hometown of Port Augusta with my husband, Shane, and where most of our extended family still live. We have two beautiful children: Millie is studying at University in Adelaide and Patrick is in his final year at school. I have had the gift and privilege of having been a student, a staff member and a parent at Caritas College prior to commencing in this role, and have been blessed to have been strongly influenced by family, faith, a full and rich education, and the community of Sisters of St Joseph throughout all of my life.

I left the diocese when I was 17 to study teaching in Adelaide, and commenced my teaching in Catholic education at St Mary's College, Adelaide, before returning to Port Augusta to assume the Deputy Principal role at Caritas College 23 years ago. Since that time I have



Brenda Keenan former Director of CEO

enjoyed an active leadership role at the school, further strengthening my love of, care for and commitment to Catholic education in rural and regional South Australia, and consider the life and work of our schools as a major contributor to an integral part of Catholic education South Australia.

In taking up the role of Director in 2018, I have a few dreams and ideas! These include strengthening our Gospel identity, highlighting, celebrating and deeply knowing that which sets our Catholic schools apart. I look forward to working with our diocesan school leaders to support them to be the best leaders they can be, which in turn will enable staff to be their most effective in order to ensure excellent Catholic education for every child in our schools. Another key undertaking is to work with our 13 schools to bring the Catholic Education SA Strategy to life within the context of our diocese.

As we commence this New Year, our schools are working hard to clearly establish why, what, how and for whom our Catholic schools will be in 2018. I look forward to working with schools, parishes and wider communities to build further our collaborative mission for Catholic education in our diocese. I ask for your continued prayers for the work undertaken and for my leadership, which is carried out in love and service of others, and particularly for children and families in our school communities.

Other key leadership appointments in Catholic schools around the diocese

We congratulate and welcome Marc Forster and his family to our diocese and to the role of Deputy Principal at St Mark's College, Port Pirie. Congratulations also to Ms Bec Fahey (Acting Principal, St Joseph's School, Peterborough) and Mr Damian Smith (Acting Principal, Caritas College) on their appointments for Terms 1 and 2 this year. These appointments are testament to the strength of and commitment to leadership in our diocesan schools.

By Nichii Mardon



Nichii Mardon Director of CEO



Diocesan Structure and Finances

Catholic Diocese of Port Pirie (CDPP) is a Diocese of the Catholic Church. CDPP is governed by the Catholic Bishop of Port Pirie, or in the absence of an appointed bishop, by the Diocesan Administrator.

The Bishop of Port Pirie is the sole member of Centacare Catholic Family Services Country SA (Company Limited by Guarantee), St Joseph's Nursing Home and Star of the Sea Home for the Aged including Community Care.

Associations and Entities within the Diocese

Chancery

The Diocesan Finance Office (DFO) is responsible for the administration of the assets of the diocese. This includes supervising the administration of assets belonging to parishes.

In addition to administering the assets of the diocese and its parishes, the DFO is also responsible for all aspects of finance and accounting (statutory reporting) including implementing the budget determined by the Diocesan Finance Council (DFC), meeting the expenditure authorised by the Bishop and preparing financial reports of the diocese and its apostolates.

The responsibilities of the DFO

also include managing the Catholic Development Fund (CDF) on behalf of investors in the fund. This role includes investment management, reporting marketing and customer service. Other responsibilities include assisting Centacare, Aged and Community Care, and Clergy Care Fund.

The role of the DFO reflects the Church's desire to have a prudent system of controls in its finance and administration. It does this in accordance with the Civil and Church Laws and its own policies promulgated by the bishop.

Diocesan Income

Chancery

- Parish Levies
- Interest
- Dividends
- Property rents
- Bequests

Catholic Development Fund (CDF)

- Interest from banks
- Interest from borrowers (parishes, schools and CDPP Catholic entities)

Diocesan Expenses

- Salaries and overheads
- Ministry Expenses Pastoral Works (Diocesan Pastoral Council, World Youth Day, stipends, education of clergy, property and other)



Parish Finances

- First collection goes to parish presbytery account which pays priests' stipends and Bishop's commission. The remainder is transferred to the Clergy Support Fund. This is used for motor vehicle expenses and replacements, credit card allowances and superannuation equivalents and medical expenses.
- Second collection goes to Parish Church Account and pays for parish church, administration and property expenses.

Cosimo De Cianni Business and Finance Manager

Benefactors and Sponsors

This is an appeal to your large-heartedness. Any amount, small or larger, will be a cause for great thanks, and will enable our ministries to continue. Otherwise some will need to cease or be scaled down; we do not have the funds.

The financial resources of the diocese are unable to support all of our ministries. We need sponsors and benefactors to assist. Are you able to help the work of the Church in those ministries of our diocese? If people could donate a certain amount as a one-off gift, or as an annual or monthly donation, then together we might meet the challenge.

Yes I/we would like to support the work of the Church in our diocese. By ticking a box I/we have indicated our preference(s).

\mathcal{C}	Bishop's Discretion: to allow flexibility for
	some particular pastoral need

- Support of Seminarians: with the Seminary fee (\$30,000) and travel expenses, it costs \$35,000 to support a seminarian annually.
- Youth Ministry: Stipend for a part-time Youth Worker \$35,000 per annum
- O *Prison Ministry*:Travel expenses and vehicle maintenance, as the prisons are in Port Augusta, Cadell in the Riverland, and Port Lincoln (\$22,000 per annum)
- O Aboriginal Ministry:Support of Sisters of St Anne working with Aboriginal women and children and aged residents, at Davenport, near Port Augusta. Stipend and expenses for the two Sisters is \$40,000 per annum. The parish provides accommodation.
- Overseas Priests: The annual collection around the diocese for overseas priests amounts to \$10,000, which we give to their home dioceses who trained and formed the priests who so generously have volunteered to work amongst us.
- O Catholic Missions

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World Day of Sick

Diocesan Appeal for our Sick and Aged Clergy

The World Day of the Sick is an observance introduced by St. Pope John Paul II in 1992 and first celebrated on February 11, 1993.

It coincides with the memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes. The story of the appearances of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Bernadette Soubirous in 1858 is well known. Over the years since then, Lourdes has become a place of universal pilgrimage, where people have experienced the healing presence and power of Christ.

The observance of World Day of the Sick shines a light and encourages people of goodwill to pray for those called to carry the often-crushing cross of illness and limitation. We have such people in all of our Parishes. Often their patience, resilience and courage in suffering is inspirational.

The World Day of the Sick is also an occasion to express our gratitude and prayerful support to those whose vocation it is to care for the sick ... the doctors, nurses, priests, chaplains, other health professional and carers who devote their lives to bringing the compassionate love of Christ to the sick and dying. Again, there are such selfless and devoted people in all our Parishes and in the Catholic homes in our diocese ... St. Catherine's, St. Joseph's and Star of the Sea. In addition, in our diocese, Claire Conaghty provides gentle and sensitive care to our priests and deacons in her role as Clergy Care Coordinator.

As Pope Francis reminds us in his message for the Twenty-Sixth World Day of the Sick 2018: "The Church's service to the sick and those who care for them must continue with renewed vigour, in fidelity to the Lord's command and following the eloquent example of her Founder and Master."

As we hold the sick members of our families close to our hearts and remember them daily in our prayers we are also conscious of the sick clergy who Over the years since then, Lourdes has become a place of universal pilgrimage, where people have experienced the healing presence and power of Christ.

have touched many lives through their priestly ministry and who are so much a part of our Diocesan Family.

At present Frs Chris O'Neil, Laurie Quinn and Chris Warnock are in residential care, living each day with the reality of the cross. Some other members of the clergy, in active ministry, suffer with chronic illnesses.

The financing of the medical and care needs of our priests and deacons is the responsibility of the Clergy Support Fund. The generosity of parishioners to the First Collection at Sunday Masses enables the Fund to meet these everincreasing costs.

The Fund supports our clergy with health insurance, through a contribution to the accommodation costs of those in residential care, a 100% reimbursement of hospital excess, 75% reimbursement of gap payments for medical services and assists them to purchase medical and mobility aids including things like sleep apnea machines, hearing aids and gophers.

On this World Day of the Sick the Clergy Support Fund is asking those who are able to contribute to a special appeal for the care of our aged and sick priests. We commend the Appeal to your generosity and our priests and deacons and all who carry the cross of illness and infirmity to your continuing prayers and care. *Yours in Christ*,

Bishop Gregory O'Kelly SJ, Mons. Paul Quirk, Frs. Steve Ardill, Paul Crotty, Jim Monaghan, Francis Montero, John Stuart-James, Mr. Neil Davidson, Mr. Peter Quirk and Br Pat Cronin Clergy Support Fund Board



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Australian Catholic Youth Festival

Ever thousands present knelt and prayed before The Blessed Sacrament for half an hour was most moving

On the evening of Tuesday December 5, 2017 thirty-one people from across the Diocese of Port Pirie set out on a pilgrimage to Sydney to participate in the Australian Catholic Youth Festival. Our young people came from Port Pirie, Port Augusta, Whyalla, Port Lincoln, Streaky Bay and the Riverland. Our bishop with four other priests were with us.

They joined 19,000 young people from across the nation at what was the largest gathering of Catholic people since World Youth Day in 2008.

Through an array of plenary sessions, workshops, interactive games, justice experiences, Bishops' exchanges, music and moving prayer experiences participants were led to understand how they can be signs of joy and hope in an often joyless and despairing world.

The program of music was headlined by international stars Matt Maher and Steve Angrisano. They were joined by Fr. Rob

Galea, Emma Fradd, who hails from Port Pirie and Tim Hart who composed the Festival theme song: Joyful Generation. Renditions of this song vibrated on the streets and railway stations of Sydney.

There were many times we prayed together. The Adoration time when all the thousands present knelt and prayed before The Blessed Sacrament for half an hour was most moving.

Renowned and much-loved Benedictine Sister, Sr Hilda Scott, captivated the large audience with her *Hangin with Hilda* conversations. She challenged those present to be joyful in a secular world.

On Saturday December 9, the pilgrims set off on one of three Pilgrimage Walks, commencing on the northern side of the Harbour Bridge, heading for the Shrine of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop or St Mary's Cathedral. Prayers were prayed and songs sung as the pilgrims made their way to the Domain in the Royal Botanical Gardens where the final Mass was celebrated.

During the Mass the Archbishop of Sydney, Anthony Fisher exhorted the young people present to be spiritual heroes. "You are called to usher in new ideals and reinvigorate hope."

The Australian Catholic Youth Festival heralded the beginning of a Year of Youth in the Australian Church which will last until the beginning of Advent 2018.

If you have any queries or require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me on 8682 3725 or Email: frsteve@stalbert.catholic.edu.au *Fr Steve Ardill*

Prayer for Youth

Come Holy Spirit of the is Great Southland
Inspire our entire faith community,
As we prayerfully discern new horizons for spreading joy
In the lives and communities
of the People of God.
Come Holy Spirit of Youth
Fill the hearts of young people with the hope and love of Jesus Christ.
Enliven our community with the creativity, energy and joy of youth.
Guide us together, as we

strive to offer God's mercy
To those who feel
abandoned or outcast.
Come Holy Spirit of Faith
Empower our community
to be courageous.
Unite your people as
witnesses of love.
Walk with us, as we blaze
new trails of discipleship,
Accompanying young people
as we renew the Church together.
Come Holy Spirit of Vocation

Come Holy Spirit of Vocation
Stir within young people an awareness of God's call.
Reveal to us the graces
of young people.

Guide us all, in finding our place and raising our voices

To build a civilisation of love.

Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Help of Christians, pray for us. St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, friend of the young, pray for us.



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2018 Year of Youth

We pray that 2018 will be a particularly blessed year for the young people the Church dearly loves. As we all know, 2018 in the Catholic Church is particularly dedicated to the youth of Australia. We pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us as we plan to make this a special year for the youth. We pray that we will be able to tap into their energy, creativity and passion, allowing them to initiate, participate and lead some activities of the Church not just on a special basis but regularly. Let

us all support, encourage, empower, and learn from the young people.

Do you have some ideas for the Year of Youth?

Phone Fr Harold on 0412 506 010 or email haroldcya@yahoo.com

Let us regularly pray for our youth. Cut out PRAYER FOR YOUTH, put it on your fridge or on your altar and every time you see it, say this prayer. This will be a wonderful gift for the young people for this entire Year of Youth.

Fr Harold Camonias

December 2017



Our Pilgrims

Top Row: Bishop Greg O'Kelly SJ, Jordan Paterson, David Green, Fr Ramel, Brenton Mortimer Second Row: Louise Stavrou, Owen Munday, Thomas Royals, Crenie Kumar, Kylan Beech. Third Row: Fr Steve Ardill, Fr Paul Crotty, Dcn Hau Le, Raf Herrera, Liam Matacin. Fourth Row: Sr Delma, Erin McIntee, Abbey Clements, Fr Harold Camonias, Katri Stavrou. Fitfth Row: Jordie Arbuckle, Sr Kaspar, Nicolette Roberts, Leo Taylor, Selina Munday. Bottom Row: Miriam Santic, Kate Green, Blake Brougham, Amelia Royals, Rebekah West



Diocese of Port Pirie Outback Pilgrims



On December 5, 2017 four pilgrims from the Riverland, Nicolette Roberts, Kylan Beech, Katri and Louise Stavrou embarked upon a pilgrimage to Sydney with

a group of 30 young people from our diocese. Our group was called the Port Pirie Outback Pilgrims. We traveled together by bus which picked us up in Barmera at 1.30am until we reached our destination, St Ignatius College, Riverview in Sydney around 6.00pm. We stayed there for four nights in luxury accommodation. The view from our bedrooms was the Sydney Harbor Bridge and the city lit up in the beautiful night sky.

We were lucky enough to have Bishop Greg join our group in the plenary sessions. It was great to see him singing and dancing with us all.

The MGL Sisters (Missionary of God's Love) joined us during our Pilgrimage Walk. They will visit and work with the young people in our diocese in 2018, so it was good to meet and chat with them. After the final Mass we were lucky enough to be surprised with a wonderful fireworks display over the city, so in a way we did not miss the Barmera fireworks display at all.

The bus left Sydney 6.00am on Sunday December 10, for our long trip home. We stopped at Wagga Wagga for Mass followed by a beautifully prepared luncheon by the local parishioners. We arrived home in Barmera around 11.00pm safe and sound.

One of my highlights was being able to be a witness to such events and see the excitement and joy in the youth (and old) as they came together to celebrate Jesus. I witnessed them share their individual stories and the impact Jesus has in regards to their own faith. I am very grateful for being given a very special opportunity to attend the youth gathering with my family, Harry and Katri, and support the youth in our parish and diocese.

Louise Stavrou



My trip to the ACYF in Sydney was probably one of the greatest experiences of my life. It was so inclusive and encouraging to young people like myself. We all got to meet so many people and make

new friends which made it so much more enjoyable.

The 19,000 pilgrims in one stadium singing all together as one Catholic community really shows how important faith is for the young people. My goal is to make normal Sunday Masses as enthusiastic and engaging as it was at the Catholic Youth Festival.

I would encourage all young people to definitely go to this because it helped me look at the Catholic faith from a different perspective.

Kylan Beech



It was worth the 17 hour bus drive Sydney. The ACYF has shown me so many wavs to express faith, my example, through dancing music, and meeting new people. Music is more than just dance and song, it

brings people together. The words have so much meaning and made me feel happy and grateful.

The best part of the trip was when we walked together as a Port Pirie group. Our pilgrimage started in North Sydney and we walked over the Harbour Bridge, around Circular Quay to the Opera House and finished at the Domain where we had our final Mass.

The atmosphere was incredible. I did not expect to see so many young people together and I know they were feeling the same way I felt.

I had an incredible time and I would love to go again in 2019 in Perth. *Katri Stavrou*



Tom Royals, son of Therese and Steven Royals, has committed to a year's ministry with National Evangelisation Team – NET. After the initial training period of six weeks in Brisbane, early in 2018 Tom will be allocated to a parish based "NET" anywhere within Australia to witness and share the Good News of Jesus Christ and His Church with young people in the parish and schools. NET ministries uses drama, music, stories, interaction, retreats, reflections and personal encounter to engage young people in their faith in the Lord. Before he left for NET, Tom said:

"Having a family who have a strong faith has really helped me come closer to God. What inspired me most to join the NET team was going to the Australian Catholic Youth Festival in Adelaide (2015) and in Sydney (2017). At the Youth Festival I started talking to some people who were in the NET team. They told me about how they joined and what they liked most about it and that made me want to join.

With NET I hope to spread the good news about Jesus and his Church.

I am most excited about meeting new people making new friends and meeting people that are my age that believe in God

The most challenging thing for me will be not seeing my family for ten months. My favourite saint is Saint Dominic Savio. This would have to be because I relate to him a lot because he was a young man in the Church and he chose to follow his faith strongly, like I do.

Both my family and my friends have been really supportive and they have helped me with what they could." Fr Paul Crotty

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Thank You for the Experience

The Australian Catholic Youth Festival in Sydney was an amazing experience. I would like to start by expressing my gratitude to Fr Harold Camonias, Fr Steve Ardill and the St Mary of the Angels Parish for all the help, support and encouragement that was provided. Every effort that was made by the Parish enhanced the experience, and I am incredibly grateful.

During the Festival there was a great depth of topics discussed, ranging from explanation of prayers to inspirational stories to statements of wisdom.

One particularly interesting concept was the 'Bishops X-change'. During these sessions, two bishops would be discussing a topic in an intensive workshop style talk, conversing with the young people in the room and hearing what we had to say and how we thought the Church could better connect with youth. These sessions were recorded,

and a report will be written up and distributed amongst the Bishops.

I attended the X-change sessions on vocations and Catholic expression, two things that I feel are the most complex spiritual issues I face. It was good to be able to hear from people from all over Australia and listen to the bishops' wisdom on those topics. I came out of them with new ideas and a greater understanding of these issues.

One of the most important experiences was the Adoration during the final plenary session on Friday evening. Overall, this was a powerful experience, as 19,000 people were completely silent. We, pilgrims from all over Australia, were all focussed on one point; one crowd united in prayer. Words cannot describe how it felt to be immersed in that moment.

The final Mass at the Domain following the pilgrimage was amazing. Close



David Green

to 30,000 people attended a unique celebration of the Mass, which included a beautiful Gospel procession and a wonderful moment when a small selection of pilgrims from all over Australia received Communion from Anthony Fisher, the Archbishop of Sydney. Archbishop Fisher also gave an interesting, Star Wars themed homily. The Mass was a fantastic time and a wonderful way to end the Festival.

By reflecting on the events of the Festival, we can develop new ways of exploring our faith and carry this message of joy back to our parishes and other areas of our lives. We embrace this message of 'joy' as we head into the Year of Youth in 2018 and beyond.

An Amazing Feeling

The 2017 Australian Catholic Youth Festival was absolutely, indescribably amazing. Every day was jam-packed with a wide variety of things to do and see. There were over 150 stalls, and each displayed something different. I even met up with Sr Elizabeth Young, a Sister of Mercy, who was living in Port Augusta until 2016.

During the Festival, I had the great fortune to attend a talk by Sr Hilda Scott about 'God's Love in a Secular World'. It was a fantastic talk, and it put things in perspective. I was even lucky enough to meet Sr Hilda afterwards, thank her for her talk and managed to get a photo with her as well.

I was able to join in at a talk/concert by Fr Rob Galea, which was a wonderful session. He talked about the universe, and how God is big enough to hold the universe in his hands, but still have love and time for every individual on Earth. He then managed to get every person in the room up on their feet and dancing, which was an amazing feeling. The energy that radiated out of everyone was indescribable, and everybody was swept



up in it.

All 19,000 participants had a very deep, personal journey and connection to God. I was able to encounter God in a very personal way. I was nearly brought to tears by this emotional and spiritual experience. It made it very real for me, and helped me to rediscover my faith and how much God loves me.

All in all, the 2017 Australian Catholic Youth Festival was a jaw-dropping experience, to be able to participate in this Festival. I highly recommend the ACYF for any youth in the Port Pirie Diocese and I hope to see you in Perth in 2019!



First Good Samaritan Oblate from Port Pirie Diocese

Philomena Jeffrey who was educated by the Good Sams now "feels privileged to be an Oblate the Good Sams." She said, "My oblation was a beautiful experience, a very special time I will always treasure." Philomena had been an Oblate Inquirer with the Good Samaritan Sisters for some time. Philomena said, "The seed was planted in 2015 during a retreat in Melrose and arranged by Sr Sonia Wagner and facilitated by Sr Anna Warlow. It was the first time I had heard the word 'oblate'. I was about to retire and I can tell you that being an oblate was never on my agenda, but the God of surprises had other plans for me."

On October 17, 2017 Philomena made her commitment as a Good Samaritan Oblate in Perth, along with Barbara Haeusler from Three Springs, Western Australia. This significant event took place in the presence of Good Samaritan Sisters Sonia, Anna and Mary Howard and a number of Western Australian Oblates and friends of Philomena who travelled from Port Pirie and Adelaide. During her time of formation, Philomena learnt about the Benedictine Good

Samaritan Spirituality and the Rule of Benedict in which the seeking of God is pivotal and how the Rule applies to her daily life. Commitment to daily prayer is important, together with living the Gospel and the Good Samaritan parable with its focus on "being neighbour." Philomena has had opportunities to

pray with and interact with Good Samaritan Sisters and Good Samaritan Oblates, particularly a group of Western Australian Oblates who have visited Port Pirie on three occasions for Retreat.

"If you hear His voice today..." From the prologue of the Rule of Benedict. *Sr Marie O'Shea*



Philomena Jeffrey, Barbara Haeusler and Sr Anna Warlow

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Arise, a Great Journey Lies Ahead of You. (1Kings 19:7)

Those who receive my emails would see this scripture passage at the bottom of the message. I always believe that life is a journey that is not always a clear path. The key ingredient to this is God's guiding hand and our total trust in God's will. The road is not going to be easy but surely for us Christians, the element of the Cross is a key feature of this "great journey".

On September 3, 2017 I celebrated my tenth year of Ordination. Jokingly, some parishioners asked me why celebrate at ten? Well, I do understand the background of the question. Many of the priests of this diocese celebrated 50 or 60 years of ordination. So, my 10 years is a fraction of what they have achieved. But priesthood is never about number of years but to be "Christ" to God's people and to journey with them and leading them like Jesus, the Good Shepherd. This past six years in Port Pirie is a journey that has brought me great joys but at the same time,

it has also challenged me to the core. Whenever I reflect on my priesthood, I am always making a conscious desire to love and serve God and pray that God manifests His gracious will. It has been a joy serving God's people in the Port Pirie Diocese. We are in an age that to be a Christian is to be different and sometimes considered odd. We are in an age where our Christian values and practices are challenged.

Fr Francis Montero



Ministry Formation Program

On December 1, 2017 three parishioners received their Certificate in Practical Ministry which is conducted by the Ministry Formation Team of the Archdiocese of Adelaide. They are Mary Bartlett (Mary Knoll Retreat Centre), Gayle Santic (Port Lincoln) and Julie Andriessen (Whyalla). We are extremely grateful to Bishop Greg and Sr Sonia for having negotiated with the Archdiocese of Adelaide for the opportunity for the people of the Port Pirie Diocese to participate.

The Certificate of Practical Ministry program is conducted over two years and consists of six, five week online courses run by the Dayton University in America. There is a wide variety of online courses available so students have the ability to select those applicable to their needs or interests.

As well as the online courses, sessions are also conducted in Adelaide by the MFP Team. Some of these sessions



Julie Andriessen and Mary Bartlett

have been made available by the team travelling to Whyalla or Port Pirie to reduce the times country students need to attend in Adelaide.

The students strongly encourage others in the diocese to undertake this program, either for personal development in their own faith or to provide deeper knowledge



Gayle Santic with Alexa

which will enhance their particular area of ministry in their parish. Contact Sue Vieceli (Executive Admin Assistant) on 8152 7807 for further information. Also feel free to talk to either Mary, Gayle or Julie about their experiences studying in the Ministry Formation Program.

Iulie Andriessen

My Ministry in the Riverland

Leading up to Christmas, the Our Lady of the River Parish saw many of its young ones graduate from primary school; they include Berri, Barmera, Loxton and Renmark. The graduation ceremonies were led by the parish priest to thank God for the year that was. Followed by presentations and speeches of the graduates which more often than not, roasted their favourite teachers,



Michael and Helen Sinko, Carmel Halliday with Deacon Hau Le

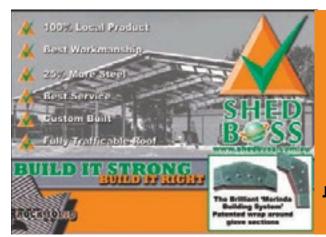
which was unexpectedly entertaining! Their achievements and contributions to the community were acknowledged and applauded.

In preparing for the coming of Our Lord, the various communities decorated their local church with signs and symbols such as the Advent wreath and the Nativity scene, so as to draw out the significance of this solemnity. Spiritual preparations were also made with the celebration of the Second Rite of Reconciliation at each of the churches, which were all well

attended.

An essential part of the ministry here in the Riverland is the visitation of those who are unable to leave their place of residence, whether that be at aged care homes like St Catherine's Berri, those who are homebound, or those in the prison at Cadell Training Centre. The opportunity to pray as a church away from the parish and receive Holy Communion at Mass is always well received.

Deacon Hau Le



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Project Compassion 2018

This is my 39th year as the Caritas Australia Director for our Diocese of Port Pirie which kicks off each year through Project Compassion. From a very small start in the mid 1960's, Project Compassion has raised over \$11,000,000 for the last few years throughout the Australian Parishes. An extraordinary testament to the unceasing generosity of Catholic faithful.

Our own diocese, though small in number compared to many, has consistently been one of Australia's most generous per head of Catholic population with last year being no exception. It reflects an understanding of Catholic Social Justice Teachings in light of the Gospel.

Over the years our diocese has been host to more than 25 Lenten visitors who have been ordinary people, from various countries in the world where Caritas Australia works in partnership through its development programmes, sharing extraordinary stories of gratitude and appreciation. Our Giving makes such a difference to their communities. It is never about giving out of pity or guilt, but rather sharing with our brothers and sisters in need in a way that is just,

dignified and without any strings attached.

We are often reminded of the need to share either because of natural disasters, world poverty or wars and I proudly say that Caritas Australia is one of the best Aid Organisations in getting the aid to the destination economically and equitably. We have justified confidence in knowing the money gets there for the purpose intended.

Please join again in project Compassion as we host our Lenten Visitor, Fr. George Sigamoney, a Sri Lankan Priest who is working with Caritas Australia in Sydney. It has been an ongoing life changing privilege to work with you all as the Caritas Australia representative in the Diocese for we know what is right and just. *Fr Paul Bourke*



Ros Oates and Fr Paul Bourke



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Tea With Sr Kakare

At the end of November last year, we welcomed Sr Kakare who visited us from the Good Samaritan community in Abaokoro, Kiribati. Sr Kakare visited communities within the Diocese of Port Pirie and re-establish connections with those who have visited the Abaokoro community over the past two years as part of the Kiribati Commitment between the Good Samaritan Sisters and the Catholic Education Office in Port Pirie.

Sr Kakare visited schools in the Cathedral region, as well as, Caritas College in Port Augusta, and Samaritan College in Whyalla. During these visits Sr Kakare was entertained by students, visited classrooms, was introduced at assemblies, enjoyed many a morning tea and lunch, and answered many questions about what life was like in Kiribati. During the school visits Sr Kakare also met with teachers who had previously visited Kiribati in 2016 as part the immersion experience and met some teachers hoping to go this year.

During the visit to Whyalla, and during her stay in Port Pirie, Sr Marie O'Shea and Sr Mary Howard, were able to share with Sr Kakare some of the history of

the Good Samaritan Sisters and their wonderful work in our Diocese, in the Port Pirie community initially, as well as in Whyalla.

Sr Kakare's visit coincided with many pre-Christmas events in the local area. She met with Religious Women of the Diocese as they gathered at the end of the year. Sr Kakare was also able to watch the Port Pirie Christmas pageant, from the balcony of the Chancery building, which was the former Good Samaritan Convent. This celebration of Christmas contrasts with the way the I-Kiribati people celebrate Christmas. The focus of Christmas in Kiribati is on the celebration of the Eucharist and the gathering with family and local community for a special meal accompanied by singing and dancing. There is no gift giving or Santa Claus. The Christmas Pageant was therefore a very different experience for Sr Kakare. The visit helped to strengthen the connections made with the Good Samaritan Sisters in Kiribati over the past two years, and imagine how these connections may bear fruit in the future. By Helen McKeough

and Sr Marie O'Shea



Back - Sr Marie O'Shea, Dale Fricker, Terissa Shephard, Brenda Keenan and Sr Mary Howard

Front - Helen McKeough, Sr Karkare and Cathy Parker



Margaret Bruins

Papal Blessing

The Pope frequently invokes the blessing of God on God's people. He also invokes this special blessing more personally on individuals to assist them and encourage them in the particular circumstances of life. He has asked for God's blessing on Margaret Bruins of Snowtown. Margaret who lives next door to the Church there, has faithfully cared for it and the priests for many years. She is the sacristan, attending to priestly vestments and that is needed for Mass and after liturgies. With the help from her husband Cees, a very talented man in the areas of mechanics and engineering, much of the Church maintenance and grounds have been attended to. Because they are next to the Church they have been able to provide information to visitors in the absence of the priest. All of their work has been their voluntary gift to the

May God's blessing be with them. Mgr Ray Pope



Gathering of the Religious Women of the Diocese

On Saturday December 2, 2017, thirteen Sisters from all over the diocese gathered for a meal in Port Augusta.

Due to the distances it is not easy to gather regularly but the Monday before the Assembly and early December are two times that we all make an effort to get together.

It is good to meet up to support each other and share friendship.

Kerry Keenan RSJ







"Beneath the surface of your life there is something good, beautiful and eternal going on." John O'Donohue

The 2017 Eyre Peninsula Women's Retreat at Thuruna was held on Saturday 28 and Sunday October 29, led by Sr Virginia Bourke RSJ from Sydney.

The thirty women from Cleve, Cummins, Pt. Lincoln, Tumby Bay, Whyalla and Wudinna as well as Sr Virginia's two travelling companions, Sr. Kate (who travelled from Sydney with Sr Virginia) and Sr Kerry Keenan from Clare, were very privileged to have Sr Virginia come to lead the retreat and enjoyed two days of energetic, inspiring presentations.

In Pope Francis' book 'The Joy of the Gospel', our Pope said "I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ." Responding to this invitation, the retreat topic was "Following Jesus: The truly human one, the Christ who is God's eternal Word and beloved Son." The spirituality of

discovering the presence of Christ in every person, thing and situation was explored. Jesus is in the beauty as well as the struggles, it's a matter of seeing with "sacred eyes" - to go beyond the surface of things, to see with our whole being.

The weekend involved prayer, music, reflection time and sharing as the compassionate and forgiving life of Jesus and his relationship with his Abba God were pondered upon.

Sr Virginia was appreciated so much for an amazing weekend of inspirational presentations and her presence among us. We were also very grateful to Sr Kate for travelling with her and sharing the driving which made the "road trip" possible. Thanks must also go to Fr Steve for travelling up from Pt Lincoln for our Sunday Mass.

Hopefully all went home encouraged and feeling that we were "thoroughly decent human beings" made in the image and likeness of God.

Mary Westlake, Cleve Parish



On January 31, twelve people gathered in the Fr John Neubauer SJ Parish Centre, Port Pirie, to hear an overview of Mark's Gospel. This was given by Frank Fahy. There were six Catholics, as well as four from the Uniting Church and two from the Lutheran Church.

The session was informational and not a discussion. The intention was to provide a broad picture so that participants could come to a deeper appreciation of the gospel, and experience it as a powerful and dramatic story.

The overview considered several aspects of the gospel from its opening verse: "The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God." This verse asks four questions.

If this is the beginning then what comes next? Answer: We do.

Exactly what is the good news for the people for whom the gospel was written; and for us today?

Taking Christ and Son together there is the question for us, as for Peter: Who is Jesus? The gospel seeks to answer this question through continuing affirmation from: the Father, evil spirits, Peter, people in need, even from the High Priest when he asks: "Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?" and, finally, the centurion.

Another characteristic of Mark is the implacable hostility of the religious authorities that he reveals. This hostility starts in chapter three and continues, leading to the message of the gospel that the Messiah must suffer and so we, being disciples, must be prepared to do likewise. This presentation will be repeated in June when Ordinary Time resumes.

Another Adult Faith Education

opportunity will occur in the Easter Season when the DVD "John" will be shown over two weeks. This DVD is a seamless presentation with the full text of the gospel. Being 180 minutes long it will be 'experienced' over two weeks. The DVD copyright specifically allows public screenings but no admission fee may be charged (DVD from Koorong).

Following the initiative of our Alpha leaders, David and Janette Willson, in encouraging people to explore their faith we saw the need to develop some ongoing Adult Faith opportunities for those people and others.

Frank Fahy, Port Pirie Parish

Santo Niño Fiesta 2018: To God be the Glory!

Devotion to the Santo Niño (Holy Child), an image of Jesus as a small boy typically dressed as a king, is a mainstay of the Philippine Catholic life. Images of Santo Niño is found in almost every Filipino home because Filipinos believe that the Santo Niño is their protector and has the power to grant and answer their prayers. The oldest and most popular Santo Niño image is the Santo Niño of Cebu. Devotion has spread beyond that region, and images of it are a common sight in homes and shops around the country and in the Filipino diaspora.

Here in Port Pirie, the fiesta began from humble beginnings since 2012 where a handful of Port Pirie Filipinos gathered at a picnic shed. They do not claim success themselves as they are so grateful to God that He has guided the community to where they are now. To God be the glory! The committee would like to thank Bishop Greg O'Kelly SJ for his support. Thank you Cnr Leon Stevens, Port Pirie Deputy Mayor and MP Geoff Brock, the fiesta's distinguished guests. A million thanks to all visitors and all workers who have made this fiesta truly God's glory. By Fr Francis Montero





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First Holy Communion in Burra

Five young people from the Burra Parish received their First Holy Communion on December 3, 2017. Fr Harold was our celebrant and involved the children throughout the Mass. It was a very happy occasion.











William Quinn, Eliza Quinn, Matilda O'Brien, Henry O'Brien and Alice Tiver



Baptism of Amilia Janina Oleszczuk with her parents and godparents at St Peter and Paul's Church with Fr Harold Camonias, Coober Pedy

Booleroo Centre First Communion



Left - Booleroo Centre First Communion Mary Bartlett, Rydah Cheriton, Scarlet Jones, Fr. Ben Mkuchu, Jayden Carey, Tess Jones.



First Communion: Paul Ashton Bantillan at Yulara Resort, Uluru NT



First Communion: Christian Kelvin Cejas at Yulara Resort, Uluru NT

Apology

I made a blue in the last Witness by changing the names in the article "Companions...on the Journey" on page 10 of Vol 63, No 6 December 2017, written by Claire Conaghty. It describes Br Larry as the Vice-Novice Master, and I left out Fr Chris. You see Fr Chris is the Vice-Novice Master, and Br Larry is the Novice Master. I apologise to Claire, to Br Larry, Fr Chris, and to the Passionists at Glen Osmond for misconstruing the article.

Br Patrick Cronin (Editor)

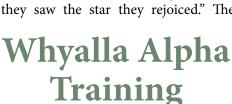


Building up Ecumenism in Port Pirie

St Mark's Parish "Knit and Natter" group who gather on Wednesday mornings at the Parish Centre entered, for the first time, the Uniting Church Flower, held from September 14 to 16. The theme was water. They also entered the Port Pirie Christmas Tree Spectacular held at the Uniting Church from November 30, until December 2. While some of the "Knit and Natter" women continued to knit for babies in Africa, others made beautiful paper flowers under the guidance of Jenny Cagney for their Christmas tree entry.

St Mark's Parish "Messy Church" also entered the Christmas Tree Spectacular. On November 23, some 20 or so primary aged children and their accompanying adults gathered at the Parish Centre and made decorations for the tree. The star seemed to become a real focus. They made beautiful stars, some to take home and some for the Christmas tree entry.

Next to the tree was the sign, "When they saw the star they rejoiced." The



An Alpha experience/training was held in Whyalla on the weekend on January 13 to 14. Frank Fahy, Janette and David Willson from St. Marks Parish, Port Pirie, led the training for the Whyalla Parish. This came about because the Whyalla Parish planned to host Alpha in 2018, but had no experience of running this program.

To give them an Alpha experience the team condensed the 10 week course to fit into the two days. At the same time participants were prepared for what would be expected from them when hosting Alpha, this was accomplished with much fun, discussion and questions accompanying each step of the course. By the end of Saturday afternoon the participants were very comfortable with what had been presented and were very impressed with the quality of the Alpha Film Series and its content.

On the Sunday, the team then led a



"Knit and Natter" and "Messy Church" winning entries

participants also enjoyed a Christmas story and the BBQ.

What a surprise receiving a blue ribbon first for the "Knit and Natter" display in the "Church" section of the Flower Show with their "Woman at the Well" entry and a red ribbon second in the community section for the "Messy Church" entry in the Christmas Tree Spectacular.

On the stand behind the scene depicting



the woman at the well was a picture of Jesus saying to this Samaritan woman at the well that he would give her living water. Another poster read, "She left her jar behind and became a missionary disciple." This has been another way of building up ecumenism and helping all involved to become missionary disciples in our own community.

Sr Marie O'Shea, Port Pirie Parish



Front: Janette Willson, Fr John Folkman, Bill Heron, Fr Jim Monaghan Mid: Fr Ramel Romales, Julie Andriessen, Helen White, Mona Raatz Rear: Frank Fahy, David Willson, Alison Skepper, Jenny Kondales, Sue Hawkins

discussion and presentation on the Holy Spirit. At the end of this session the team, with the co-operation of Fr. Jim Monaghan, led the group in a liturgy where they were each invited to come forward for prayer with the laying on of hands for an infilling of the Holy Spirit. It was a very moving experience.

The training team were indebted to the Whyalla parish for its welcome, hospitality, dedication and enthusiasm. They were also grateful to Lorraine McCarthy from Alpha in the Catholic Context who had prepared the training resources.

By Janette and David Willson

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St Dymphna's Catholic Church

This historic little church will be formally decommissioned by the Bishop at a Final Mass on Sunday April 8 at 1.30 pm. Former and present parishioners are cordially invited to attend the decommissioning service of a building which has been the place of worship and family events such as baptisms, weddings, funerals, times of joy and sorrow, since 1903. Refreshments will follow the Mass.

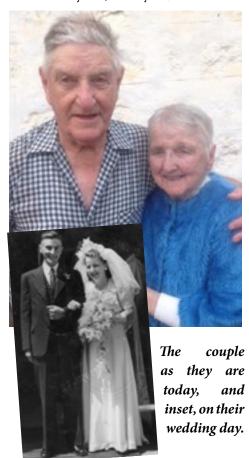
Bishop Greg O'Kelly SJ



Peg and Butch

On January 28, Laurie and Peg Fitzgerald of Tumby Bay renewed their wedding vows and received a special blessing in the presence of Parish Priest Father Kevin Matthews. They were celebrating their Platinum, 70th Wedding Anniversary.

The couple were married in St Francis Xavier Cathedral in the presence of Fr Patrick Kelly on January 27, 1948.





Above - Liturgy at the grave of the late Fr. John Watherston in Port Lincoln. Mgr Paul Quirk, Fr. Matthew Newman, Fr Steve Ardill and Fr. Adrian Head



Fr Adrian Head Port Lincoln Parish

Jack's Shed

On Remembrance Day 2017, 15 men from St. Mary of the Angels parish, Port Lincoln joined Fr. Adrian Head for a day of refection in Jack Bourke's shearing shed on the family farm near Wanilla.

You would think twelve guys standing around in a shearing shed would be talking about football, fishing, or the latest farming machinery, but to be discussing Saint Therese of the Child Jesus would come as a surprise to most people.

Under the gentle guidance of Father Adrian, we talked about things like humility and total surrender to Jesus and then watched the Holy Spirit move in many of us as we shared our lives with others and felt the pain of others as well. We finished the day fittingly, by saying the rosary in honour to our Blessed Mother.

Thank you Father Adrian, Jack for his hospitality and Brenton Mortimer for organising a great day (and remembering the minutes silence at 11 o'clock), and those who organised and prepared our meals.

Michael Makowiecki.



This year is an exciting year for St Joseph's Peterborough as we expand our classes from three to four. With a healthy number of enrolments (80) we have the exciting opportunity to spread into an extra class. This meant that our Art Room had a makeover during the holiday break and is now an engaging learning space for our 2/3 class. Our classes this year are R/1, 2/3, 4/5 and 6/7. We have also welcomed five new staff members this year and eight new students (seven Receptions and one Year

1). The first week was filled with great excitement as well as a mixture of nerves for new staff and students as they began their journey at St Joseph's.

Some of the comments from our new students about their first week of school were:

"I liked playing with dinosaurs. *Tyler*"I did some colouring in and I liked it."
Savanna

"I like playing with my friend Savanna." *Makayla*

Rebecca Fahey Acting Principal

A Reflection on a Beautiful Morning



I will remember the look on a mother's face when she dropped off her Year 7 son at the secondary campus. It is the first time that the Year 7s have been at the secondary school. She looked so excited and forlorn, hopeful and motherly. I remember the look on a Care Group Teacher's face when she welcomed back her students. She unconsciously had her arms out wide as if to hug and then became a guiding, welcoming, fussing mother hen with her chicks. I remember the face on the little boy who was so bewildered and lost and nervous until the teacher just started chatting. There was a certainty there.

The Year 7s and 8s were anxious in a new environment and the Year 12s

shuffled just a little bit excited about a challenge and a new social status. Our brand new teachers were nervous and purposeful after the Bishop had specially blessed them and told them their job was important. It was a day full of emotion, resolution and exhaustion.

I was delighted at the efforts teachers made to prepare things. Environments looked welcoming, good lessons were ready, hands were held, names printed to label the littler human beings and we started again. Teachers guided. Students looked out for one another. We were together. Ready. Blessed.

Greg Hay

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For the 149th time in a row, students have entered the doors of St Mary MacKillop School in Wallaroo. The 2018 school year has begun. This is a statistic to be proud of. The students and the parents who came in through those doors are now a part of our long and amazing history. We often wonder what the Josephite Sisters of the 1860's, Mary MacKillop included, would think about our school today? I have a feeling they would see connection, smiling students, dedicated staff and supportive parents and feel as though the vision they had



for our school, all those years ago, is well and truly alive and well.

As you wandered around classrooms on the first day back, you would have seen the huge progression from our new Reception students through to our Senior Year 6/7 students. Parents filled the Reception room, and the parent numbers dwindled as the students got older. This is a good thing. It shows growth and development in the students, it shows that the lessons on independence and resilience are working, it shows that students feel comfortable and confident in their environments. We are very proud of this.

Once again, there was a great buzz and a great vibe in the room as parents met each other for the first time and spoke about their nerves about 'letting go'.

On the screen as students walked into their classrooms was a challenge:

"How are you going to help make this the best year ever at St Mary MacKillop School?'

James Quigley, Principal



Holy Trinity Operation Christmas Child

In 2017 people from Holy Trinity donated very generously to Christmas boxes sent to underprivileged children in various countries around the world. We were thrilled to receive a certificate of appreciation. Thank you to everyone who contributed goods or money. Collection of goods for the 2018 boxes can begin at any time.

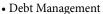
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Coober Pedy	Holy Thursday Good Friday	7.00 pm	Cathedral	Holy Thursday	7.30 pm
	Easter Vigil	3.00 pm 7.00 pm	Memorial Park	•	11.00 am
	Easter Vigil Easter Sunday	10.00 pm	Cathedral	Good Friday	3.00 pm
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Cummins	Holy Thursday	7.30 pm	St Anthony's	Easter Sunday	5.00pm
	Good Friday	5.00 pm	Crystal Brook	Holy Thursday	7.30 pm
Tumber Day	Easter Vigil	8.00 pm		Good Friday	3.00 pm
Tumby Bay	Holy Thursday Good Friday	6.00 pm 3.00 pm		Easter Sunday	8.30 am
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Elliston	Easter Sunday Easter Sunday	5.00 am	Quorn	Holy Thursday	7.30 pm
Port Neill	Easter Sunday Easter Sunday	11.00am		Good Friday	3.00 pm
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Jamestown I		7.00	Carrieton	Good Friday	6.00 pm
Gladstone	Holy Thursday Easter Sunday	7.00 pm 9.30 am		Easter Sunday	8.30 am
Georgetown	Good Friday	3.00 pm	Hawker	Holy Thursday	5.00 pm
Jamestown	Holy Thursday	7.00 pm		Good Friday	11.00 am
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	Easter Vigil	7.00 pm	Leigh Creek	Easter Sunday	5.00 pm
	Easter Sunday	9.00 am	Wilpena Pound		= 00
Peterborough	Good Friday	11.00 am	Resort	Easter Sunday	5.00pm
	Easter Sunday	11.00 am	Roxby Dow		
Kadina Par	•			t Augusta Parish o	
Kadina	Holy Thursday	7.30 pm		571 0499 for furthe	r details
11001110	Good Friday	3.00 pm	Snowtown I	Parish	
	Easter Vigil	7.00 pm	Phone 8632 397	77 or 0407 676 714	
Wallaroo	Easter Sunday	10.30 am	Streaky Bay	Parish	
Moonta	Easter Sunday	8.30am	Streaky Bay	Holy Thursday	7.00 pm
Our Lady of	f the River Pa	rish	, ,	Good Friday	3.00 pm
Berri	Holy Thursday	6.00 pm		Easter Sunday	11.00 am
Delli	Easter Sunday	9.00 am	Chandada	Good Friday	6.00 pm
Barmera	Good Friday	3.00 pm		Easter Sunday	9.00 am
	Easter Vigil	7.00 pm	Ceduna	Good Friday	10.00 am
Waikerie	Good Friday	5.00 pm		Easter Vigil	8.00 pm
	Easter Sunday	9.00 am	Whyalla Pa	rish	
Morgan	Easter Sunday	8.00 am	St John's Oval	Good Friday	11.00 am
Loxton	Holy Thursday	6.00 pm	St Teresa's	Good Friday	3.00 pm
	Good Friday	11.00 am		Easter Vigil	6.00 pm
	Easter Sunday	11.00 am		Easter Sunday	8.30 am
Renmark	Good Friday	3.00 pm	Our Lady's	Holy Thursday	7.00 pm
Good Friday E		1.00 pm		Good Friday	3.00 pm
	Easter Sunday	11.00 am		Easter Sunday	10.30 am

DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY 2018 REGISTRATION

BRIEF ITINERARY

TUESDAY March 20, 2018

8.00 Doors Open / Registration
10.00 Plenary Council in 2020
Key Note Speaker –
Fr Noel Connolly SSC
Facilitator –
Lana Turvey-Collins
6.30 Dinner Port Football Club
Rooms

WEDNESDAY March 21, 2018

8.00 Doors Open
 8:50 Key Note Speaker Fr Noel Connolly SSC
 Facilitator Lana Turvey-Collins
 10.00 Raffle, Summing Up,
 Commissioning
 11.30 Chrism Mass

Please note: The above schedule is a brief summary. A donation of \$40 for registration is requested to assist with the costs. This is a donation to help the Diocese cover the shortfall. If the donation makes it difficult for you to attend, please come as our guest.

Name/s of participant/s:

Parish:

Tuesday evening you are invited to Dinner at the Port Football and Community Club, corner of Wandearah and Esmond Road, Port Pirie. Commencing at 6:30pm

I will be attending lunch at the Festival Centre on Tuesday Yes/No
I will be attending dinner at the Ports Football Club Tuesday Yes/No

Detach the completed form and return by Tuesday March 6, 2018
To: Marina Davidson
PO Box 1206, Port Pirie SA 5540
Fax: 8632 0599
mdavidson@pp.catholic.org.au
Or Register Online at
www.pp.catholic.org.au

Parish Contacts and Mass Times Around the Diocese

Booleroo Centre Parish

Fr Benjamin Mkuchu PP Phone/Fax 8667 2020

Email booleroocentre@bigpond.com

Booleroo Centre Sun 8.30am 5th Sun 10.00am 1st Sun 10.00am Laura Pekina 2nd Sun 10.00am Wirrabara

3rd Sun 10.00am Orroroo 4th Sun 10.00am

Burra Parish

Administered by Port Pirie Parish Phone 8632 3977

Cleve Parish

Mgr Paul Quirk PP Phone 8628 2189 Email stvincentcleve@bigpond.com 1st & 5th Sun Vigil Sat 6.00pm Cleve 2nd Sun 9.00am (LWHC)

3rd Sun 11.00am

4th Sun 8.30am

Wudinna 1st & 5th Sun 8.30am

2nd Sun Vigil 6.00pm Sat 3rd Sun 9.00am (LWHC)

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3rd Sun 8.30am

4th Sun Vigil 6.00pm Sat

5th Sun 5.00pm

Coober Pedy Parish

Fr Brian Mathews PP Phone 8672 5011 Fax 8672 5887 Email inlandmission.cp@bigpond.com Sun 10.00am Vigil Sat 6.30pm

Cummins Parish

Fr Kevin Matthews PP Phone 8676 2194 Mob 0428 282 189 Email cumminsparish@pp.catholic.org.au

1st, 3rd & 5th Sun 10.30am **Cummins**

2nd & 4th Sun 8.00am

1st & 3rd Sun 8.00am Tumby Bay

2nd & 4th Sun 10.30am

5th Sun 5.00pm

1st to 4th Sun 5.00pm Elliston

5th Sun 8.00am 3rd Sat 9.00am

Lock Port Neill Phone 0428 282 189

for more information

Iamestown Parish

Fr Leon Quinn PP Phone 8664 1056 Email stjacobi@bigpond.com Jamestown Sun 9.00am Vigil Sat 7.00pm

Mgr Arthur Hackett Gladstone Phone 8662 2427

1st, 3rd & 5th Sun 9.30am

Georgetown 2nd & 4th Sun 9.30am

ajbhackett@bigpond.com

Peterborough Fr Leon Quinn PP Phone 8664 1056

Sun 11.00am

Kadina Parish

Fr Adrian Noonan PP Phone 8821 3943 Email sacheart@internode.on.net

Kadina Sun 10.30am Moonta Sun 8.30am Wallaroo [Vigil] Sat 6.00pm (Winter)

Sat 7.00pm (Daylight Savings)

Our Lady of the River Parish

Fr Paul Bourke PP Phone 8582 1894

Email olor@bigpond.com

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Email

Sunday Mass 1st, 3rd, 5th 9.00am

2nd, 4th Sat 6.30pm

Barmera

Phone 8588 2452

1st, 3rd & 5th Sun 6.00pm 2nd, 4th Sun 11.00am

1st, 3rd & 5th Sun 11.00am Waikerie

2nd & 4th Sat 6.00pm

1st, 3rd, 5th Sat 6.00pm Morgan 2nd, 4th Sun 9.00am

Loxton

Phone 8582 1894

1st, 3rd & 5th Sun 11.00am 2nd & 4th Sun 6.00pm

Renmark

Fr Paul Bourke PP and Fr Cletus Mloka 0484 562 612 Phone Email cmloka@ymail.com 1st, 3rd & 5th Sat 6.30pm

2nd & 4th Sun 9.00am

Port Augusta Parish

Fr Paul Crotty PP

Phone 8642 2847 Fax 8641 2187 Email allsaints.pt.a@bigpond.com

Sun Mass 10.30am Port Augusta

[Vigil] Sat 6.30pm

Wilmington Sun 8.30am

Port Lincoln Parish

Fr Steve Ardill PP Phone 8682 3725 Email smoa@bigpond.net.au

Port Lincoln Sun 9.00am [Vigil] Sat 6.00pm

Coffin Bay 1st Sun 6.00pm

Port Pirie Parish

Fr Francis Montero Administrator Phone 8632 3977 Fax 8632 5007 Email cathedralpirie@bigpond.com

Cathedral Sun 10.30am

[Vigil] Sat 6.00pm Solomontown Sun 5.00pm Crystal Brook Sun 8.30am

Quorn Parish

Fr Jimmy Pantin PP Phone 8648 6185 Email flinderscath04@yahoo.com.au

Sun 8.30am Ouorn Sat 6.00pm (Winter) Carrieton

Sat 6.30pm (Summer)

Hawker Sun 10.30am Leigh Creek 1st Sun 5.00pm

Roxby Downs Parish

Fr Paul Crotty

Administered by Pt Augusta Parish Phone 8642 2847

Roxby Downs Sat 6.00pm

Lutheran Church Pioneer Dry Sr Pat Hogan (Pastoral Associate)

Phone 8671 0499 for more information by arrangement with Woomera

Parish Priest

Snowtown Parish

Administered by Port Pirie Parish Phone 8632 3977

Pt Broughton Sun 10.00am Redhill Sun 8.15am

Streaky Bay Parish

Fr Matthew Newman PP

Email fr.mnewman@gmail.com Streaky Bay Every Sun 11.00am

Ceduna

Phone

0407 682 670

For more information

Chandada Every Sun 9.00am Smoky Bay 2nd Sun 6.00pm Wirrulla 3rd Sun 6.00pm

(except January)

Whyalla Parish

Fr Jim Monaghan PP

Phone 8645 8023 Fax 8645 5412

whysec@internode.on.net Email St Teresa's Sun 8.30 Vigil Sat 6.00pm Sun 10.30am & 5.30pm Our Lady's (except January)