

A young girl with dark hair tied back with a blue bow, wearing a teal school uniform, is shown in profile. She has her eyes closed and a serene expression. A hand is gently touching her forehead, and another hand is resting on her shoulder. The background is blurred, showing other people in a church setting.

The Witness

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*St Joseph's School student, Sky Keane
was photographed whilst receiving
the ashes from Fr Steve Ardill during
the Year 5-12 Ash Wednesday Mass at
Saint Mary of the Angels Church,
Port Lincoln.*



*Jesus said
'remember me'
and do likewise'*

The Witness April 2019

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Bishop's Diary

April

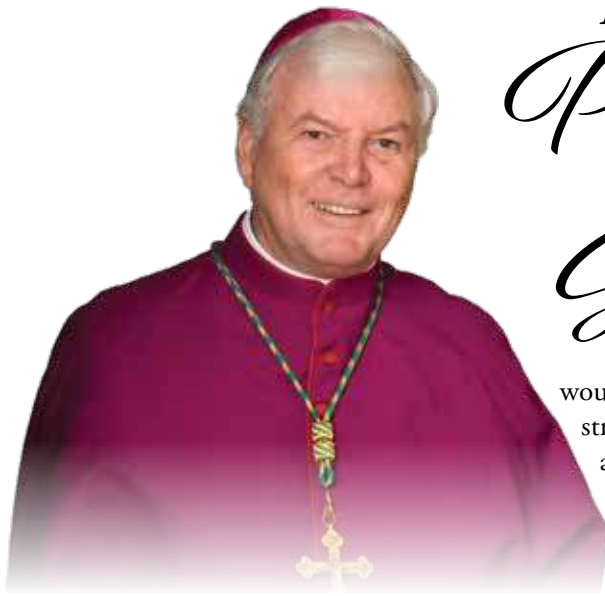
5th	Meeting of Sevenhill Trustees – Sevenhill
6th	Gathering of Religious – Adelaide
8th	Gathering of Diocesan Religious and Congregational Leaders – Port Pirie
9th	Diocesan Assembly – Port Pirie
10th	Diocesan Assembly – Port Pirie
10th	Mass of the Holy Chrism – Port Pirie
14th	Cathedral Liturgy – Palm Sunday
15th	Mass of the Holy Chrism – Adelaide
18th	Cathedral Liturgy – Holy Thursday
19th	Cathedral Liturgy – Good Friday
20th	Cathedral Liturgy – Easter Vigil
21st	Cathedral Liturgy – Easter Sunday
22nd-24th	Jesuit Assembly – Sydney
27th	Diaconal ordination of Pat Lopresti – St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Adelaide

May

3rd – 10th	Australian Catholic Bishops Conference – Melbourne
20th	Clergy Golf Day – Port Augusta
21st	Meeting of Council of Priests/Clergy Conference – Port Pirie
22nd	Meeting of Diocesan Finance Council – Port Pirie
	Meeting of Clergy Support Fund – Port Pirie

Bishop's Message

Pastoral Letter for the Season of Lent 2019



would have us light the Holy Fire by striking a spark from a flint, light and fire and life from inert and lifeless matter, a powerful picture of the resurrection where from dust and ashes arises the new life of the Risen Christ. In Genesis,

On Ash Wednesday one year ago a school shooting massacre occurred at the Parkland High School in Florida, resulting in seventeen deaths and a large number of wounded. Displayed prominently was a photo of anguished mothers arriving at the school to find out whether or not their child was a victim. One mother hugs another, and on her forehead is traced very visibly the cross she had received at an Ash Wednesday ceremony. "Dust to dust, ashes to ashes" was a refrain she heard that morning and would never have guessed how tragedy might visit her so starkly and so soon.

As a Church we are experiencing dark days, and the refrain of "dust to dust, ashes to ashes" is not without its meaning for us. We have the knowledge of victims of abuse whose lives were reduced to ashes, and are still tormented with sorrow. We have the disillusion, scandal and real grief confronting anybody named as Catholic in these days. In human terms we have the shock of the sudden death of one of the most revered priests in our community, Mgr Denis Edwards. His brother priests are devastated by his untimely loss, so that even while we profess our faith in the fullness of life into which Denis has entered, our human loss is so keen. "Dust to dust, ashes to ashes" is a real refrain in this case.

Ashes and dirt are basic items in our world. They are symbols of the plainness and origins and destiny of human existence. At the Easter Vigil the liturgy

when we were created, we were moulded from clay and earth, and into this lump of dead matter the Lord breathed His Spirit, and dead stuff became alive. The breath of God has been breathed into us, and dead matter was transformed into the image and likeness of God. In Lent we must look at our interior lives, breathed into by the Spirit, and shape our hearts to be adequate places of God's presence. "Behold, I make all things new".

"...we must look at our interior lives, breathed into by the Spirit, and shape our hearts to be adequate places of God's presence."

May all those suffering in different ways, may we ourselves individually, and may the Church of God at large thrill with new life through this Lent as we journey towards Easter.

Yours in Christ

Gregory O'Kelly SJ



Fall from Grace, the Bishop's Dog

Jezabel's taken an awful fall from grace!

In recent weeks I was handed a delightful photo of the Bishop's dog, Jezz (Jezabel), faithfully and obediently watching the Gospel on television and singing songs of praise. Such a good little dog, loyal to the Lord...

Not two weeks later I received word that Jezabel's been involved in a high-speed car chase reaching a top of 170km/hour down Highway One and was sent hurtling through a farmer's fence at Redhill where she was swiftly apprehended and safely returned in a paddy wagon to a rather anxious Bishop O'Kelly.

Once all was safe and well it didn't take long before it was mentioned that she really was 'Jezabel by name, Jezabel by nature'

Jennifer Wainwright.



Last Chance to register for the 2019 Diocesan Assembly, 'Journeying Together in Hope'.

We urge you to book online at this point at: www.pp.catholic.org.au/2019-diocesan-assembly-registrations



Diocesan Assembly for 2019 will be

Facilitators & Animator

*Facilitating the Assembly are Ms Pauline Connelly and Ms Sarah Moffatt.
Animator will be Fr Michael Trainor.*



Ms Pauline Connelly

Chancellor and Assistant Director of Centacare Catholic

Family Services and Facilitator at the 2019 Port Pirie Diocesan Assembly

Apostolic Administrator Bishop Greg O'Kelly SJ and Administrator Delegate Fr Philip Marshall are assisted in their leadership of the Archdiocese by their Chancellors.

Pauline grew up in Port Pirie and was educated by the Good Samaritan Sisters.

She obtained an Honours Degree in Social Work and Social Policy at the University of South Australia and in the 1980's and 90's, worked as a Marriage and Family Counsellor.

In 1994 Pauline, along with Bishop Eugene Hurley, began Centacare Catholic Family Services in the Port Pirie Diocese and was the inaugural Director for seven years.

Pauline was on the Board of Centacare Australia for three years, and in the early 2000s, she chaired the National Marriage and Family Council under the then Minister of Family Services Hon Amanda Vanstone.

Pauline is currently the Assistant Director of Centacare Catholic Family Services in the Archdiocese of Adelaide and has been with Centacare in Adelaide for 13 years.

Pauline is also a Chancellor within the Archdiocese of Adelaide.

In 2013 Pauline was made a Dame in the Order of St Gregory the Great, an honour bestowed by Pope Francis.

Pauline has worked with and supported refugees in detention, works with and supports the aboriginal community, in particular the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry at the Otherway Centre, and received a NAIDOC Award in 2013. Pauline also supports the Aboriginal staff at Centacare and is responsible for their cultural wellbeing and care within the workplace.

Pauline also has a regular segment on 891ABC radio talking relationships and life issues.



Sarah Moffatt

Coordinator for Youth and Young Adults in the Archdiocese of Adelaide

Sarah Moffatt is the Coordinator of the Catholic Office for Youth and Young Adults in the Archdiocese of Adelaide and has had many years of experience working with young people, including as National President of the Australian Young Christian Workers and is an influential voice among the youth

"Preparing for the Plenary Council is all about a journey of listening to each other and at the same time listening to what God is asking of us," said Sarah Moffatt, who is a member of the plenary council's executive committee.

"It's a huge privilege to be part of this process and I look forward to engaging with the Adelaide."



Rev. Dr Michael Trainor AM

*MA (CTU, Chicago)
MEd (Boston College)*

DTheol (MCD)

Rev. Dr Michael Trainor AM is a lecturer at Catholic Theological College and is a member of the Department of Biblical Studies. He lectures on the Book of Revelations at both undergraduate and postgraduate level.

He holds a Master of Arts in Biblical Literature and Languages from the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, USA, a Masters of Education from Boston College in Boston, USA, and a doctorate in Theology from the Melbourne College of Divinity.

He is a Senior Lecturer in Biblical Studies at the Australian Catholic University, Adelaide and Adjunct lecturer, Department of Theology, Flinders University, South Australia. Michael is a member of the Society of Biblical Literature, the Australian Catholic Biblical Association, Australian College of Educators, an Executive Board member of the International Council of Christians and Jews; co-chair of the South Australian Council of Christians and Jews; co-chair of the South Australian Uniting Church and Roman Catholic Dialogue. He is also a priest assisting in the parish of Lockleys, South Australia.

His current academic and research interests include: The interface of culture archaeology, sociology, and New Testament; biblical hermeneutics; models of learning and leadership from the earliest households of Jesus followers.

Young people and Young adults

We celebrate the connections and engagement of young people. We acknowledge the important roles that families play in the life of our young people. We reflect on what their dreams and hopes for the future may be.

People of faith and role of the faithful

We celebrate the people of God at the heart of our communities. We realise we all have responsibility for the flourishing of our faith communities and acknowledge their diversity and difference. We reflect on the dreams of the people of faith for the future of their communities.

Enabling the priesthood of the baptised

We celebrate the structures that enable the priesthood of the baptised to be realised in our communities. We look to explore models and changed structures that enable the baptised to assume their rightful role. We reflect on what effective structures may look like in the future.

Celebrating as Community

We celebrate in community as a people of faith. We look to explore the vibrancy, inclusivity and understanding of these celebrations. We reflect on ways we can enrich and enliven these celebrations.



Movement Around the Diocese

The clergy transfers for 2019 are due to take effect by the third Sunday after Easter (11th May) unless otherwise notified. Pastoral responsibility for several communities has been transferred to another parish in a number of instances.

In some cases, the number of towns assigned to the pastoral care of the priest is too large to enable the Eucharist to be celebrated in every place, every weekend. There will therefore have to be a service of the Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion in numbers of places on a rotational basis. This will require the appropriate training of laity to conduct such services. It is also an opportunity for an increased involvement in lay ministry.

These appointments are in the first instance for three years, to allow an incoming Bishop to observe the Diocese and determine his own wishes concerning the placement of the priests.

Parish	Coming	Going
Booleroo/Peterborough/Orroroo/Laura/Pekina/Wirrabara	Fr Ramel Morales	Fr Ben Mkuchu
Cleve/Cowell/Kimba/Wudinna/Kyancutta	Fr Leon Quinn	Mgr Paul Quirk
Coober Pedy/Inland Mission/Uluru	Fr Paul Crotty	Fr Brian Mathews
Jamestown/Gladstone/Georgetown/Burra/Hallett/Spalding	Fr Brian Mathews	Fr Leon Quinn
Kadina/Wallaroo/Moonta/Port Broughton/Snowtown/Bute	Fr Matthew Newman	Fr Ramel Morales
Port Augusta/Wilmington	Fr Jim Monaghan	Fr Paul Crotty Fr Hau Le
Port Lincoln/Coffin Bay	Fr Ben Mkuchu Fr John Folkman	Fr Steve Ardill
Port Pirie/Crystal Brook/Redhill	Fr Jimmy Pantin	Fr Francis Montero Fr Harold Camonias
Quorn/Hawker/Carrieton/Leigh Creek	Fr Harold Camonias	Fr Jimmy Pantin
Roxby Downs/Woomera/Andamooka	Fr Francis Montero	
Streaky Bay/Chandada/Ceduna/Calca/Smoky Bay/Wirrulla	Fr Steve Ardill	Fr Matthew Newman
Whyalla	Mgr Paul Quirk Fr Hau Le	Fr Jim Monaghan Fr John Folkman

Welcome Michael Preece



gatherings (Diocesan Assembly, Leadership Conference), working with Jennifer Wainwright in co-editorship of The Witness. Michael will be the diocesan promoter of Catholic Mission. As the Plenary Council of 2020 draws near, there will be work involved in alerting the Diocese to the needs that will create. We have in place a Strategic Directions Committee, planning for the future of the Diocese, and Michael will be part of that team, including the production of the minutes. His tasks will embrace identifying in-service programmes for active parish leaders and pastoral associates. He will distribute resources to these people when available. He will coordinate matters with the Ministry Formation Programme Team

in Adelaide for the training of lay leaders in the Pirie Diocese.

Most people in the Diocese are aware of Michael's rich and varied experience in the Diocese, especially through his involvement with the Catholic Education Office, and his active membership of Pastoral Councils. He comes to this position having concluded his term as Principal of St Columba's School, Yorketown.

Please join me in welcoming Michael, a welcome which extends to his wife Tracy and his family.



It is with delight that I announce the appointment of Michael Preece as Bishop's Assistant for Pastoral Ministry, a position initiated when Sr Sonia Wagner SGS was in residence in Port Pirie.

Michael will be working in a part-time capacity and his office is based at the entrance of the Chancery. His position embraces the organising of pastoral activities in the Diocese such as Diocesan and Regional Pastoral Councils, an involvement in the organisation of the various diocesan

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National Redress Scheme

A new scheme to assist survivors of Child Sexual Abuse

A key recommendation of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse was that there be a national redress scheme. Redress is a word that means to remedy something wrong, or to set something right again. In practice, redress will likely include a monetary sum recognising the damage suffered by a child; an opportunity to receive an apology from a representative of the institution whose member committed the child sexual abuse; and the option of receiving professional counselling.

In some ways, the National Redress Scheme has features in common with the Church's Towards Healing process. One significant advantage is that it provides a consistent response across Australia, and across institutions, for survivors who suffered with different levels of abuse as children. So a person abused in the Scouts in WA, at a particular level of abuse, will receive a similar response to a person abused in a Catholic parish in SA, or a person abused in a dance school in NSW,

at the same level of abuse.

Our Diocese along with all the other Dioceses and Archdioceses strongly supported this recommendation, which was then accepted by the Commonwealth and eventually by all the states. The legal structure was then produced by the Commonwealth, to be run by the Department of Social Services, and we were required to produce all relevant information to enable our Diocese to be a participating institution. Cosimo, our Business Manager, shouldered the lion's share of this work. Our Diocese was signed up by the end of November 2018.

One challenging aspect for us as a Diocese is that, due to the lower level of proof required by the Scheme, our insurers are prevented from covering the Diocese for claims against us under the Scheme. The positive side of this is that survivors have a quicker and less stressful path to redress, so this is something we accept willingly as a Diocesan family. The survivors are our own family members; they are a part of

us, and they have a claim on our love and care. The Scheme has measures in place to eliminate false or mistaken claims.

The National Redress Scheme offers a third way for victims and survivors to find the way forward in their lives, to allow them to find healing for the deep-seated wounds inflicted by abusers in our church and in other organisations. The other options for people seeking redress continue to be available, namely, the Towards Healing process, and civil litigation.

Fr Jim Monaghan

Do you have something to report?

We have a Child Safety Officer situated in most Mass centres throughout the Diocese.

Out of School Age - contact your parish Child Safeguarding Person

School Age - follow school protocol

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Father Lawrence Joseph Quinn

31st August 1931 – 30th January 2019

Excerpt from the funeral Mass Homily

"You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek". Melchizedek was the King of Salem, which means the King of Jerusalem, and he came out to meet Abraham who was on his journey to the Promised Land. He presented Abraham with gifts of bread and wine, and gave him a blessing from the All High. Because of this he has been seen as a figure of Christ. Certainly gifts of bread and wine, Body and Blood of Christ, were central to the priesthood of Fr Quinn, and the cover of today's Mass booklet shows him lifting up with joy the chalice presented to him in this church at the Golden Jubilee of his priesthood in 2013

Around 2.30 am on Wednesday Fr Laurie Quinn, aged eighty-seven, went to his reward. Father had suffered some type of brain bleed or stroke early on Friday and as a result he did not regain consciousness. His nephew Tom stayed with him throughout the whole time until his death, and Tom's wife Debbie spent this first 24 hours with him, while priests of the diocese came to his bedside to pray and bless him. Fr Steve Ardill anointed him, and as Bishop I read the Commendation of the Dying over him both before and after his death. Earlier in this final illness, when visiting and praying with him he was able to make efforts to trace the sign of the cross.

Fr Quinn worked on the family farm as a boy and young man and entered the seminary as a "late vocation" at the age of twenty-six. He served as a curate in Whyalla and as parish priest in Loxton, Port Lincoln and Burra.

It is true to say that Fr Quinn was one of the characters of the presbyterate of the Diocese, apt to repeat certain stories fairly frequently, and a source of anecdotes himself. He spent his last four years in St Joseph's House, and the prayerfulness of his life manifested itself so strongly there, when he would say six rosaries a day, usually in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. He was totally devoted to his vocation, a true and steadfast priest, a source of blessings for the diocese which was enriched by his priestly ministry of fifty-five years.

His Requiem Mass will take place in St Joseph's Church, Burra at 1.30 pm on Friday 8th February. It will be preceded by the Rosary at 1.15 pm. Burial will take place in the Burra Cemetery. Refreshments will be served later.

May he rest in the peace of Christ.

Bishop Greg O'Kelly SJ



Pt. Lincoln Memories!!

New Catholic Priest for Port Lincoln

A new priest has arrived in Port Lincoln to take over the work of Father Bill Weaschope at St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Father Lawrence Quinn came from the Parish of Loxton on the Murray River where he spent some years in parish priest.

"Before that he was an assistant parish priest for eight years in Whyalla where he was with Father Weaschope for five years."

"To continue on the work of Father Weaschope here means I like a bit of what he was doing," Father Quinn said.

The first he did not know much about the parish and Port Lincoln yet in to introduce any significant changes.

After leaving school, Father Quinn worked on Burra for 12 years in his home region of Burra and Mount Whyalla. He was ordained at St. Joseph's Church, Burra, in June of 1960.

"I had associates who were in the rural areas," he said.

He is most familiar with claret, claret, claret, claret and claret and claret.

An assistant priest, Father Quinn, is to serve Port Lincoln within some weeks after being ordained on February 1. Father Weaschope has gone to the Parish of Renmark.



Bishop Peter De Campo and Father Laurie Quinn



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St Mary MacKillop School Wallaroo S.A

Australia's longest Josephite School 1869-2019

From around 1865 a small Catholic School operated in Wallaroo, with the support of the visiting Jesuit Fathers, until the arrival in 1867, of the first resident Parish Priest, Father Kennedy, who immediately closed this school and refused to reopen it until he had the newly formed Sisters of St. Joseph in his parish.

So it was that in 1869, Sisters Catherine O'Brien aged 23 years and Margaret O'Loughlin, 18 years, set off by steamer to the Port of Wallaroo...

When I arrived in 1988, the age of computers had arrived and were being introduced into schools, except in Wallaroo as there was no such school. The hall across the road had been repurposed in 1885 and for 103 years provided 2 classrooms. The former convent opened in 1903 and was used for the junior primary class, and, along with a lone transportable library, we had a school! 119 years without a purpose-built facility! That's resilience!

It was a very much-loved school, which generations of families had attended. This school flourished, educating in the

Josephite Tradition, carried along on the hopes and dreams of the pioneering families.

Today this modern school standing on the site of that old Convent, proudly displays the school emblem above the entrance, indicating a school that educates in the Josephite Tradition. The emblem bears the words "In Omnibus Caritas – In all things Love"

Mary's vision is one still expressed today in the everyday life of this school. Under the good leadership of Mr. James Quigley and staff, this school continues to care for those on the margins because of geographical, economic or social issues.

It was delightful to see a statue of St. Joseph in the Reception area and it was even more impressive to see it placed on the floor instead of a pedestal, a very child friendly setting, where the statue is at eye level, well, for Reception students at least.

As Josephites we are proud that this unique school community continues to live the spirit and compassion of Mary MacKillop today as it continues to carry out God's mission.

In all things Love

Sr Helen Duke rsj (Abridged)



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Below: Sr Joan Barry, Jane Owen, Tess Newbery, Sr Catherine Mead, Nichii Mardon, Sr Helen Duke

A celebration fitting of 150 Years

The St Mary MacKillop School, Wallaroo community recently celebrated their significant milestone of 150 years of concurrent service to the families of the Copper Coast.

In what is the oldest continually running Catholic School in the state, events were scattered across three days of celebration and connection.

The celebrations began with a very moving and poignant assembly, delivered mostly by the students of the school. The celebrations acknowledged the amazing impact and service of the Sisters of St Joseph – as the original founding order of the school in 1869 and the leaders of the school for some 133 years until the first lay Principal was appointed in 2002.

The school's rich and vibrant history, which included moving sites, school mergers and a number of name changes was on display during the assembly which around 170 guests attended. This included Bishop Greg O'Kelly, Ms Nichii Mardon (Director of Catholic Education Pt Pirie Diocese), Mr Fraser Ellis (State member for Narrunga), Copper Coast Council representatives, old scholars, ex-staff, current and past parents and friends and of course a number of the current day Josephite sisters with connections to the school and special guest appearances from a young Sister Mary MacKillop and Fr Julian Tenison Woods.



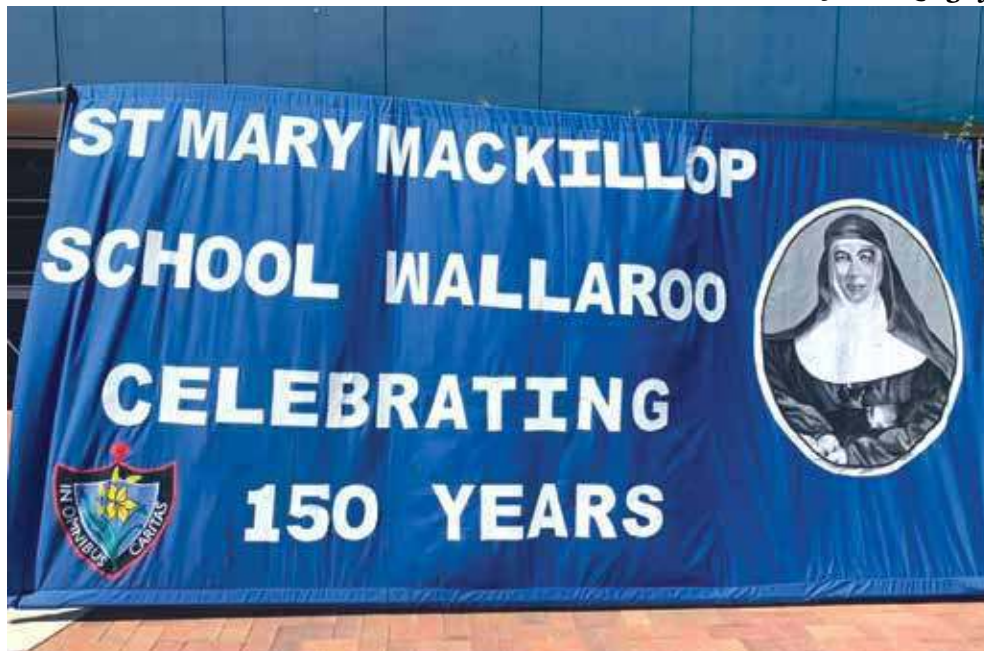
On Saturday the school had an open day and welcomed through several old scholars, staff and current families who spent time sharing stories, viewing the displays and historical artefacts.

Saturday night was party time, and around 100 guests rocked the Wallaroo Town Hall with Adelaide party band 'The Escapades' providing a great atmosphere.

To conclude the weekend, the community gathered for a special Sesquicentenary Mass at Star of the Sea Church in Wallaroo.

Principal James Quigley said *"this weekend of celebrations has been about 12 months in the planning and the fact that it was so successful and so well attended at each event speaks volumes for not only the impact that our school has on past scholars and families but also the preparation and organisation of the events themselves. We are extremely proud of our long and rich history here in the Copper Coast and we can't wait for the next 150 years!"*.

James Quigley



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Our Lady Help of Christians, Principal Patroness

On May 24 the Catholic Church in Australia celebrates its National Patronal Feast, the Solemnity of Our Lady Help of Christians. It has been celebrated since 1844.

At the first provincial synod of the Catholic Church in Australia which took place in September 1844, Archbishop Polding of Sydney and the new bishops of Adelaide and Hobart met with about half of the three-dozen pioneer priests in the country and decided to place the Church in Australia under the patronage of the Virgin Mary invoked by the title Help of Christians. This was confirmed by the Holy See in 1852.

During the early days of the colony there were no priests. Later Mass was not allowed except for one brief year until 1820. But the Catholic community remained faithful to Mary. It was largely the Rosary in those early days that kept the faith alive.

Some Dioceses, Parishes and Schools have Our Lady Help of Christians as their Patronal Feast.

When a new Parish was set up in Whyalla West it was called Our Lady Help of Christians.

Our Lady Help of Christians is also a special feast of the Salesians.

In the Opening prayer of the Mass for Our Lady Help of Christians, the Church prays that through Our Lady's intercession God will "grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our citizens", so that "under her protection Australia may be granted harmony, justice and peace".

The Gospel readings tell us so much about Mary. In Year A we hear of Mary standing near the cross of her son Jesus. In Year B we hear of Mary visiting her cousin Elizabeth and praying her Magnificat. 'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my saviour: because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid. ...' In Year C, this year, we hear Jesus say, 'My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and put it into practice.' May Mary's example inspire us.

Sr Marie O'Shea sgs



Our Lady Help of Christians (OLHC) will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the church and the former Whyalla West Parish on Saturday and Sunday 25th & 26th May 2019.

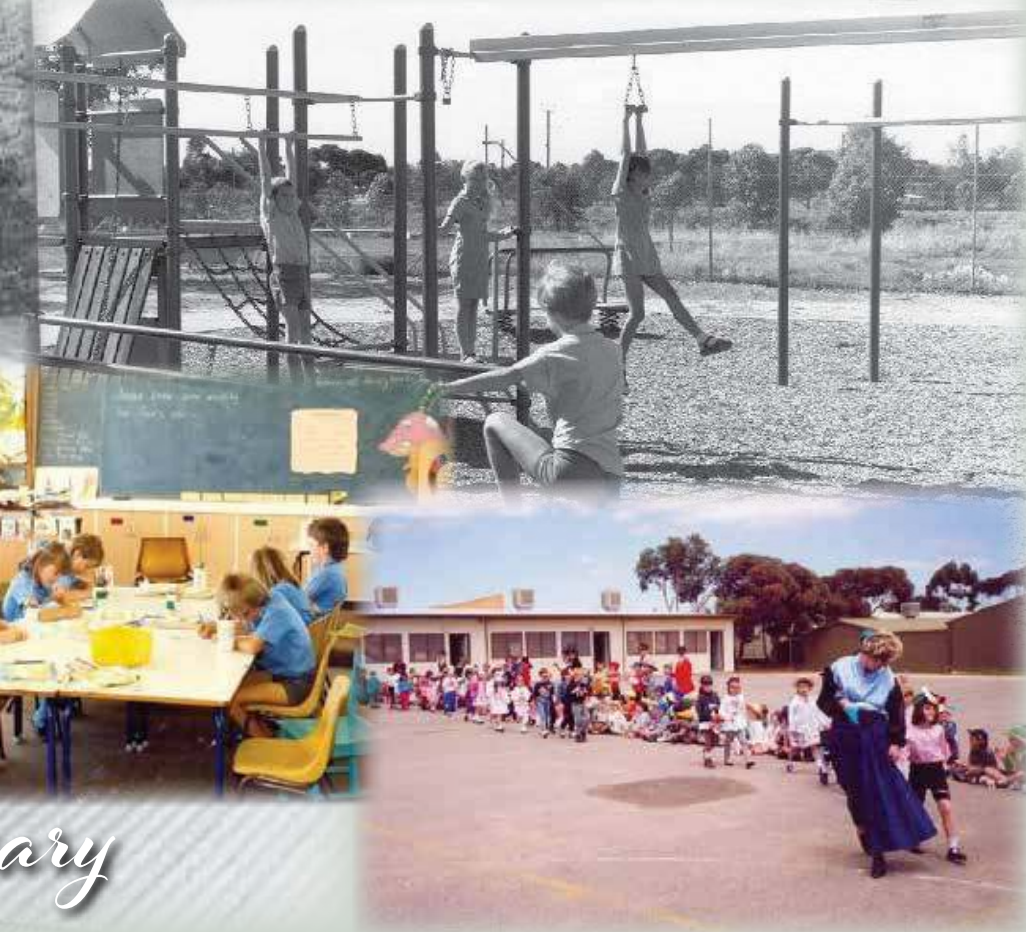
Between 1956 and 1966 the population of Whyalla trebled due to the many immigrants obtaining work in the steelworks and shipyards. This was the background out of which the Parish of OLHC was established. (The Catholic community of Whyalla West had already been active for many years celebrating Mass in the Viscount Slim Hall as an outpost of St Teresa's Parish.) Fr Tim Toal parish priest at this time was instrumental in the early planning and work for Whyalla West to become a separate parish. This work was continued by Fr Bill Wauchope. Planning of a primary school, convent and

church/hall was under way in 1964. The school complex officially opened in 1966.

The Catholic Parish of Whyalla West officially began in May 1969, (on the Sunday following Ascension). The first parish priest was Fr John Curran, followed by Fr Arthur Hackett and finally Fr Tony Redden. Many current priests undertook placement in the parish either as seminarians, "half curates" (i.e. shared with St Teresa's) or assistant priests, such as, Fr Leon Quinn, Fr Brian Mathews, Fr John Folkman, Fr Kevin Matthews, and Fr Chris Warnock.

A Good Samaritan Sister, Jill O'Brien commenced in 1974 as a Parish Pastoral Assistant, a new initiative within the church community. She commenced at the same time as Fr Hackett and together they formed a dynamic team to implement





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many changes as a result of Vatican 11. Sr Jill was followed by Srs Rita Fitt, Glenys Dellamarta, Eugennie Levinson and Robyn Brady, each bringing their own gifts to this role and the community. These women were at the forefront of our spiritual direction and their impact in the parish cannot be under-estimated.

In 1973 the Missionary Sisters of Service convent was (built on the grounds of the parish and school. The) officially opened in the presence of Archbishop Guilford Young Tasmania, Bishop Gallagher (Port Pirie Diocese) and Bishop Kennedy – (Adelaide). The MSS's role was to minister to those in rural and remote areas.

Because the parishioners of OLHC came from all parts of the world, they viewed the church and other parishioners as family giving OLHC church a special feeling of community (over the years). Social events, such as, parish picnics, progressive dinners, Planned Giving dinners, farewells and any other reason to celebrate have played an important role in the life of the parish. And nobody can forget the antics of the Mad Mums!

The spiritual life of the parish developed continuously throughout the years with parishioners being involved in Catholic Women's League, Legion of Mary, St Vincent de Paul Society, 'Wine, Women

and Wisdom', Parish Retreats, Small Faith Groups, Young Christian Workers, Youth Group, Twilight Celebrations for Children from non-Catholic schools as some examples. Altar servers were, and still are, ably trained by Bill Redford with the Guild of St Stephen commencing in 1977. In 1979 the parish undertook the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults program, (RCIA) being the first parish in Australia to share this process with the parishioners rather than it being a private confidential tuition.

Children's Liturgy of the Word commenced in 1987 (and has been popular since). Parishioners have undertaken training to be Special Ministers of the Eucharist to the sick and homebound as well as Ministers of the Word and Eucharistic Ministers at Mass. A special feature associated with OLHC is the crucifix over the altar. Fr Hackett commissioned Richard Sobczak to make this sculpture in copper in 1981. Many parishioners, on leaving the parish, would have been given a card with a photo of the crucifix on it as a farewell token. Due to reduced numbers and shortage of priests (over the years,) plans were made and developed for the amalgamation of OLHC and St Teresa's parishes. Fr Tony Redden, Fr Paul Bourke and a committee spent many hours planning for a smooth transition. In 2007, the Catholic Parish of Whyalla was formed.

Julie Andriessen

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All past parishioners, priests and religious are invited to return to Whyalla to celebrate this occasion.

For further information, please contact:

OLHC will be celebrating its GOLDEN JUBILEE on May 25 and 26 with the following activities.

Saturday: 1.00pm Benediction followed by 'Meet and Greet' and afternoon tea.

6.00pm Dinner

Sunday: 10.30am Mass followed by BBQ lunch under Art's Courtyard

4.00pm Prayer Service at the cemetery

Please spread this information to any ex-parishioners you may know.

For further information and a formal invitation, please contact:

Gai Travers
0439 869 167

Julie Andriessen
0418 810 992

The Story of the Josephite Motor Missions

Does anyone remember?

Some of our readers may already know that Sister Elizabeth Morris is writing the history of the Josephite Motor Missions in South Australia. Sr Liz would love to hear from anyone who remembers those days. The first Motor Mission in the Port Pirie Diocese began in 1960 and was based at Peterborough. Peterborough had an almost 30 year history of Summer schools, begun in 1931 by Bishop Killian. Sisters Edwin (Marie) Taylor and Patrice Burns began the work and then Sr Nicholas (Mary) Canny joined Sr Edwin in May of that year. The Sisters visited as many as 21 schools in a broad sweep that took them across six parishes, including Port Augusta and Quorn – later they also included Hawker. In 1971 Port Augusta became their base. In 1966, the year after the Catholic School at Georgetown

closed a Motor Mission began in the State Schools in the parishes of Georgetown, Gladstone, Laura, Spalding, Snowtown and Jamestown. The third Mission in the Diocese was at Waikerie between 1964 and 1971. After 1973, when the weekly RI ceased the Sisters continued outreach to the parishes and families for many years. Sr Kerry Keenan is the last Josephite to carry on the Motor Mission tradition in the Diocese. The Pekina Training Centre, set up in 1972, was important in their ministry, especially for Secondary school students. SO – if you were a student, a parent, a catechist, a helper on the Camps or someone who went to the Summer schools, Sr Liz would love you to get in touch. Her email is: liz-morris@bigpond.com and Mob. 0439 858 924.

Congratulations Sr Kerry Keenan on your Golden Jubilee. January 6, 2019.



*Do you recognise yourself?
First Communion – in the 1970's.
Srs. Marie Faulkner and Peter Donohue
with Fr Nick Canny.*

Eyre Peninsula and Riverland Prayer Days Plenary Council 2020

The successful gatherings of women of the Port Pirie and Adelaide Dioceses held in November of 2018 concluded with days of prayer and reflection in the Lower Eyre Peninsula on the 19th and the Riverland on the 26th of February.

I have been privileged to be able to lead these days, with the support of Sr Kerry Keenan and Margaret Daly, and I appreciate their significant contributions

since planning began in August of last year. The women participating – close on 150 of them - in the prayer, reflection and discussion are to be warmly commended for entering so generously into the process. I'm sure the Holy Spirit was with them all as they prayed and listened 'to what the Spirit was saying to the church' through one another.

It was not easy at times to come to a consensus about the questions for the

Plenary Council to consider in 2020 but I sensed these faithful women had a deep love for the Church, a real concern for the wellbeing of their priests and a willingness to continue to build Community wherever they lived. Let's continue to pray for the success of the Council, the first Session of which is to be held in Adelaide in October of 2020.

Sr Elizabeth Morris rsj



Sr Mary Terese died in September 2018. Her family, some of whom still have links with the Diocese, is keen to share her story.

Mary Terese Dalzell was born in August, 1925, at Morgan, the first child of John and Irene Dalzell (née Kinnane). John had fought at Gallipoli and later in Egypt and Palestine with the Third Light Horse Regiment thus enabling him to take up land in the new fruit-growing area of Cadell, which became the family home for the next 50 years.

Unfortunately, Mary was born with cerebral palsy, a lifelong disability she carried with dignity and stoicism. The family church was St Ursula's in Morgan and it was here that the young family attended Sunday Mass, travelling there by horse and cart in the early days.

Mary attended the local Cadell state school for four years, then, aged nine, went to St Scholastica's College at Mt Barker. She loved those years under the guidance of the Sisters of Mercy and no doubt they had a huge influence on her later decisions.

Four more children were added to the Dalzell family with the birth of David, Brian and Anthony (Tony) and Josephine. When Josie was born, Mary, then 16, left school to return to Cadell to help with the growing boys and the new baby.

Over the next few years Mary worked in Adelaide in Charles Birk's department

store. She was presented to the Archbishop as a debutante at a Catholic Ball and she joined the Therry Dramatic Society. Unbeknownst to her parents, she was thinking about her vocation and how it could be achieved. Most Australian Religious Orders required their sisters to become teachers or nurses, professions for which Mary was unsuited.

In January, 1949, she and her friend, Mary Gleeson, sister of Archbishop James Gleeson, set out on a twelve month holiday to England, visiting her father's relatives in the north of England, and touring the UK and Europe. While living in Kensington, London, she discovered and was accepted into the Belgian Order, Religious of the Eucharist.

Mary completed her novitiate in Brussels, where the principal language spoken was French. In 1952 she was fully professed as a Religious of the Eucharist in a ceremony which her parents attended.

In 1965, Mary made her first visit back to Australia. From then on she visited her family every five years and was present at family celebrations. In 2002 her four siblings and their partners travelled to the UK to

attend her Golden Jubilee as a religious sister.

The last thirty-one years of her life were spent at Kearsney Manor Nursing Home in Kent, where she was in charge of seven elderly sisters. She loved the beautiful grounds of the Manor, the serenity of the lake with its birdlife, and the majestic English trees. So it was only fitting that with her passing on September 18th, 2018, she should be laid to rest in the grounds of Kearsney Manor.



*Sister Mary Terese Dalzell,
a Religious of the Eucharist*

*From The
Riverland to
England*



Australia Day Accolades



Former Bishop Eugene Hurley was named as a Member of the Order of Australia in the Australia Day Honours.

"It's a bit overwhelming. It's a great honour, but it really belongs to the people whose lives I have been privileged to share for the past 50 years," he said from Darwin.

Bishop Emeritus Hurley served as Darwin Bishop for 11 years before reaching what he said was his "use-by date" and retiring. He was Port Pirie Bishop from 1998 to 2007 and spent nine years here as a priest.

He thanked the people of Port Pirie for taking him into their lives.

He was ordained as a priest in 1964 and has been a member of the Australian Bishops Conference and past deputy chairman of Caritas Australia.

As well, he has been a member of the Ministerial Council on Asylum Seekers and Detention, Department of Immigration and Border Protection and has been patron of Melaleuca Refugee Centre.

He founded the Catholic Pastoral Care Team at the former Woomera Detention Centre.

Credit – Greg Mayfield. Excerpts taken from the RECORDER Newspaper



Joanne Hayes is the toast of the Redhill community after being named the town's Citizen of the Year.

Jo, formally of Brinkworth, is married to Frank and together they have five children.

She is currently the treasurer for Gulnare Redhill Footy and Netball Club, secretary for the Broughton Tennis Association, Redhill Tennis Club member and player and an umpire for BSR.

Previously, she was secretary and treasurer for Redhill Basketball Association as well as a coach and player, Broughton Basketball Association secretary, Redhill Tennis Club secretary and team manager, chairman and member of Crystal Brook Primary School Parent Club, coach and player with BSR and organiser for the Redhill Christmas concerts.

She has done a lot more than the involvements and roles listed above but all in the background and is more than a worthy recipient of this award.

Credit - Dylan Smith, Flinders News



In Wollongong, Sr Rita Ann Fitt SGS has been awarded an Order of Australia Medal (OAM) for her services to secondary education.

As the family coordinator for Saint Mary's College, Wollongong, she has been available to be available to students and their families in good times, but particularly in times of need, working alongside school counsellors and psychologists, as well as with the parents and friends group.

Sr Rita, 77, has spent the past 56 years in various ministries including Pastoral Associate at O.L.H.C Whyalla West and 15 years in her current role, which she describes as a "joy", connecting college to home.

"It's simple ministry. It's about people first."

Editorial – CathNews



Geof Keane, 71, was named Port Pirie's Citizen of the Year at the Australia Day festivities at Solomontown Beach.

He is a life member of Port Football Club, a former secretary, Hall of Fame Member and serves as vice-chairman and A and B grade team manager.

He was involved in recruiting players and coaches, sometimes holding secret meetings in pubs. "Out of 10 prospective players, you might sign one. I signed a couple of coaches who never actually coached us," he said.

Mayor Leon Stephens said Mr Keane had made an "incredible" difference to many lives in the community.

Riverland war hero **Howard Hendrick, 95**, who flew Lancaster Bombers in WWII, was awarded an OAM for his service to the community of Loxton. Howard is an active member of the local parish and a valued volunteer of St Albert's Catholic School.

Festival Marks the end of the Year of Youth



From left: Kylan Beech, Katri Stavrou, Louise Stavrou, Mick Beech, Andrea Fairlie, Fr Harold Le and Hannah Stavrou

On 27th January 2019, the Archdiocese of Adelaide held a local festival celebrating World Youth Day at Sacred Heart College, Somerton Park. The timing of it corresponded with World Youth Day in Panama; the festival allowed those unable to attend a chance to celebrate their Catholic faith with other youths throughout South Australia. The day was filled with plenty to see and do with live music, speakers, workshops, food trucks, games, and prayer. The day ended with the celebration of Mass filled with the vibrancy of our young people. Fr Philip Marshall in his homily spoke about how special the youth were; Sebastian Duhau (Youth Auditor at the Synod of Bishops) in his reflection spoke about the impact the youth can have on the world; Peter Brier (Youth Coordinator) spoke about the importance of young people getting involved in parish life. The Diocese of Port Pirie was represented through the attendance of both priest and parishioners, coming from all over the diocese, from the Riverland to Streaky Bay. The celebration marked the end of the Year of Youth.

The Sisters of Saint Anne



The Sisters of Saint Anne of Chennai welcomed a fourth sister to the Diocese recently with the arrival of Sr Nancy (far right). Sisters Nancy and Elizabeth have moved to Ceduna where they will serve the community in various ways. We welcome Sr Nancy and wish her abundant blessings on her journey here in Australia.

Blessing of Fishing Fleet at Port Lincoln Tunarama



Every year on Australia Day, Port Lincoln celebrates Tunarama and the priest blesses the fishing fleet from the Tacoma fishing boat. In the photo, besides Fr. Adrian Head, there are Ross Haldane (Skipper of the Tacoma) and the four Indian Sisters of St Anne of Chennai who work in our Diocese.

Relief Ministry at Streaky Bay and Surrounds



For Fr Harold February 8 to 22 was mostly a blessed time. It involved celebrating weekend and weekday masses, home and hospital visitation, cuppa with parishioners, time for himself and to reflect on God's creation as well as meeting and chatting with tourists.

He also had time for Facebooking, and you can view his Go live reflections on the road at #countrypriestontheroad.

Fr Harold's Tractor Beach Campsite, Streaky Bay at \$10/night

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Graduates reflect diverse ministries

Clergy care, migrant communities, pastoral council leadership and RCIA are just a few of the ministries that will benefit from the ongoing formation of eight graduates of the Archdiocesan Ministry Formation Program (MFP).

The 2018 graduates were presented with Indigenous crosses during the end of year Mass in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral on December 7.

MFP student Tee Ping Koh was master of ceremonies at the graduation celebration where families and friends joined students in celebrating another successful year of study and formation.

Tee Ping invited all those gathered to be inspired and amazed at the success stories that they were about to hear. He acknowledged the Holy Spirit working in many ways throughout the year in the hearts of the students and in their parishes and their communities.

Administrator Delegate Fr Philip Marshall presented the students with their graduation certificates, congratulating them and expressing his gratitude to them for their commitment to ministry in the Archdiocese.

Special guest Br Michael Callinan fms, campus ministry manager at Australian Catholic University, North Sydney Campus, acknowledged Mary Anne Quinn for her completion of the Graduate Diploma in Theological Studies.

Ministry Formation resumes on February 16 for the 2019 year. Enquiries can be made to MFPAdmin@adelaide.catholic.org.au or contact Suzanne Horan on 8152 7800.

byline: Southern Cross Archdiocesan Newspaper January 2019



Pictured with Fr Philip and the MFP Team are (L-R): Margaret Speechley (director), Daniel D'Silva, Sonia Yu, Julie Andriessen, Fr Marshall, Mary-Anne Quinn, Bernadette Kerr, Ivana Quadrelli (MFP coordinator), Ewa Pstras-Kolodziej, Sue Vieceli (MFP executive assistant), Aldo Floreani (MFP coordinator), Rosemary Powell and Claire Conaghty.

Project Compassion Launch 2019



Fr Paul Bourke Bishop Greg O'Kelly SJ and Fr Paul Fyfe

At the 6.00pm Sat. Mass at St. Aloysius Church Sevenhill on March 2nd Bishop Greg O'Kelly launched our Project Compassion 2019 for both the Adelaide Archdiocese and the Port Pirie Diocese. It was a coming together of the two SA. Dioceses with our shared Bishop and a most memorable celebration

Angela Hart with her Adelaide Caritas Team organized the Launch, in partnership with the Sevenhill Parishioners and hosted a simple Caritas Meal at La Storta Retreat Centre for about 40 after the Mass.

A real life experience was delivered by Holly Roberts and Lachlan Brannan of a Caritas Projects Immersion in Timor Leste after Holy Communion and then Bishop Greg Launched the 2019 Appeal.

It was the first time ever our Dioceses have come together for such an occasion.

Angela Hart who is the Diocesan Director for Adelaide and our own Fr. Paul have a joint 65 years with Caritas Australia.

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Angela Hart, Director CARITAS Australia and Fr Paul Bourke



Holly Roberts and Lachlan Brannan preparing to serve the meal

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St Joseph's Port Lincoln

Students participated in a Liturgy and later celebrated Mass and received the ashes to mark the beginning of the 40 days of Lent



Diocese of Port Pirie 2019 Easter Services

Place/Church	Holy Thursday	Good Friday	Holy Saturday	Easter Sunday
Barmera, St Francis Xavier		3pm Passion of Our Lord	7pm Easter Vigil	6pm Easter Mass
Berri, St Mary's	7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper		6.30pm Easter Vigil	9am Easter Mass
Booleroo Centre, St Agnes	7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper			
Burra, St Joseph's	7.30pm No Mass	3pm Passion of Our Lord		11am Easter Mass
Carrieton, St Raphael's		6pm Passion of Our Lord		8.30am Easter Mass
Ceduna, Our Lady of the Sea		10am	8pm Easter Vigil	
Chandada, St Michael's		6pm Passion of Our Lord		9am Easter Mass
Cleve, St Vincent de Paul	6pm Mass of the Lord's Supper	3pm Passion of Our Lord	7.30pm Easter Vigil	
Coffin Bay, Community Church		6pm Passion of Our Lord		6pm Easter Mass
Coober Pedy, Ss Peter and Paul	7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper	3pm Passion of Our Lord	7pm Easter Vigil	10am Easter Mass
Cowell, Our Lady Star of the Sea			5.15pm Easter Vigil	
Crystal Brook, Holy Trinity	7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper	3pm Passion of Our Lord		8.30am Easter Mass
Cummins, St Andrew's	7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper	3pm Passion of Our Lord	8pm Easter Vigil	
Elliston, St Francis of Assisi			5pm Easter Vigil	
Gladstone, St Peter's	7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper			9.30am Easter Mass
Hawker, Ss Phillip & James		11am		10.30am Easter Mass
Jamestown, St John the Apostle	7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper	3pm Passion of Our Lord	7pm Easter Vigil	9am Easter Mass
Kadina, Sacred Heart	7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper	3pm Passion of Our Lord	7pm Easter Vigil	
Kimba, Sacred Heart				8.30am Easter Mass
Laura, St John Evangelist				10am Easter Mass
Leigh Creek				5pm Easter Mass
Loxton, St Albert's	7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper	11am		11am Easter Mass
Melrose, St Clements Park				8am Easter Mass
Moonta, St Francis of Assisi				8.30am Easter Mass
Morgan, St Ursula's				9am Easter Mass
Orroroo, St Joseph's			7pm Easter Vigil	
Pekina, St Catherine's		3pm Passion of Our Lord		
Peterborough, St Anacletus		11am Stations of the Cross		11am Easter Mass
Port Augusta, All Saints	7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper	10am Stations of the Cross; 3pm Passion of the Lord	6.30pm Easter Vigil	10.30am Easter Mass
Port Broughton, St Margarets	7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper	3pm Passion of Our Lord	7pm Easter Vigil	10am Easter Mass
Port Lincoln, St Mary of the Angels	7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper	10am Stations of the Cross; 3pm Passion of Our Lord	8pm Easter Vigil	9am Easter Mass; 11am Easter Mass
Port Neill				11am Easter Mass
Port Pirie, St Mark's Cathedral	7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper	11am ecumenical Stations of the Cross, Memorial Park; 3pm Passion of Our Lord in Cathedral	8pm Easter Vigil	10.30am Cathedral Easter Mass; 5pm St Anthony's
Quorn, Immaculate Conception	7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper	3pm Passion of Our Lord	7pm Easter Vigil	
Redhill, St Martin Catholic Church				8:15am Easter Mass
Renmark, St Therese of the Child Jesus	1.30pm (ecumenical gathering); 3pm Passion of the Lord			9am Easter Mass
Roxby Downs, Lutheran Church	Contact Port Augusta parish office or Sr Pat Hogan for details.			
Snowtown	Contact Port Pirie office or Sr Kerry Keenan for details.			
Solomontown, St Anthony's				5pm Easter Mass
Streaky Bay, St Canute's	7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper	3pm Passion of Our Lord		11am Easter Mass
Tumby Bay, St Leo's	6pm Mass of the Lord's Supper	3pm Passion of Our Lord		8am Easter Mass
Waikerie, St Thomas More		5pm Passion of the Lord		11am Easter Mass
Wallaroo, Star of the Sea				10.30am Easter Mass
Whyalla, St John's Campus Oval		11am Stations of the Cross		
Whyalla Playford, St Teresa's	7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper	3pm Passion of Our Lord		8.30am Easter Mass
Whyalla Stuart, Our Lady Help of Christians		3pm Passion of Our Lord	6pm Easter Vigil	10.30am Easter Mass NB no 5.30pm Mass
Wilmington, Ss Alexis & John Nepomucene	6.30pm (liturgy)	3pm Passion of Our Lord		8.30am Easter Mass
Wilpena Pound, Wilpena Pound Resort				5pm Easter Mass
Wudinna, St Anne's		11am Passion of the Lord		11am Easter Mass

Brinkworth History Group Invitation

For the South Australian May History Month Festival, our group has researched the Lead Light Windows in the former Brinkworth Catholic Church, now the Brinkworth Museum.

The names on these windows are the Coffey Family, Cummins Family, Walsh Family, Maloney Family, Culleney Family, Malycha Family and Father James Ryan.

We would like to invite you and any of your family and friends to attend our book launch on Sunday May 5th, 2019 at 2pm.

The booklet will have a photo of each window and a short history of the family concerned. We are very proud of these windows and they are the highlight of our museum.

Forward this invitation to any other person that would be interested in attending our launch.

Please RSVP to Fred Adams

Email: fj.adams@gmail.com

Phone: 0437 378 891

Postal Address: PO Box 11, Brinkworth 5464



Giovanna Turci, pictured above with Lisa Caputo, celebrates 100 years.

Giovanna Turci turns 100 on 31st March this year

Giovanna was born in the stunning town of Molfetta on 31st March 1919, to parents Angela and Phillip LaForgia. The baby of the family she lived there with her 5 brothers and sisters until the age of 17. At that time, she made the brave decision to migrate to Australia, on her own, for a better future. Times were tough in Italy, so Giovanna wanted to support herself and hopefully earn money to send home to her family.

Arriving in Australia in 1935 she caught the eye of a handsome, slightly older man. It was this man that became the love of her life – Gennaro Turci. Although Gennaro was 13 years older than Giovanna, their love for one another was very clear to their family and friends.

Giovanna was blessed with 4 children.

She currently resides at St Joseph's house which agreed with Giovanna. It was like she was born again – she felt safe, she felt cared for and most of all...she thought she was the Queen. The Queen of St Joe's!

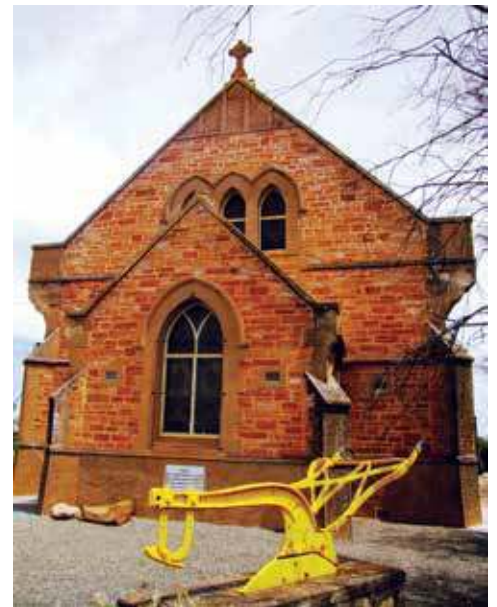
With nurses at her beck and call (so she thought!), meals delivered daily from her two daughters because she was accustomed to her Italian cuisines – she loved it.



She is loved by her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and even now, great great grandchildren.

How blessed are we to have our wonderful LaNonna still very much a part of our lives.

- Janita DeGioia



Brookie's celebrate St Pat's Day with green scones, green cakes and activities after Mass



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Sister Carmel Wauchope died on March 12th, 2019 and who now shares fully in the Passover mystery of Christ's passion death and resurrection. She was in her 89th year and the 70th year of Religious Life.

Sister Carmel's vigil service was held at Santa Maria College Chapel, Northcote on March 21st and the Mass of Christian burial on March 22nd



St Patrick's Day, Burra

On March 17th we celebrated St. Patrick's Day and Fr. Arno's birthday with a shared lunch in the Parish House. Green was the colour of the day!!! The Guinness was a hit!!!



Nonette Spadavecchia celebrates 80 years!

Born in Port Pirie 17th March 1939 from Molfetessi parents, Antonetta and Giovanni Mezzino. She was married to her late husband Cosmo Spadavecchia. They have 5 children: Tony, Marie, Vito, Salvy and Anthony.



Baptism at Loxton

The photo above was taken after Mass during which the Baptism of Jack Jeffery Flavel took place.

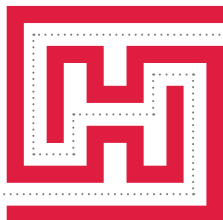
Jack is the son of Alison and Adam Flavel of Meribah.

Fr Paul Bourke officiated at St Albert's Church, Loxton, on 6th January 2019.

A large gathering of family, friends and parishioners were present for this beautiful celebration.

The photo depicts Fr Paul holding Jack Jeffery and the children belong to the extended families of Alison and Adam Flavel.

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Having Life to the Full.

This morning I wish to speak about a social development going on in our State. Abortion has become something of an accepted practice. There are now several abortions a day in South Australia. Some members of the anti-abortion campaign have sometimes done the wrong thing, have sometimes engaged in harassment and confrontation. That is not correct because it does not reflect the gentleness of Christ, the way he treated the woman taken in adultery for example, when He knelt next to her and asked, "Has no one else condemned you?" It would be normal for women seeking abortion to be afflicted by the terrible decision they are making, one that defies their nature, and while the act is abhorrent and wrong, charity and sensitivity and awareness of suffering must shape the style of our response.

Pope Francis has asked us to look at the issue as a holistic thing, as a total perspective. It comes out of Our Lord's

words: "I have come that you may have life and have it to the full". Pope Francis says that the Christian attitude to life must embrace everything from conception to natural death. And so it covers actions like abortion; it covers actions like capital punishment. It's odd to be opposed to abortion and then yet support capital punishment; there's a contradiction there.

This Christian overall outlook on this issue also includes in its scope the poor and the vulnerable - those who haven't got enough in order to have a proper human life. The Christian attitude to life also covers the environment, the Pope says, because we must not destroy that which gives us life. It covers the end of life as in the need for palliative care rather than euthanasia. This is the Christian attitude to all of life - we just don't isolate abortion and speak about it by itself. It's part of a whole framework of how the Christian regards life as a gift of God. As Saint Pope John Paul II said:

"Life is a gift that God gives forever."

We have now a Bill being proposed in our Parliament by Tammy Franks, the Greens Member. This Bill aims to remove all laws around the ending of the life of pre-born babies. The unborn deserve love, not destruction, and in Tammy Franks speech there is nothing of love expressed towards the unborn.

It would be most appropriate for everybody to talk to their local Member of Parliament and beg them not to pass such a law. And we say this in the context of the meaning of love. Love is patient and kind as St Paul wrote; love is gentle; love is not boastful; and love never comes to an end.

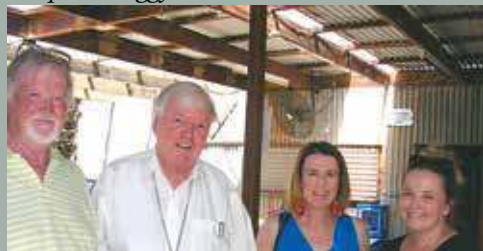
Bishop Greg O'Kelly SJ

(Extract from Homily Preached for the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Adelaide Sunday, 3 February 2019)

Burra Community knows how to celebrate!!

17th Feb we were privileged to have Bishop Greg celebrate the Sunday Mass with us. After Mass many of the parishioners met at the Exchange Hotel for lunch.

Below: Trevor Ross, Bishop Greg, Shona Simpson, Peggy Mitchell



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Child Protection Matters and the Church

Bishop Gerard Holohan of Bunbury, WA, recently wrote to parishioners and parents of students in Catholic schools to mention actions taken by the Church, as well as the implementation of steps moving forward in relation to child protection matters. The following excerpts are taken from aforementioned letter.

The Australian Catholic Bishops began facing the issues related to child abuse in 1987 – 32 years ago. Between 1987 and 2013, there were many developments: the adoption of a uniform approach across Australia to prevent cover-ups and the movements of criminal priests and religious; the Towards Healing process, which sought to assist the healing of survivors; the Integrity in Ministry and Integrity in the Service of the Church documents, which related to the professional behavior required of priests and laity working in the Church.

Professional Standards offices were established to investigate allegations of abuse at arms-length from Bishops. A national professional standards body was established to keep improving Church structures and propose new initiatives.

The Australian Bishops, with Catholic Religious Australia, have adopted all

recommendations for the Catholic Church made by the Royal Commission, except in regard of the Seal of Confession, which is not a matter the Church has the power to change.

Priests and Deacons across Australia today are registered on The Australian Catholic Ministry Register. When a Priest or Deacon from another place comes to a parish, the Parish Priest must ask for his Register number and check on line that the visitor is approved. Any parishioner concerns can be reported to Parish Safeguarding Officers or the Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator. The Coordinator will report any potentially criminal behavior to the police, and other non-criminal matters to the relevant Church Office.

The Australian Bishops, with Catholic Religious Australia, have established Australian Catholic Redress Limited. This is the vehicle which relates to the Commonwealth authority administering the National Redress Scheme.

What should each of us do now?

Keep contributing to the Community

Depending on their size, our parishes contribute to the care of the sick and elderly; the poor and troubled; to those

living alone and young people; to those in prisons and other situations of need. If you are not part of a parish ministry, perhaps this is a good time to join.

Let us care also for each other. The two disciples on the Journey to Emmaus were shocked, downcast and discouraged by the death of Jesus, in whom they had placed all their hopes. The Risen Jesus joined them and helped them to understand. 'Did not our heart burn within us' they asked after this experience of the Lord [Luke 24: 13-35].

And, let all talk with each other about how we are feeling at this time, encouraging each other, including our priests, school principals and parish leaders who are seen as the local face of the Church.

God bless you all

Bishop Gerard

Prayer for our Diocese and Plenary Council 2020



Loving Creator God
You never cease
to listen to our prayer.

As we journey forward in hope
may we listen deeply, speak humbly,
share generously and pray earnestly
to discern and work for

God's mission in our Diocese,
in Australia and in our world.
May our reflections, sharings and
learnings from our Assembly bear fruit
in ongoing actions.

Bless our preparations for the
Plenary Council 2020.

Compassionate and merciful God,
may we be worthy of the trust
placed in us to bring
the joy of the Gospel to our world.

We make this prayer
through Christ our Lord
Amen.

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Bishop Greg and Fr Harold enjoying the celebrations for Santo Nino



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8-10 December 2019

(7-11 December for Pt Pirie)

Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre

Listen to what the Spirit is saying

(Rev2:7)

Journeying through Lent to Easter



Parish Mass Times

Booleroo Centre Parish - Fr Benjamin Mkuchu PP
Phone 8667 2020 | booleroocentre@bigpond.com

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Booleroo	SUN 8.30am	8.30am	7.00pm	8.30am	10.00am
Laura	SUN 10.00am	7.00pm			7.00pm
Orroroo	SUN 7.00pm		10.00am		8.30am
Pekina	SUN	10.00am		10.00am	
Wirrabara	SUN		8.30am	7.00pm	

Burra Parish - Administered by Pt Pirie Parish | Sr Kerry Keenan
Phone 0407 676 714 | cathedralpirie@bigpond.com

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Burra	SUN 11.00am	11.00am	11.00am	11.00am	11.00am

Cleve Parish - Mgr Paul Quirk PP
Phone 8628 2189 | stvincentcleve@bigpond.com

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Cleve	SAT 6.00pm				6.00pm
	SUN	9.00am	11.00am	8.30am	
Wudinna	SAT	6.00pm			
	SUN 8.30am		9.00am	11.00am	8.30am
Kimba	SAT		6.00pm		
	SUN 11.00am	8.30am		9.00am	11.00am
Cowell	SAT			6.00pm	
	SUN 9am	11.00am	8.30am		5.00pm

Coober Pedy Parish - Fr Brian Mathews PP | Phone 8627 5011
Inlandmission.cp@internode.on.net

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Coober Pedy	SAT 6.30pm	6.30pm	6.30pm	6.30pm	6.30pm
	SUN 10.00am	10.00am	10.00am	10.00am	11.00am

Cummins Parish - Fr Kevin Matthews PP | Phone 8687 2194
Mob 0428 282 189 | cumminsparish@pp.catholic.org.au

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Cummins	SUN 10.30am	8.00am	10.30am	8.00am	10.30am
Tumby Bay	SUN 8.00am	10.30am	8.00am	10.30am	5.00pm
Elliston	SUN 5.00pm	5.00pm	5.00pm	5.00pm	8.00am
Port Neill	EASTER & CHRISTMAS ONLY				

Jamestown Parish - Fr Leon Quinn PP
Phone 8664 1056 | stjacobi@bigpond.com

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Jamestown	SAT 7.00pm	7.00pm	7.00pm	7.00pm	7.00pm
	SUN 9.00am	9.00am	9.00am	9.00am	9.00am
Peterborough	SUN 11.00am	11.00am	11.00am	11.00am	11.00am

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Gladstone	SUN 9.30am	9.30am	9.30am	9.30am	9.30am
Mgr Arthur Hackett - Phone 8664 1056 ajbhackett@bigpond.com					

Kadina Parish - Fr Ramel Morales Acting PP
Phone 8582 3943 | sachheart@internode.on.net

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Kadina	SUN 10.30am	10.30am	10.30am	10.30am	10.30am
Moonta	SUN 8.30am	8.30am	8.30am	8.30am	8.30am
Wallaroo	SAT 6.00pm	6.00pm	6.00pm	6.00pm	6.00pm

Port Augusta Parish - Fr Paul Crotty PP
Phone 8642 2847 | allsaints.pt.a@bigpond.com

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Port Augusta	SAT 6.30pm	6.30pm	6.30pm	6.30pm	6.30pm
	SUN 10.30am	10.30am	10.30am	10.30am	10.30am
Wilmington	SUN 8.30am	8.30am	8.30am	8.30am	8.30am

Port Lincoln Parish - Fr Steve Ardill PP
Phone 8682 3725 | smoa@bigpond.net.au

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Port Lincoln	SAT 6.00pm	6.00pm	6.00pm	6.00pm	6.00pm
	SUN 9.00am	9.00am	9.00am	9.00am	9.00am
Coffin Bay	SUN 6.00pm				

Port Pirie Parish - Fr Francis Montero Administrator
Phone 8632 3977 | cathedralpirie@bigpond.com

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Cathedral	SAT 6.00pm	6.00pm	6.00pm	6.00pm	6.00pm
	SUN 10.30am	10.30am	10.30am	10.30am	10.30am
Solomontown	SUN 5.00pm	5.00pm	5.00pm	5.00pm	5.00pm
Crystal Brook	SUN 8.30am	8.30am	8.30am	8.30am	8.30am

Quorn Parish - Fr Jimmy Pantin (PP) | Phone 8648 6185
Mob 0434 517 920 | flincath4@pp.catholic.org.au

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Quorn	SUN 8.30am	8.30am	8.30am	8.30am	8.30am
Carrieton					
Winter	SAT 6.00pm	6.00pm	6.00pm	6.00pm	6.00pm
Summer	SAT 6.30pm	6.30pm	6.30pm	6.30pm	6.30pm
Hawker	SUN 10.30am	10.30am	10.30am	10.30am	10.30am

Roxby Downs Parish - Administered by Pt Augusta Parish
Sr Pat Hogan | Phone 8671 0499
Lutheran Church – Pioneer Drive

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Roxby Downs	FRI 6.00pm	6.00pm	6.00pm	6.00pm	6.00pm
Woomera	By Arrangement with Parish Administrator (Fr Paul Crotty 8642 2847)				

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	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Pt Broughton	SUN 10.00am	10.00am	10.00am	10.00am	10.00am
Redhill	SUN 8.15am	8.15am	8.15am	8.15am	8.15am

Streaky Bay Parish - Fr Matthew Newman PP
Phone 0407 682 670 | fr.mnewman@gmail.com

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Streaky Bay	SUN 11.00am	11.00am	11.00am	11.00am	11.00am
Ceduna	SAT 6.00pm	6.00pm	6.00pm	6.00pm	6.00pm
Chandada	SUN 9.00am	9.00am	9.00am	9.00am	9.00am
Smoky Bay	SUN	6.00pm			
Wirrulla	SUN		6.00pm (except January)		

Whyalla Parish - Fr Jim Monaghan PP VG
8645 8023 | whysaint@internode.on.net

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
St Teresa's	SAT 6pm	6pm	6pm	6pm	6pm
	SUN 8.30am	8.30am	8.30am	8.30am	8.30am
Our Lady's	SUN 10.30am	10.30am	10.30am	10.30am	10.30am
	SUN 5.30pm	5.30pm	5.30pm	5.30pm	5.30pm

Our Lady of the River Parish - Fr Paul Bourke PP
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	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Berri	SAT	6.30pm		6.30pm	
	SUN 9.00am		9.00am		9.00am
Barmera	SUN 6.00pm	11.00am	6.00pm	11.00am	6.00pm
Waikerie	SAT	6.00pm		6.00pm	
	SUN 11.00am		11am		11am
Morgan	SAT 6.00pm		6.00pm		6.00pm
	SUN	9.00am		9.00am	
Loxton	Phone 8588 2452				
	SUN 11.00am	6.00pm	11.00am	6.00pm	11.00am
Renmark	Phone 8582 1894				
	SAT 6.30pm		6.30pm		6.30pm
	SUN	9.00am		9.00am	