





The much loved former Archbishop of Adelaide, Archbishop Leonard Faulkner, died on May 6, at the age of 91. His origins were in our diocese as he was born in Booleroo Centre, and lived there and at Murray Town, and then was educated by the Josephite Sisters at Gladstone. Growing up with nine siblings, three of whom became Christian Brothers, the Faulkner family was an outstanding example of faith being planted so deeply and nurtured so well in one of the little communities of the diocese. May he rest in peace, in the fullness of life.

Photographs show Bishop Hurley and Bishop O'Kelly at Archbishop Faulkner's Requiem, and the guard of honour formed by the priests present at the Mass.

Front cover photo taken by Melanie Walker. The two gentleman holding the Cross are from left Tony Kelly and Leo Cousins, with Leo Abbott in the background, at the decommissioning of St Dymphna's Church in Booborowie on April 8, 2018. See page 8.

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Why the Church?

Recall that dramatic scene in the Gospel when numbers of the disciples begin to desert Jesus. He had been telling them about His gift of the Eucharist, that His flesh was real food and His blood was real drink, and many were repulsed. They said, "This is a hard saying, and who can bear it?" Being human, Jesus must have been somewhat devastated to see so many turn their back on Him. He turned to Peter and said, "And you, will you also go away?" To which Peter replied, with a saying that goes straight to our heart, "Lord to whom should we go? You have the words of everlasting life".

It is not the same degree of significance, but numbers of our present disciples of Jesus may feel like walking away from the Church, granted all the issues that have arisen with survivors of abuse, and the Royal Commission. Most of us know of some persons who now describe themselves as former Catholics, people who have "got over the Church", or have been disillusioned to the point of non-involvement. So why stay with the Church?

In answering this some people describe all the good works the Church is still doing, in its schools, Homes for the Aged, Leprosaria, St Vincent de Paul, refugee settlement, and so on. All that is true, but it is the outside of the Church, the external expression of its inner meaning. Despite the scandals, the inner meaning and the attractiveness of the Church remains constant. There are a number of attributes that constitute the Church, attributes that are not found in such a cluster in other communities, attributes which give meaning and sustenance to

our lives of faith.

Firstly, the Church remains the Home of the Word. The New Testament evolved out of the early Christian communities, under the influence of the Holy Spirit. The Church formed the Scriptures and Scripture now forms the Church. But only the Church is in a unique position to interpret them, being their community of origin. Where would we be without the Word of God, without the Word spoken in and by Jesus?

Secondly, the Church is the Home of the Saints. That does not mean the Saints are not to be found outside the Church in other denominations, but our history shows that even in times of the deepest scandals there were holy people raised up by God in the community of the Church. In all the seediness and corruption of the Church in the sixteenth century, there arose people like Teresa of Avila, John of the Cross, Ignatius of Loyola, Charles Borromeo, Francis de Sales, Philip Neri, Alphonsus Liguori, Thomas More and all the English martyrs, Margaret Pole, Francis Xavier, Margaret Clitherow and several other Saint Margarets. There are many others besides. In Australia we had Mary MacKillop, growing in holiness despite condemnation and excommunication by bishop and clergy. If anyone had grounds to resent the Church, and say she was "over it", it was Mary MacKillop. The community of the Church continues to be the nurturer of holy ones.

Thirdly, the Church as Nurturer of the Frail. Since the days of early Christianity, with the newly ordained deacons in the Acts of the Apostles going out to serve the poor and the widows (women



without means of support). The Church has always been engaged in the works of mercy, in the service of the poor. Hospitals, Leprosaria, the rescuing of slaves, the care of prisoners, the hospitals tending to the wounded and sick, the education of children, the care for the elderly. From the beginning the Church has tried to live the spirit of what Jesus says in Matthew 25, that I was hungry and you gave me to eat, in prison and you visited me, thirsty and you gave me to drink. There is a faithfulness that is so obvious, love being shown in deeds rather than words, and as a consistent indication of an attempt to live the Gospel sincerely.

Lastly, the Church as the Giver of the Bread of Life. The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Church, the Gift beyond all measure that Jesus bestows upon us. We need the Bread of Life if we are to follow His Word, and deepen our lives of love and faith.

So let us rejoice in the gifts God gives us in the community of the Church, and work towards removing all that betrays its mission.

Bishop-Greg O'Kelly SJ





Pictured from left to right are Grace Smallacombe, His Royal Highness Prince of Wales, GFG Executive Chairman - Sanjeev Gupta and Samaritan College principal, Damien Judd. In the background are Queensland Governor, Paul de Jersey, and Mr Gupta's Chief Investment Officer, Jay Ambro.

Prince Charles Launches New Program

Samaritan College principal, Damien Judd, and student, 13-year-old Grace Smallacombe, recently met His Royal Highness Prince of Wales at the launch of a new mentoring program that will promote careers in manufacturing, mining and industry.

GFG Alliance – who own the Whyalla Steelworks – are committed to nurturing a new generation of skilled manufacturing workers.

The Industrial Cadets Program was inspired by Prince Charles in 2010 to bridge the generational skills gap evident in the UK. It aims to partner employers with young people to develop skills and enthusiasm, recognising that industry flourishes when employers successfully support young people to enter the workplace through high quality workplace experiences.

The program has been overwhelmingly successful in the UK with over 1,000 students taking part and the Australian

Prince Charles launched the program at an event hosted by the Queensland Governor to celebrate his 70th birthday.

launch is a first move internationally.

Mr Gupta was appointed by Prince Charles as his official HRH Ambassador for Industrial Cadets in March to help launch the program in Australia.

Whyalla Principal, Damien Judd, who attended the launch, said "What Mr Gupta has done in securing the future of Whyalla is incredible.

Local student, Grace Smallacombe, was also delighted to attend the event.

"It was a real honour to meet Prince Charles and Mr Gupta in Brisbane, and I'm really looking forward to the opportunity to be mentored by local industry leaders. The cadet program will allow students to see how the steelworks runs and maybe get a job there in the future." said Grace.

The Prince talked with Grace about Whyalla and what she might like to do

after school. He also spoke with Damien about education in Australia, steel making and renewable energy.

GFG Alliance Australia is launching the program starting in Whyalla, South Australia, by initiating a partnership with local schools, including Samaritan College, to provide students high quality, accredited work experience whilst being mentored by industry role models. It will then be adopted across key towns and cities throughout the country where GFG has a significant presence.

"In order for Australian industry to compete in a global marketplace, we must ensure that we foster a strong and sustainable talent pipeline," Mr Gupta said.

With over a thousand students taking part in the UK, the GFG Alliance looks forward to growing the program in Australia.

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Spot the difference

- It's not the cars
- It's not the trees
- It's a NEW road!

Laura Mass goers on Easter Sunday 2018 were treated to a new double lane sealed road to the church.

Since the opening in 1873 of the first Jesuit built church at Laura, church have traversed virtually a one lane goat track up the hill. Following the floods of the 1910s the raising of the bank of the drain made this all the more dangerous.

Miraculously, through the years neither clergy nor laity have had any mishaps. The driving habits of the laity through the years have been varied, and paralleled by the priests.

The clergy extremes have included Fr Morrissey pottering sedately in his black Vanguard, the vim and vigour of Fr McCurtin in a Vanguard (a cream one and a blue one) who often brought the 'holy girls' from Gladstone; the nuns who came occasionally to give religious instruction. But the awesome Grand Prix take-offs of Monsignor Nesdale in his white Falcon took the cake. However, Providence has ensured the safety of all who made their way over the hump to our place of worship.

The township of Laura has recently seen significant investments at the award winning Golden North factory, upgrades at the hospital and the primary school, and a multi-milliondollar motel complex. We can only hope that the new road to the church reflects hope in the future of the congregation of St John the Evangelist.

Greg Slattery

Wills and Bequests



Our Areas of Need

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- · Lay Pastoral Ministry
- · Faith formation and R.E. Programs
- · Property Maintenance
- Prison Ministry · Indigenous Ministry
- · Outback Ministry
- · Ministry to Asylum Seekers
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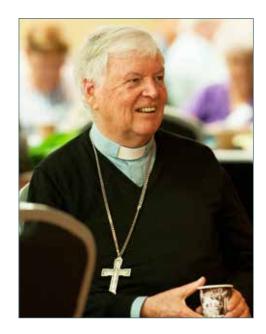
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To the Catholic Faithful o



This letter is addressed to Parish Councils, Schools and all Boards associated with ministry in the diocese, Regional Pastoral Councils and all gatherings such as CWL, Vinnies, and Prayer Groups.

Pentecost is upon us, the celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church. A group of frightened disciples was transformed into a community of brothers and sisters who would spread the story of Christ Risen to the ends of the earth, to set the world on fire. In Australia it marks the beginning of preparation for the first Plenary Council in Australia for eighty years in 2020: we shall look at the state of the Church and how we may live our vocation to be Church in these times.

As you are aware from the Diocesan Assembly and other communications, we have been looking at future directions for the diocese so that we can plan for the future as much as possible, rather than simply allow it to happen to us. The establishment of a group to look at the strategic directions has been discussed for some time in bodies such as the Council of Priests, the Diocesan Finance Committee and the Diocesan Pastoral Council.

To have the confidence to plan, we recall the wonderful work of the Holy Spirit in the life of our Diocese. We rejoice in the transformative power of faith, which has sustained us as Christians and as Catholic communities over more than 150 years. We have always been a rural and outback diocese with limited resources because of our situation, but we have met and survived the droughts and floods, high and low copper prices, the closing of mines, the Global Financial Crisis and ups and downs in our key industries, and the depopulation of our smaller towns. Part of our strength has been our esprit de corps, our sense of community as a diocese, and our pride in the diocese. We are the heirs of the pioneering farming and mining families who brought the faith with them, the pioneer priests from Austria (Sevenhill) and Ireland, and the missionary work of St Mary of the Cross McKillop.

Our history includes many episodes of change and adaptation, as our diocese moved to meet the challenges of new circumstances. This capacity to adapt and embrace change and develop is with us still, as we have seen the growth in prison ministry, the growth in Centacare Catholic and its various ministries of service, new work amongst the First Australians, the formation of Pastoral Associates, the deepening rapport between our schools and our parishes, the programmes for spirituality in such activities as the Retreat in Daily Life, prayer groups and Alpha, the continuing loyalty to service of the poor through Vinnies and Fred's Vans, the growth in ecumenical enterprises, the successful amalgamation of the five River Murray parishes into the new Our Lady of the River Parish, the formation of the Regional Parish Councils, the Diocesan community building through our annual Diocesan Assembly over the last two decades, the formulation of the seven strategic emphases, and the arrival of priests from Africa, Iraq and the Philippines. Among other initiatives, the RCIA found its first home in Australia here in our diocese. With a prayer for that same spirit of resilience and flexibility, we face the new challenges to being Church in our rural and Outback diocese. A very real challenge is the availability of priests for work in our diocese. This will depend increasingly in the future on the generosity of men from overseas volunteering to work amongst us. We are indebted to the Diocese of Morogoro in Tanzania for the presence of two priests, and various dioceses in the Philippines for our present four Fathers. The diocese will be blessed with a new priest when Deacon Hau Le will be ordained on May 26. There are presently no other seminarians for our diocese. Deacon Gary Stokes is our one Permanent Deacon, with another man in training.

It is not only the provision of priests that will affect our parishes, the financial ability of the parishes to support themselves and future requirements such as Pastoral Associates is a real factor. Finances are a major issue for our diocese. The schools are self-providing, and the two Homes for the Aged in the care of the diocese are functioning well financially and in all other aspects. Centacare Catholic Country SA (Port Pirie Diocese) now numbers more than 150 employees and is functioning very well in several centres in the diocese, with Ceduna being our largest commitment. YourTown (formerly BoysTown) is self-funding in its great work among needy young people, and Vinnies is supported through the generosity of the parishes. All of our parishes, however, have experienced declining numbers of participants. Among the consequences are difficulties in finding and providing for the lay leaders we need, the decline in financial income, such that several parishes have become dependent on the diocese to make ends meet. More parishes will eventually be in that category. As things stand, the central finances of the diocese cannot sustain such support. And it is not only parish running costs. In fact, the prediction is that the Clergy Support Fund, which provides sustenance and stipends for our priests, will be depleted in twelve or fifteen years' time, unless through

f the Diocese of Port Pirie

Bequests or other means we can find ways to avert that situation.

In such a situation of decreasing priestly personnel and diocesan finances, it is time to look at our strategies for the future. As one or two have suggested, is our future a reintegration into the Archdiocese of Adelaide? It is clear to me that the overall sentiment of the diocese is that we maintain our own identity, and the thinking of the Bishop and all those he asks is that we should strive for this.

You will be aware that various consultations have recently been conducted in the diocese. You have been provided with what the table groups at the Diocesan Assembly listed as "Areas of Importance for the Future of the Diocese". A summary was circulated some weeks ago. There are two other surveys which have been forwarded to me, opinions on the two models of parish clusters that were sent out, and responses to another questionnaire, "Future of Parish Leadership". Most, but not all, parishes have responded to these surveys.

Among the groups which will be analyzing these responses be the newly formed Diocesan Directions Strategic Planning Committee. The members of this new body, the Diocesan Strategic Directions Planning Committee are Fr Jim Monaghan (Vicar General), Mr Greg Adey, (Consultant on Aged Care and Boards), Ms Jen Cleary (CEO of Centacare Catholic Port Pirie Diocese), Mr Cosimo De Cianni (Diocesan Business and Finance Manager), Mr Neil Davidson (Assistant to the Business and Finance Manager), Dr Peter Munn (former CEO of Centacare Catholic Port Pirie Diocese) and Mr John Lemm (former State Manager of CCI, SA). This Group has met twice so far and its membership and gender balance are to be extended to include two more women and two more priests.

A charter for this Committee has been prepared and states, "The Strategic Directions Planning Committee provides insight on longterm strategies in support of longterm sustainability of the Diocese of Port Pirie". The comments from parishioners on parish clusters and the "Future of Parish Leadership" have also been forwarded to this Committee for their consideration. Ultimately the Committee will report to the Bishop of the day, and its recommendations will be reviewed by the Diocesan Pastoral Council, the Council of Priests, the Diocesan Finance Council, and the College of Consultors.

With a new Bishop in the offing at some time, he will have the advantage of reading the thoughts and aspirations of the diocese concerning future change and growth. It will give him an account of what various groups of the diocese are thinking and praying for concerning the future development of the diocese. The process is an important way for us to situate ourselves as the Australian Church prepares itself for the Plenary Council in 2020. The table group surveys are the responses of individuals at the tables, responding to the request of the Facilitator at the Assembly, Lana Turvey-Collins that people write down five areas of importance for the diocese to focus on during the next twelve months. The parishes whose opinions were not represented in the table group surveys at the Diocesan Assembly because of their inability to be there at the time, or who have not replied to the questionnaire "Future of Parish Leadership" are asked to do so, as the Spirit speaks through all of us. The Committee hopes to present brief updates of its work through Witness, the Diocesan web site, and short inserts for parish Sunday bulletins.

Your attention is drawn to the recent issue of The Witness, in particular the Bishop's article "To Be Church" and Br Cronin's article "Looking Forward in Hope" where challenges and possibilities and hopes for our future are reported. As discussion starters

for Parish Councils and Boards and groups there are the following attachments to this letter:

- "Five Areas of Importance for the Diocese"
- "Future of Parish Leadership"
- "Parish Clusters"
- "Questions Arising from Bishop's Article"

I ask that Parish Councils and any wider parish groups, Regional Pastoral Councils and School Boards as they represent our youth and future, and CWL and Vinnies Conferences and Knights of the Southern Cross to discuss those articles and also this letter over a number of meetings and send their reports to the Bishop's Chancery which will forward them to the relevant bodies. I ask parish priests, chairs and leaders of Boards and groups to initiate this action.

Clearly, this is an important process for the future of the diocese. The Strategic Directions Committee is of high significance for our future. The discussion will also help towards our preparation as a Diocese for the Plenary Council of the Catholic Church's Australia in 2020. I commend that you implore the Holy Spirit for the graces of insight and wisdom.

The Strategic Directions Planning Committee is due to report to the Bishop by December 8, this year, Feast of Mary Immaculate, Patroness of the diocese. So your observations as groups or individuals are requested by the end of September.

Gregory O'Kelly SJ Bishop of the Diocese of Port Pirie



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End of an Era at St Dymphna's Booborowie

On Sunday, April 8 approximately 170 people attended the Decommissioning Mass at St Dymphna's Catholic Church, Booborowie. This was a time of mixed emotions, of gratitude for what has been and sadness at the end of an era. St Dymphna's was built in 1903 using stone carted by horse and dray by local parishioners. It became a vital part of the Booborowie community.

Before the Church was built Mass was celebrated in the wool shed at Booborowie Station (now owned by the Sullivan family). Many thought it was a place not well suited to the celebration of the Sacraments. The priest having "the smell of the sheep on his hands" surely had a different meaning in those days.

Bishop Greg O'Kelly welcomed the large crowd. Fathers Ray Pope,

Matthews, Quinn, Arno Vermeeren and Francis Montero concelebrated. Sr Kerrv Keenan who did much of the planning for the Eucharistic celebration attended, along with Sisters Mary and Marie and Br Patrick Cronin from Port Pirie. Neil Davidson from the Diocesan Chancery also attended. The sanctuary was adorned with of the life many symbols St Dymphna's. This included a list of all the weddings that took place, the Baptismal register, the list of Priests who served in the parish, and the CWL logo. At the conclusion of the Eucharist, the Church was ceremoniously stripped of artefacts. They were carried out of the building by past and present parishioners. The family of the last child baptised carried out the Baptismal font. Following this, Bishop O'Kelly closed the doors of the Church for the final time. Following a group photograph outside the Church, which had become a tradition, the group moved to the Booborowie Hall for afternoon tea, catered for by the ladies of Booborowie community and for much reminiscing.

Michelle Osborne in her article in the Plains Producer wrote, "Local historian, Shirley Madigan, said it was good to see a big turnout for the final Mass, including several families who returned for the occasion. "Some of those who returned included the Hogan, Murphy, Kemp, Brooks, Furst, Tohl, Broad, Wedding, Cousins and Madigan families." It's a sad day for the small town with St Dymphna's being the last church in our town to close and be sold off." *Sr Marie O'Shea sgs*





Kathy Adams whose father, Cletus Furst, was the last person buried from the Church.



Dennis Murphy. His grandfather was instrumental in building the Church.



Kevin Cousins. His parents donated the Missal.

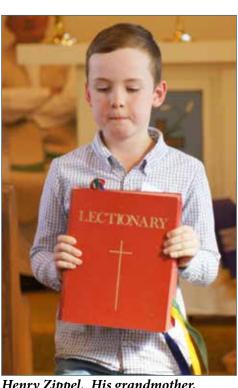




The Memorial Board with the names of parishioners who have been buried from this Church.



Murray and Raelene Tohl, two of many who were married in the Church, carried the Board bearing names of all those married at St Dymphna's.



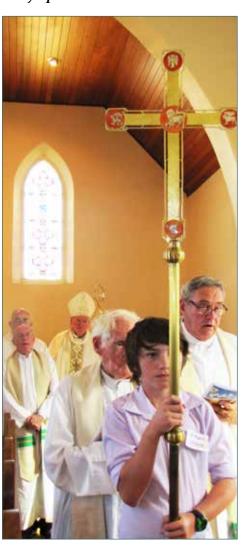
Henry Zippel. His grandmother, Dominica Tohl was a regular reader in Mass.



Frank Cousins, the oldest living person who was baptisaed in Booborowie.



St Dymphna's Church



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Our Lady of the River Parish



Fr Paul Bourke Parish Priest

Twenty years ago, there were five (fairly) thriving Parishes in the Riverland, with Priests of various ages. In August 2014, the remaining Parishes were joined as one after much prayer, discussion, planning and realisation to become OUR LADY OF THE RIVER PARISH. It has been an amazingly smooth transition with few hiccups or disasters, apart from some people taking time out from Weekend Mass and other people resuming the Practice. Change offers that.

As a Diocese we are currently looking at future models of Parish Leadership with a decreasing number of Priests. An analysis of this that has been outlined by Fr. Jim Monaghan is well worn, in that the Diocese has been discussing such a scenario almost forever. We began largely with overseas Priests, the Irish, so our emerging situation is no new thing. However, as the World is vastly different, so too has

become our Catholic Practice, with the notable absence of the middle aged and the young.

When Fr. Medard returned to Morogoro, the Parish consulted widely about the reality of the future and an obvious byproduct was the revised, new (shared) Mass times, with our two Priests. This has worked well with a 'get on with it' style of acceptance. A few more Lay led Liturgies are happening. Baptisms are taking place within Sunday Mass with Lay preparation. First Reconciliations are being held during Holy Week as part of Parish Reconciliation and the year's Sacramental Candidates are presented at Ash Wednesday Masses where possible. Mass is still celebrated in Cadell Training Centre on the fourth Sunday of the Month. Each Centre has a specific day when a Priest visits during the week to celebrate Mass, with Berri and Renmark being their places of abode, more often.

A beacon of hope has always been the four Catholic Schools, and this will shine more brightly, but differently, in Parish life down the track.

The reality check though is the obvious aging of the congregations which puts a lot of strain on volunteers. Stewardship Renewal was most timely by assisting in this area, as well as giving a boost in confidence to flagging parts of Parish Life.

In 2011 Sr Sonia presented a review and this, along with others produced over the years, calls us all to generous action and adaption to present needs. It is nothing new for the Catholic Church, and in this case, our vast faithful Diocese.

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ANZAC Day In Quorn

Vietnam

We come together to remember those service men and women, their commitment, sacrifice and indeed suffering and loss in protecting us and Australia.

The names of the ANZAC evokes a powerful emotional response in so many Australians and have become representative of courage, determination, persistence and 'looking after your mates'.

Long Tan is certainly one of them, and was happening fifty years ago – one of the most famous battles in Australia's Vietnam War engagement. Australia's role in the Vietnam campaign was being steadily ramped up around 1967 with a third bomber squadron being committed by the RAN joining the USN in patrol activities along with helicopter detachments and clearance diver teams. It was certainly a long and difficult time which still has deep scars in our national consciousness.

Second World War

Seventy-five years ago, our nation was intensely engaged in some of the most critical and desperate years of World War II. We commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the bombing of Darwin and Broome in February and March 1942, along with other northern Australian places including Townsville and Katherine as the Japanese offensive reached ever closer to our own shores with 97 bombing attacks, 64 of which targeted Darwin. Significantly, it's also 75 years since Australians fought the Japanese advance toward Pt Moresby, just off our northern shores along the Kokoda Trail. The Australian War Memorial notes that "The Kokoda Trail fighting was some of the most desperate and vicious encountered by Australian troops in WWII. Although the successful capture of Pt Moresby was never going to be a precursor to an invasion of Australia, victory on the Kokoda Trail did ensure that the Allied bases in northern Australia, vital in the coming counteroffensive against the Japanese, would not be seriously threatened by air attack. Approximately 625 Australians were killed along the Kokoda Trail and over 1,600 were wounded. Casualties due to sickness exceeded 4,000".

First World War

Another very significant anniversary held in 2017, particularly so for us in Quorn, was the Centenary of the Battle of Beersheba in October 1917. Our community has a Turkish Field Gun here as a war memento, captured in that battle, and I have to offer my thanks to Sharon Taylor for bringing the occasion to my attention. The Battle of Beersheba is generally recognised as the last Cavalry charge in a war, though the men of the 4th Light Horse Brigade had just their sharpened bayonets in lieu of swords. The Battle was part of the larger fight for Gaza, then a strategic objective where the British-led expeditionary forces had been engaged for some time. Marching men and horses for days across great expanses of the Egyptian desert, without water other than what they could carry, made this a logistically very hazardous exercise, but that isolation did mean that there were less Ottoman defenders than might otherwise have been the case. The advance on Beersheba commenced with artillery bombardment on defence trenches and gun placements, with success in driving back some of the enemy but there were ongoing skirmishes and rifle firing to prevent the desired march into the town, until late in the afternoon, it was decided to mass the horse regiments and charge in as a Cavalry through and over the trench-lines and into the streets of Beersheba. Those horses and men had been dispersed some way back to prevent artillery attack on them, and communication lines across the offensive lines were basic so the message to prepare for a cavalry attack on horseback, crossing enemy lines and breaking their cohesion before taking the town in one movement took time to coordinate. It was, however, a successful offensive gambit which achieved the objective of taking Beersheba by nightfall and allowed the conquerors access to the wells and Ottoman Army stores of food and materials which they did not have time to destroy in retreat or capture. The 4th and 12th Light Horse casualties were 31 killed and 36 wounded, along with over 70 horses; they captured between 700 and 1000 men. The capture of Beersheba meant that the Gaza-Beersheba line was crossed. Gaza fell a week later and on December 9.



Fr Jimmy Pantin, Mayor Peter Slattery, Mark Tuckwell and John Simpson Photo taken, with permission, from Quorn Mercury.

1917, the British troops entered Jerusalem. The field gun is of significance to us in Quorn. If we look back to that area, the region around that in the Middle East with Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia and Iraq, it's a timely reminder of the battles that our many generations of service men and women have fought for our way of life and for freedoms for others. That region is still riven and strifetorn, with ongoing fights for survival and supremacy commonplace across that area. *Peter Slattery*

Mayor of the Flinders Ranges Council and Parishioner of The Immaculate of Conception Church, Quorn



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Thinking of You on ANZAC Day

Miss Kayla Jones from Our Lady of the River School worked with a number of classes making and preparing 'Care Packages' to send to our deployed troops overseas so that they arrive in time for ANZAC Day. The students made thank you cards, ANZAC biscuits and handmade playing cards and packed non-perishable items to send in their packages. It's a wonderful initiative to

be engaged with and our involvement in both activities is about showing our respect for these people as well as our commitment to keeping Australia a free and peaceful country.

Ros Oates

Principal, Our Lady of the River School

L-R: Adam Hunter, Lily Marsden, Ocea Vallelonga.



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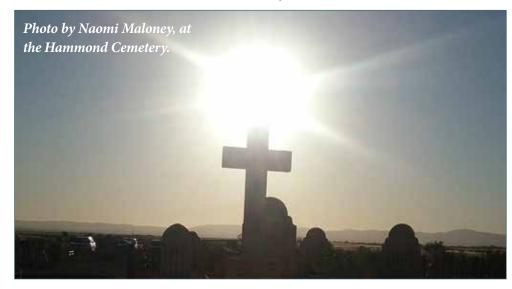
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Remembering Our Faithfully Departed Parishioners

We remember our faithfully departed, especially our parishioners who died in the last three years. We are grateful for their love and care of their respective Mass centers. I also celebrated Mass and

blessed the graves as we remembered all our deceased loved ones. May they rest in peace!

Fr Jimmy Pantin Quorn Parish





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I would like to apologise to the Hawker parishioners for putting the heading "Quorn Parish - Solemn Liturgies" on page 12 of the April Wintess. The title should have simply read, "Hawker".

Marina Davidson

Camino de Compostela

What is the Camino? The Camino is a pilgrims' journey dating back to the 9th and 10th centuries, the destination being Santiago, where it is believed that the bones of the Apostle, Saint James are buried. They were found by a shepherd and on this spot is the Cathedral where in the crypt is held with the remains of St James. There are many Camino routes across Europe, but their destination is always the same, Santiago. In early times pilgrims set out from wherever they lived to do this pilgrimage seeking penance and adventure.

Why would anyone today decide to travel this path? It is 800 kms of walking through all weather conditions. But one of my fellow hikers had convinced me. We met pilgrims from all countries, all very friendly as we were all on the same journey and as you walked along you were always met by "Buen Camino!" People were always enquiring as to how you were going and more importantly, how were your feet. The pharmacies were the most popular shop in town where pilgrims stocked up on blister treatment and Ibuprofen medication to numb the pain.

Our accommodation was in old restored farmhouses, small inns, converted



monasteries and convents, all full of so much character, charm and good food and hospitality. With limited (very limited) Spanish on my part and very limited English on their part we all managed with lots of sign language, smiles and laughter. Although I do blame the lovely, little Spanish man who got me lost leaving one of the cities!

I believe Jesus walked beside me every step of the way and I think even Jesus' feet must have got tired at times! When Jesus was in the desert for 40 days he was tempted three times. Our journey was also 40 days and I believe our temptation was the taxis that sometimes just turned up knowing they were pretty sure that someone had just had enough of walking!

We were lucky enough to be at Mass

in Santiago de Compostela and witness the swinging of the giant Botafumeiro (thurible) which began in the 11th century (the current one was made in 1851). It holds around 40 kgs of charcoal and reaches speeds of 68km/hr and a height of 21 metres. It is said that this started as a fumigation of the unwashed pilgrims who had travelled such long distances and helped with the smell, also to stem disease or plagues. It is also a form of prayer.

Twelve months on, I was hoping to come back a saint but am afraid I am still a sinner. But I do believe this experience has deepened my faith and know that I need to continue to spend time in prayer and stop, and be still, just to be with God. *Terry Pedler*

Cummins Parish

Water Relay to Raise Money



In Week 11 of Term 2, the Year 1 and 2 classes of St. Barbara's Parish School, Roxby Downs combined to participate in a Water Relay to raise money for Caritas Australia's Project Compassion which helps end poverty, promotes justice, upholds dignity and build awareness of the world's poor.

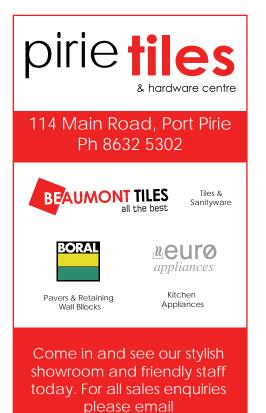
The enthusiasm from this small group of thirty students was staggering as they sought sponsorship, promoted the event and hauled buckets of water from station to station. Their delight in raising \$860.00 was celebrated back in the classroom when they discussed how many chickens their contribution would buy for the Matuba Children's Centre in Mozambique or how many hybrid goats for a young person in Nepal. The students' teachers were astounded with the support and generosity of the families. It was evident that the activity demonstrated the students' increasing awareness of the consequences of Catholic Social Teachings.

Amanda Giles and Liz Snell

An Everyday Secret Santa

When I was first approached to join the Prayer Partners group in 2017 I had no idea of the impact a few letters and small gifts could make to a person's day. Basically, the Prayer Partners group is like having a secret Santa; or a one-way pen pal. You draw a name out of a hat and that is the person you are to pray for throughout the year, and occasionally send cards or notes, reminding them you are there and praying for them, or to tell them to have a good week.

We begin with a special Mass to celebrate the wonderful women who are no longer with us before moving over to the Parish Centre for supper and to reveal who was praying for who, over the past year. Because last year was my first time, I didn't have a partner to reveal to, but sitting there, watching the ladies meet the one who had been sending them notes, cards and prayers was beautiful. I was then given the name and address of the lady I was to pray for during the year and off we went.



For me, receiving card from my prayer partner was such a nice feeling. Knowing that you are on someone's mind was a lovely thought to have. As the year went on, I sent, and received, multiple cards notes and reminding myself how special and loved I was. Having family and work to keep me busy, I didn't completely realise the extent of how special my cards and notes to my Prayer Partner was. For her, it was reassuring knowing that she was on the mind of someone who was asking God to watch over her and keep her safe. I was unable to attend the meeting this year to

reveal myself to Sylvia, a moment that I was deeply looking forward to. However, Sylvia surprised me at work the following day armed with a bunch of flowers, a bottle of champagne and some lollies for my two children. It was a very emotional meeting, with Sylvia telling me that my notes and cards always seemed to arrive when she was feeling sad or having a bad day, that she would often get them out and read them, and that they really cheered



Sylvia Vonic & Stacey Hunter

her up.

I believe that being involved in the Prayer Partners group has made me realise how important it is to make the time to reach out to someone. I would like to thank Mary White for the invitation to join this group that her mother Nelly started many years ago in the St Mary's Parish, Berri.

Stacey Hunter Youth Worker Our Lady of the River School Berri



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Our Lady of the River School students, Layla Vallelonga, Jack Hunter and Kenzie Sweet enjoying a walk down to the River Murray in Berri. We are blessed to have such a beautiful environment surrounding us in the Riverland. There are many local Indigenous artworks and sculptures as you walk along the river.

Ros Oates

Our Lady of the River School Berri



L-R: Mrs. Margaret Kayser, Alex H., Charlie G., Gurshaan S., Macey E., Mr. John Fewster, Ella K. and Francesco V.

Recently, Mrs. Margaret Kayser, St Vincent de Paul Society, Regional President of the Riverland and Yorke Peninsula visited Our Lady of the River School to discuss with the senior school student leadership team the 'Vinnies' history, values, logo, volunteer work, provision and services provided by the St Vincent de Paul Society locally and abroad. Mr. John Fewster also attended and engaged in the discussion around what help and services are provided in the Riverland

and the important work he does as a 'Vinnies' volunteer.

The students engaged in conversation around what our school community is currently doing to support people in need as well as brainstormed other ideas and activities they could do this year and beyond to support the society through organising some local fundraising ideas. *Ros Oates*

Principal, Our Lady of the River School Berri

Harmony Day

Harmony Day at Our Lady of the River School was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the diversity of our students and staff. Many children and teachers dressed up for the special occasion in their cultural costumes and colours. Pictured are the students filled with fun and laughter, especially our Indian and Sikh children.

Ros Oates Our Lady of the River School Berri



L-R: Ishmeet, Gurmanpreet, Siri, Buvnoor, Jasreet, Ranveer, Ishmeet, Harsimran, Sirat and Agam.

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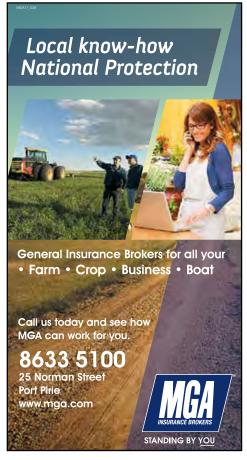
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Fr Kevin Matthews and Lutheran Pastor Peter Klem are pictured after a very successful unity service in St Andrew's Catholic Church on Pentecost Sunday. *Kevin Matthews*

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50th Wedding Anniversary

Mum and Dad have learned and mastered the art of allowing us to live our own lives, independently, without judgement and loving us no matter what choices we make. This is something I am now endeavouring to achieve as my own children have become adults and are leaving the nest. This art or skill cannot be underestimated. My parents have been wonderful role models for me in my life and have instilled in me many values and qualities that are so important in a happy, contented life and relationship.

One of the most significant would be valuing the family and friends in our lives. Growing up we had so many special family occasions and family holidays. Our home was opened to extended family members to live with us inlcuding Great Grandmother Fahey and Great Aunty Gert for a number of years.

With a young family this was not an easy task. We also extended our family with Vietnamese Refugee families who are still part of our family today.

My parents made time for each other despite having very busy work and family lives. They always discussed and talked about any decision that needed to be made. A regular response from Mum, if I asked her to do something would be, "I'll just talk to dad about that and let vou know."

They also have their own special qualities that complement each other and their marriage partnership.

When Dad gets stressed and worried about anything, Mum knows exactly what to do and say to support him and help him through the situation, while staying calm and relaxed. Dad's strength, support and love for Mum over the years has helped her to grow and develop into who she is and raise four awesome children.

Mum and Dad have had their fair share of ups and downs in their lives together, but through their journey they have been able to truly love and support each other and come out the other side as strong in their relationship as ever. They have never been afraid of seeking help as well. No matter what has happened they have remained strong and steadfast in their vows to each other 50 years ago.



Nicki and Laurie Kirkbride, formerly from Whyalla Parish.

This is a true blessing for them and their extended family. Carolyn Rupcic



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Child Protection Council Report May 2018

The Diocese of Port Pirie Child Protection Council members comprise Emily Alchin (Manager Centacare Social Services), Dr Tanja Stojadinovic (Director of Professional Standards), Nichii Mardon (Director Catholic Education) and James Quigley (Catholic School Principal - Wallaroo), Deacon Gary Stokes (Child Protection Coordinator) and Fr Paul Crotty (Chair).

From our recent Child Protection Council meeting, I present the following report.

On the Diocesan website, some of our child safeguarding policies and procedures are available for access. The council is presently focussing on child safeguarding, while at the same time developing policies and practises for vulnerable adults. As these are finalised they will also be uploaded on the website.

The Safe Environment Volunteers Manual has been revised and updated. The manual contains helpful information regarding policy, mandatory reporting, recognising child abuse, an updated section on grooming, and important contact numbers. The manual will also be available on the website.

The Child Protection Council also discussed the need for adequate human and financial resourcing in this area of child protection which is an important ministry within the life of our Diocese.

Catholic Professional Standards Ltd

The CPSL was established by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference and Catholic Religious Australia in response to the findings of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. This body operates independently from the Church with Board Directors being lay people with professional expertise in the fields of law, education, human services, safeguarding and regulation. This body has recently developed national Standards Committee has started working with. CPSL will audit compliance with these Standards and all our leaders and members of Catholic Church entities and organisations are responsible for ensuring the standards are met. This supports our ongoing committment to ensuring maximum safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults who come into contact with the Church and its works. Within our diocese this includes parishes, schools, nursing homes, Centacare, St Vincent de Paul and all other Catholic organisations and ministries providing services or pastoral care. CPSL will publicly report audit findings. CPSL will also provide education and training with respect to the Safeguarding Standards. Committed leadership, governance and culture - The leadership and governance arrangements of Church promote entities an inclusive. welcoming environment for children and provide the foundation for transparent, accountable and risk-based approaches to ensure child safety.

Children are safe, informed and participate - Children are informed about their rights, are given the opportunity to participate in decisions which affect them and their views are taken seriously.

Partnering with families, carers and communities - Families, carers and communities are informed and involved in promoting child safety.

Equity is promoted and diversity is respected - Equity is upheld and diversity needs are respected in policy and practice.

Robust human resource management - Church personnel are suitable and supported to implement safeguarding in practice.

Effective complaints management - Processes for raising concerns and complaints are responsive, understood, accessible and used by children, families, carers, communities and Church personnel.

Ongoing education and training - Church personnel are equipped with knowledge, skills and awareness to keep children safe through information, ongoing education and training.

Safe physical and online environments
- Physical and online environments
promote safety and contain
appropriate safeguards to minimise
the opportunity for children to
be harmed.

Policies and procedures support child safety - Policies and procedures document how the Church entity is safe for children.

Regular improvement - Church entities regularly review and improve implementation of their systems for keeping children safe.

Many thanks for your commitment and support to ensure child protection policies and procedures are a priority and effectively carried out in your organisation and in every parish community and Church activity.

Fr Paul Crotty - Chair

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Diocesan Pastoral Council Report May 2018

Bishop Greg informed those present, that the Bishops of Australia had received a letter from Pope Francis regarding the Plenary Council in 2020. (First Session in Adelaide in May; Second Session in North Sydney in 2022.)

Assembly feedback:

- "It was positive and the Plenary Focus was excellent."
- "We were looking forward with hope and given encouragement to speak."
- "There is obviously unity within the Diocese with youth. Their representatives' contribution was positive and youth involvement needs to be encouraged."
- "It is to become a listening Church."
- "The structure of the Church can it be better, will it be re-structured?"

Some questions arising:

- How do we draw in a wider group to be church? The non-church? The distant church? The alienated church?
- Can we be 'A Learning Church'? How do we pick up the message of the Gospel in secular society?
- How can we use our schools to impact on the wider community?

Future of Parish Leadership in the Diocese

Report collated from surveys received, in the form of 'SEE', 'JUDGE' and 'ACT', was enlightening. The conclusions drawn at the end of each section will give focus to further in-depth discussions.

How does "Future Leadership" affect your Agency and Ministries? This discussion led to the following:

- Connectedness is more important in rural areas and Parish Clusters need to fit with people's connections.
- Youth will be at church if families go.
- Ecumenism we have a lot to learn.
- There is a 'Them Us' approach. This needs to change, as we ALL are faithful people of the Church, called to it through baptism.

Bishop Greg commented on a stimulus paper presented regarding lay people's involvement. How can we encourage involvement in Hospitality, Counselling, Grief Support, Funerals, Catechesis, Visitation of the Sick, etc. Aspects of Governance have to be done too – Finances, WHS, Child Protection, etc.

He also complimented our overseas priests who work in our Diocese.

Agency Reports and Focus Questions:

Aboriginal Ministry: The Sisters of St Anne spoke on the Report distributed to all present, which focused on their work in Aboriginal Ministry, Prison Ministry and Parish Pastoral Ministry. Their acts of service were supporting them in their development with the Sisters learning from others.

Aged Care: The main point raised was that Home Care Packages, to help people stay in their homes longer, are gaining in importance.

YourTown: Programmes run in the Diocese, flowing on from the Penrose Parenting Programme, Flexible Learning Programmes, Work Enterprises, Transition Work and Work for the Dole. These give young parents and disinclined youth opportunities to develop confidence, skills, be mentored and address personal issues often impacting on their employability.

Prison Ministry: There is a team from the Catholic Diocese of Pt Pirie working inside and outside of the three prisons within the Diocese. Inside contact is basically pastoral care – they're to listen (not to see, do or act).

Catholic Education: Is compiling a strategy for the next ten years. They are putting steps in place for the next three years and looking at what aspects don't fit with country schooling.

Centacare: Has five Strategic Directions: Supporting People and **Families** (This includes Foster Care Residential Foster Care); Connecting with People; Supporting Aboriginal People; Increasing Organizational Abilities; Expanding Centacare Services for Sustainable Growth. Have a Reconciliation Action Plan - Recruit and retain and increasing the Aboriginal Workforce (to 20%); Have protocols in place for visiting Aboriginal Lands and communities. Always looking at needs which arise and preparing programmes

to put in place.

CWL: CWL work is often done behind the scenes for their parishes and communities. Branches get together at Vicariate meetings where they present reports of their commitments/ achievements. Meetings are spent in prayer for the work/projects of other organisations, guest speakers, etc.

Youth Ministry: 'Vocations' was one area that supplied a flow chart as to how applicants to the seminary are processed and screened. A Vocations Prayer Pamphlet was also given. The report included the Youth Ministry around the Diocese, events and what's ahead.

St Vincent de Paul: 450 people are involved with Vinnies in the Diocese; 40% are non-catholic. New or upgraded shops - Coober Pedy is doing very well; Pt Augusta also doing well.

Knights of the Southern Cross: Other areas covered include the Sacrament of Reconciliation, supporting adult formation (RCIA).

Final words and blessing by Bishop Greg.



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