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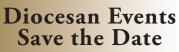
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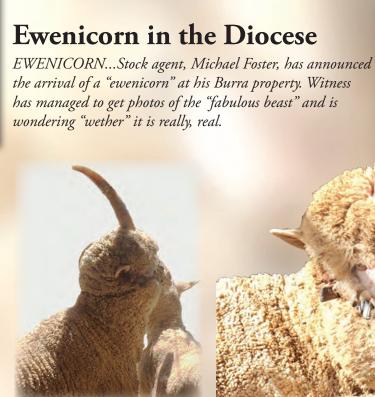
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We have never had so much materially

or scientifically. We have a way of life

adorned with creature comforts that were

unthinkable not so long ago, and with the

technology to enable opportunities that

Yet at the same time we live in what John

Paul II called a culture of death, an era of diminishment of the human spirit. If we

have not sold our souls in 21st century

Australia to the devil, we are otherwise

We live in an age of glitz and appearance

(read the lifestyle magazines), and our

society in consumerism focuses on what is

To the astonishment of a Christian, we

have politicians who promote death as

possessed rather than who possesses.

occupied in adoring golden calves.

formerly we could only dream of.

Life in (Abundance

Personal contentment and joy should be a mark of the Christian. We know Jesus to be the author of life, so it is not strange that so many of His teachings referred to growing things, like wheat, vines, mustard trees, fig trees, rain, seeds, and so on. Jesus described Himself as the resurrection and the life, and said that He was the way, the truth and the life. Christians are to be apostles of life.

We call the Father the creator, the Son the resurrection, and the Holy Spirit the giver of life. Life was a supreme act of creation, as outlined in the Book of Genesis, with human beings being the crown and summit. God saw that it was good, and that with humanity He saw that it was very good. Life is the area of the Divine.

Christians are therefore to be respecters of life in all its forms. We are to care and protect the unborn and those who through sickness are on the edge of life. While we oppose abortion, we must also oppose torture, capital punishment, and all forms of violence that have no basis in morality.

"Christians are therefore to be respecters of life in all its forms."

Christian morality highlights life as a criterion of good and evil. What enhances life is good – love, fidelity, truthfulness, charity, compassion... What diminishes life is evil – dishonesty, betrayal, infidelity, addictions of any type, violence, personal invasion...

There is a hymn in the Morning Prayer of the breviary:

May what is false within us before your truth give way. That we may live untroubled, with quiet hearts this day.

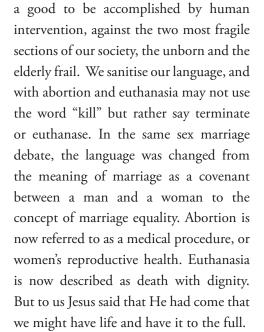
We pray for all that they may live untroubled lives with quiet hearts. Life troubled is not what God intended for us. But to live lives untroubled we must look to the life of our hearts, what feeds us in prayer, how the Lord speaks to the life within us.

St Bernard has a beautiful line in one of his sermons - "God Himself dwells in the heart and speaks in the heart...Let our life be in the heart, where Christ dwells".

Jesus taught us to look at our hearts, for that is from where all goodness and evil comes, from inside a person. We are to be apostles of life, so we must look to our hearts, and see who dwells there, or what occupies it.

For the person who prays, it will be Christ who dwells in his/her heart. And He is the Lord of life, who came that we might have it to the full.

Bishop Greg O'Kelly SJ





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St Francis of Assisi - 1182-1226

The Italian mystic St. Francis of Assisi founded the religious order known as the Franciscans. He became renowned for his love, simplicity, and practice of poverty.

Francis was born in Assisi, Italy in 1182. He grew up leading a privileged life as the son of a wealthy cloth merchant. Saint Francis of Assisi was a Catholic friar who gave up a life of wealth to live a life of poverty. He established the Franciscan Order of friars and the women's Order of the Poor Ladies.

He was canonized as a Saint just two years after his death, on July 16, 1228, by his former protector, Pope Gregory IX. Today, Saint Francis of Assisi is the patron saint for ecologists, a title honoring his boundless love for animals and nature. He is the patron saint of the environment and animals because he loved all creatures and allegedly preached to even the birds.

A prayer of St. Francis of Assisi: "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.

Saint of the Month Opisson Opinistry Day of Reflection

Through the Slot...



Following a concelebrated Mass by Fathers Adrian Head, John Folkman and Khalid Marogi at a Day of Reflection for Prison

Ministry, Father Khalid introduced guest speaker, Jwan Kada, a young woman who was first inspired by Fr Khalid as a member of the Chaldean Community.

Iwan spoke of her mission to the youth in prison. She regularly visits juvenile detention centres in Victoria. She spoke about a standard day in a centre including a school day which runs from 9:30am until 4pm. Subjects covered are sport, art therapy, dance, music and health and well-being.

They have minimal autonomy and must ask permission for almost everything, this creates structure and disciplin.

Because of staff shortages accross Victoria, prisoners can be locked in their rooms from 4pm until 9am. This can cause violence at times as kids are locked away for so long and get frustrated.



Juveniles in detention face many social disadvantages including homelessness, mental illness, drug and alcohol abuse, they may have experienced trauma, violence of neglect and most have been suspended or are expelled from school.

Iwan tries to be more like a friend rather than a punitive figure. Mostly she does ministering through a slot in the door. She sits on a chair outside the room and talks to the youth through the slot. The reality of prison can be quite confronting. She tries to minister with, rather than ministering to, the youth - a ministry of presence; kinship, compassion, and radical tenderness like Jesus. And sometimes she just laughs with them...



Fathers Adrian Head, John Folkman and Khalid Marogi Concelebrate Mass

MINISTRY FORMATION PROGRAM PRESENTED BY REV DR MICHAEL TRAINOR THURSDAY 24 OCTOBER 2019 BISHOP'S CHANCERY, 105 GERTRUDE STREET, PORT PIRIE SESSION 1: 3:00-4:30 REPEATED: 5.30-7:00 REFRESHMENTS SUPPLIED

The Extraordinary Missionary Month October 2019

To celebrate the 100th anniversary of Pope Benedict XV's Apostolic Letter Maximum Pope Francis announced Extraordinary Missionary Month October 2019. For the Extraordinary Missionary Month (EMM), the Holy Father has chosen the theme 'Baptised and Sent: The Church of Christ on a Mission in the World'. In our diocese we have been focusing on our Baptismal Ministry for some time. Now is the time for local parish groups, schools and agencies to take up some aspect of this EMM as outlined below and on the website.

There are four dimensions, specified by the Pope, to live more intensely the journey of preparation for the Extraordinary Missionary Month October 2019:

Prayer, Charity, Theological reflection/ formation and Witness of extraordinary people of mission,

In the Port Pirie Diocese we will focus on three aspects of mission including

The Parish World Mission Month Appeal

The School World Mission Month Resources

The EMM small group prayer, reflection and discussion resource

I would encourage you to look for Catholic Mission's initiatives online. There are some excellent resources here. They can be found at; www.catholicmission.org.au/EMM

This book contains letters from the Pope and various Cardinals, a reflection on the readings at Mass for each day of October, information about various saints and significant people, and thoughts about mission is available online at:

http://www.october2019.va/en.html



The Prayer

Heavenly Father, when your only begotten Son Jesus rose from the dead. he commissioned his followers to "go and make disciples of all nations" and you remind us that through our Baptism we are made sharers in the mission of the Church.

Spirit to be courageous and zealous in bearing witness to the Gospel, so that the mission entrusted to the Church, which is still very far from completion,

Empower us by the gifts of the Holy

may find new and efficacious expressions

that bring life and light to the world.

Help us make it possible for all peoples to experience the saving love and mercy of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever.

Amen.

The Logo

The logo of the Extraordinary Missionary Month October 2019 is a missionary cross where the primary colors refer to the five continents.

The Cross is the instrument and direct sign of communion between God and man for the universality of our mission, and through its vibrant colors, a sign of victory and resurrection.

The world is transparent because the action of evangelization has no barriers or boundaries, it is the fruit of the Holy Spirit. Christian charity and the world transfigured in the Spirit overcome distances and open the horizon of our minds and hearts.

The words Baptised and Sent next to the image indicate the two characteristics of every Christian: baptism and proclamation.





Alpha in Whyalla

What is Alpha?

In the 1970's, in London, a course at Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Brompton, began to train curates in common Christian beliefs. It has since spread to many Christian churches around the world through the leadership of Rev Nicky Gumbel . Alpha has been active in the Port Pirie Catholic Diocese in the past ten years, when David and Janette Willson did the first session there and have continued each year since.

Father Jim Monaghan asked members of the Whyalla Parish Council to explore Alpha back in 2016. They found Alpha is a series of interactive sessions exploring the Christian faith. There are three common things in the course around the world: food, a talk and good conversation.

Weekend training was held in January, 2017, and David and Janette Willson and Frank Fahy from Port Pirie were invited to be facilitators. Lorraine McCarthy from Alpha in the Catholic Context was then contacted to send suitable material to Whyalla. The core leaders met regularly that year to gain confidence in leading the parish in Alpha.

The course was well advertised in the parish and on May 3rd, 2018, the first

ten -week course began. There was a video after the meal each week and then discussion. Topics include Faith, Jesus, why Jesus died, Prayer, Bible and God's guidance. A weekend of prayer is part of the course, but one full Saturday was found to be suitable. In the first course parish members were invited to cook or serve at tables. In the second course, with over ten leaders, it was suggested the leaders could provide the meals.

The Alpha Course can help people of no religious background, people who have drifted apart from the Church, people who have struggled to make the transition into an adult faith and committed Catholics looking for a refresher. There were over twenty participants in the first Alpha course. Two of them joined the RCIA to find out more about the Catholic faith, two of the people joined the leadership team and others felt that their faith had grown as a result of being involved in Alpha.

Another Alpha Course is planned in Whyalla during 2019 and the Alpha leaders are praying for people who may respond. Perhaps your parish may be interested in running an Alpha Course!



Molfettese Priest Downunder to Celebrate Blessing of the Fleet

It has been a blessing to meet our brothers and sisters of the 'Molfetta, Italy' Community in Port Pirie. When I said to my parishioners that I was going to Australia, they thought I would have gone to see Kangaroos, the Opera House and the Sydney Harbor Bridge. I further explained that I was going to visit and celebrate the 90th Blessing of the Fleet and Feast of our Lady. They were all impressed, because they didn't know that our devotion has arrived on Australian shores.

"When I told my parishioners I was going to Australia, they thought I would have gone to see Kangaroos"

The 'Molfettese' have shown themselves to be united and close to each other, not only in Italy but across the world including Port Pirie. I have felt an atmosphere of hospitality from the 'Molfettese' Community of Port Pirie, they have shown to me their love for the Madonna of Martyrs and their own 'roots' following the footsteps of their pioneers and relatives who came here many years before them.

I was hosted in Port Pirie by Parish Priest, Fr Jimmy Pantin who also took me to Crystal Brook and to St Mark's College Campuses, Bosco and Benedict. We also undertook some interesting pastoral visits together which I really enjoyed.

I thank the Lord for Bishop Gregory O'Kelly, the Blessing of the Fleet Committee and my family in Australia who have allowed everything to happen. May God bless you all and grant you all peace.

Don Max Fasciano



Knights of the Southern Cross Annual Report

The Knights of the Southern Cross- Port Pirie/Crystal Brook branch currently have 14 members. Members continued to actively participate in Parish life, perform community service and fundraise for our Charitable Projects Fund.

Some highlights of the year included:

• Coordinating an International Luncheon on Migrant and Refugee Sunday. This was held at St Mark's College, Benedict



Campus and was attended by over 100 people. Besides enjoying the vast array of food from various countries, the crowd listened to the story of Michael Cruz who came from the Philippines to live in Port Pirie. There was also the story told by students and staff from St Mark's College about their immersion trip to the

Philippines. After this we had singing and dancing by different cultural groups. It was a great occasion for many parishioners to get together to recognise and celebrate our cultural diversity. The event raised approximately \$1,200.

- Our Charitable Projects raffle which raised approximately \$1,400 for our Charitable Projects Fund.
- A donation of \$400 to the Diocese of Townsville for their flood appeal
- A \$200 donation went to a charitable trust to support Youth programmes in drought affected areas of the Eyre Peninsula.
- A donation of \$400 to support the youth ministry led by Father Harold Camonias, in particular to assist with the costs associated with the Missionaries of God's Love visit.
- A donation of \$300 to support the St Marks students Immersion trip to the Philippines.
- Supporting the organisation of the menALIVE Retreat attended by 25 men

from around the region at St Marks College.

- Rostered weekly attendance at Men's "Happy Hour" at two aged care facilities, Willochra Home at Crystal Brook and St Joseph's House at Port Pirie every Friday to provide fellowship for male residents.
- Enjoying the friendship and company of our fellow Catholic men at our Monthly meetings.
- The Formation Programme and the reflections on the readings have continued to be particularly worthwhile and thought-provoking.



Peter Orvad Secretary Knights of the Southern Cross Port

Pirie/Crystal Brook Branch

Eighty Years of Catholic 'Church' in Loxton

Despite having a place in which to attend Mass for 80 years in Loxton, over those years the 'church' has been different buildings at three different locations.

"Loxton's first church was erected in 1939 under the guidance of Fr D O'Connell. It was a timber framed building and stood on the corner of Drabsch and Sadleir Streets. The little church served the Catholic population until the 1950's when it was sold." (A history of the Catholic Church in Loxton 1894-1999 compiled by Joyce and Pat West)

Come 1953, the new Parish of Loxton, which included Galga, Wanbi and Paruna, was declared by Bishop Bryan Gallagher and Fr Kevin Flinn was appointed the first parish priest.

Fast on the back of that came the opening of St Albert's Catholic School and Convent in 1956 which was run by the Dominican nuns from Cabra.

Sunday Mass was then celebrated in one of the classrooms of the first school building.

Later Masses were transferred to a new building which was eventually destroyed by fire in 1987.

Under the guidance and determination of Fr Adrian Noonan, just two and a half years later, the new St Albert's Church was opened and blessed by Bishop De Campo.

To mark the 80 years, the Loxton Mass centre (now part of the larger Our Lady of the River Parish) will celebrate at the time of the feast of St Albert (15th November).

It is planned to have a shared luncheon, with lots of time to reminisce, following 11am Mass on Sunday 17th November.

An invitation is extended to anyone who would like to join with the Loxton St Albert's congregation on that day.

For more information, please contact Barb DeMichelis: 08 8584 7731

Yae Schoenhenzel of Loxton



Catholic Women's League

Following Mass in St Mark's Cathedral celebrated by Diocesan Chaplain, Father Leon Quinn, members moved to the Parish Centre for lunch and the AGM. Beautiful music by organist Nita Stokes and Prayers of the Faithful arranged by Sister Mary Howard made the Mass memorable.

Bishop Greg addressed the meeting briefly on his Ad Limina visit to Rome and Diocesan matters before accepting the Monsignor Clune Burse donation of \$3010 for the training of priests.

Outgoing President, Anne Redden, who completed a four-year term of office, thanked Father Quinn and members for their support before Fr Leon conducted

the elections. Officers elected were:
- President- Anne Marie Clark, Vice
Presidents-Denice Fetherstonhaugh and
Anne Redden, Correspondence Secretary
- Philomena Jeffrey, Minute Secretary
- Carmel Kelly, Treasurer- Barb DeMichelis,
WUCWO rep-Margaret Quinn, and
committee members- Carmel Wauchope,
Barbara Caputo, Marlene Packard, and
Kath Madden.

Certificates for 50 years of service were presented to Denice Fetherstonhaugh and Kathy Raftery from Port Pirie and Doreen O'Brien from Port Broughton, which was accepted by Marg Arbon as Doreen was not able to be present.

Mary Clark, from Northern Highlands



Soroptimists in Jamestown, spoke briefly about the wig library which hires wigs to cancer sufferers in the mid north for \$25 for as long as necessary. Jenny Kondylas then addressed the gathering on the Prison Ministry and in particular about the pink and blue bags, which CWL adopted as a project for next year.

A comprehensive Annual Report written by Diocesan Secretary, Philomena Jeffrey, was read as part of the AGM. This was compiled from Vicariate Reports from our four vicariates who meet annually.



deliver communion to those unable to be at Mass, some volunteer at the local nursing home, others serve supper in the hospital.

Oh! And by the way, we are often Mothers/ Grandmothers/Great-grandmothers, not to mention, partners, wives, widows, friends - if this sounds as though we don't have a lot of time left for ourselves we also try and have fun along the way and enjoy the company of the other ladies.

Being with people who try to live as Christ showed us how; loving our neighbour, whatever their culture or skin colour trying to pass those values onto family members and others in the community.

Kathy Caddick (Berri CWL Secretary



PORT PIRIE VICARIATE VISIT THE RIVERLAND

Val Fewster (Berri President, CWL) welcomed our visitors from across the Diocese to the Riverland. Fr Paul Bourke commenced the day with Mass and the we began our meeting with an Opening



Prayer, followed by branch reports and our Guest Speaker, Jenny Kondylas who volunteers, along with others, to assist Fr Khalid in his Prison Ministry, the 32 of us present now know a little more about this important Ministry. Fr Paul; Fr Cletus and Fr Khalid all spend time visiting our local Prison facility at Cadell.

The Catholic Women's League has been in existence a long time; you don't have to have been 'born a Catholic' to join us. We are welcoming, we pray, we are practical, we help each other, we might make you a casserole when you or a family member are sick, offer you a ride in our vehicle if you can't get to Mass, a meeting/appointment or other; we read at Mass, we help keep the church/toilets/altar linen clean, attend meetings, serve in the local Op Shop, help St Vincent de Paul group; help the Priest





St Mark's College Port Pirie-Philippines Immersion 2019

There was laughter. There were tears. There was excitement. There was growth. Our time in the Philippines was enriching and challenging. Throughout our journey, we made new friends, experienced the greatest of hospitality and were reminded that happiness comes from within, not from our possessions.

"We learnt the importance of being the first to give and the last to recieve"

Our College has built a growing relationship with the Philippines over the past 8 years. This was our 4th Immersion, with the outreach experience taking place biannually. 15 students and 3 staff members accompanied by Fr Harold Camonias travelled for 12 days visiting schools, communities, aged care facilities and places of national significance.

Our journey was not without challenge, as we experienced the beauty but also the harsh realities of life. The most rewarding aspect of our journey was the time we spent in community receiving the fellowship and generosity of the Filipino people. Our sense of belonging and welcome in each community we visited was instant. We visited the poorest of the poor and learned that our presence in their lives and community was just as important as our monetary donation given from the team's fundraising efforts.

We learnt the importance of valuing education and opportunities, with many unable to afford formal education beyond the elementary years.

We were fortunate to swim with whale sharks in Oslob and take in the breath-taking views of natural environment that we called "God's Playground".

As a result of this outreach experience our young people have grown in empathy, compassion, generosity and kindness. Unsurprisingly so, they also return more resilient and independent having been away from their families for two weeks. The immersion experience brought us closer as a group as we shared a love of this

beautiful country and culture.

The importance of family was demonstrated and the need to serve others experienced. We learnt the importance of being the first to give and the last to receive. Importantly, our faith was strengthened.

We will forever be grateful for this time of journey.





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CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Caritas College Celebrates

Caritas College celebrated the Feast of Mary MacKillop, noting that this was the 110th anniversary of her death. Our Liturgy for the day was based on "Learning from Mary MacKillop to live in harmony and peace" and what an example she was. The Liturgy was ably led by our School Leaders while each class took on the task of examining peacefulness and calmness in Mary's life. We saw that she;



- Acknowledged the sacredness of each person, especially children.
- Had empathy for those who suffered hardship, were unemployed or destitute
- Saw education as a means of living with purpose, and so classes were held in the evenings for these people
- Believed that all children had a right to an education, regardless of their isolation, their beliefs, or their financial situation
- Showed great calmness in the face of false accusations and prayed for those who wronged her
- Was never afraid to take a stance especially when she saw justice and power being misused
- Never forgot that God was her leading light, through whom strength confidence and gentleness, were the answer to her prayers.

Our parish priest Fr Jim Monaghan was given a special welcome as this was his first encounter with our school as a whole unit. Our Primary Choir excelled themselves in leading the singing and the Year 7s re-enacted an episode from Mary's life demonstrating how she shared God's love with others, especially children.

In typical Mary MacKillop tradition, the afternoon was given over to the students for fun and games, these were organised by the Year 12s and are one of the highlights of the year for our students. With the promise of "No Homework" from our Principal Mr. Damian Smith, the celebration of this woman, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, who founded our school 148 years ago, came to a close.



Sevenhill Seminar Day for Caritas Yr 12

On Friday 30th August, our Year 12 students, accompanied by Mrs Christine Kemp, Ms Michelle Antoniciello and Fr Khalid Marogi travelled to the Sevenhill Centre of Ignatian Spirituality for their final Studies in Religious Education Seminar Day. The College's connection with Sevenhill goes back to the

excommunication of Mary MacKillop in 1871.

The intention of the Seminar Day was for students to:

- Deepen their understanding of a personal vision and vocation in life
- Reflect on how Mary MacKillop's call to, and acceptance of her vocation, impacted on her life and can serve as a guide for us today
- Explore traditional, contemporary and future models of vocation
- Design and participate in a liturgy to enhance their own spirituality

The students also completed a guided tour of St Aloysius' Church, the crypt, College building, and Weikert Cottage ruins. The Jesuits provided refuge for Mary MacKillop in Weikert Cottage so she could visit with her brothers who were both studying at the Sevenhill College. Julian Tenison Woods, co-founder of the Sisters of St Joseph, also completed some of his studies with the Jesuits at Sevenhill.

The day therefore provided a number of opportunities for the students to connect with the stories of Mary Mackillop and the history of our College in an authentic and tangible way.



WHAT A SHOW! St Mary MacKillop School, sells out Town Hall!

Celebrating its 150th year of offering Catholic Education to families in the Copper Coast, St Mary MacKillop School again showcased its amazing Arts program and talent through their annual School concert – this year aptly titled "Mary MacKillop and the Modern day" on Thursday the 5th September.

The original script and production, written and directed by teacher Courtney Quigley, allowed the audience to see what advice Mary MacKillop might give to students and children today if she was here with us. Year 6 and 7 students played the main parts in the concert with Zara Poole an outstanding Mary MacKillop and Ella Phelan playing Julz - a lonely kid in need of help from above. Through hearing Mary's story, Julz learnt about the important things in life - family, faith, persistence, resilience, unconditional love and friendship. Interspersed between each act was a choreographed and wellpracticed dance routine from all classes in the school.

Over 500 people crammed the Wallaroo Town Hall for two performances – and as always there was rave reviews. The school was particularly delighted to be joined by a number of Sisters of St Joseph who travelled over to enjoy the show.







Child Protection Council

Child Protection Sunday

On Sept 8th at the conclusion of National Child Protection Week, the Catholic Church celebrated Child Protection Sunday. In the parishes, communities acknowledged the suffering of people affected by child sexual abuse and their families as well as acknowledging the commitment of the Church to provide safer environments for young people. Resources from the National Association for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (NAPCAN) were made available. These included informative, easy to read pamphlets titled 'Listening to Children' and 'Being a Dad' (Google 'NAPCAN' to see these and other resources).



Children were given a worksheet to identify trusted adults in their life – people with whom they can speak when they feel scared, curious, embarrassed, sad or worried.

Child Safe Environments

Other aspects of Child Protection: On August 29th and Sept 18th, in Port Pirie and Whyalla many of our clergy, religious, pastoral associates and employees undertook a 3.5 hour refresher course in CSE (Child Safe Environments). Many thanks to Ulrike Marwitz from the Professional Standards Office and Kaci Williams and Kimberley Pursche from Centacare for providing this training.



National Catholic Safeguarding Standards

On September 11th Daniele Donnini and Luke Whiteside of Catholic Professional Standards Limited (CPSL) delivered the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards workshop. 25 people attended in person with another eight attending via videoconference. This session had an operational/implementation focus, aimed at establishing a baseline of understanding of both the Standards and implementation requirements to facilitate creating a culture of safeguarding.

Each participant came away with some key





tools and resources to support this work within their organisation by developing an action plan and focused activities to identify and overcome barriers to reporting; build capacity in risk management; complaints handling; training and education; people management and a thorough understanding of the CPSL Self-assessment.

90 Minute CSE Briefing for Volunteers

For our all our volunteer parishioners, the Child Protection Council is making available a 90 minute briefing in child safe environments. The first of these was held in Port Augusta in July. The briefing will be rolled out to other parishes and regions beginning with those in which a Centacare office is present. Many thanks to the staff of Centacare, Darlene Whyatt and Kimblerly Pursche, for providing these briefings.

Thank you for the good work you are doing in contributing to a safer environment for our young people and their families.

> Fr Paul Crotty Child Protection Council



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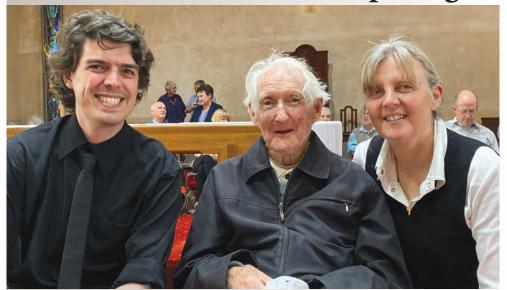
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40 Years of the Cathedral Pipe Organ



Isaac Ellis, left and Claire Conaghty are pictured with legacy holder and keeper of the Pipe Organ mysteries Mgr Raymond Pope at the 40th anniversary recital

On Sunday 29 September approximately 300 people celebrated 40 years of organ music in the Cathedral. A recital was held at 2.30pm with Fr Ray Pope in attendance as guest of honour in recognition of all the work he did to install the organ and maintain it for many years, a real legacy.

Here are some interesting snippets of information and historic details of the pipe organ.

- Bishop Gallagher and Fr Ray Pope VG, purchased the pipe organ for the sum of \$5,100 from Elder Conservatorium in May of 1977
- Extending and strengthening the choir gallery in the Cathedral prior to installation came at a cost of \$30,000

- Rebuilding of the organ cost \$28,000
- When the grand old organ was installed at St Mark's Cathedral she was valued at \$250,000
- On 2nd September 1979 at 2.30pm the first Recital was presented by Mr James Govenlock and Mr David Swale, organists of St Francis Xavier's Cathedral and St Peter's Cathedral respectively.

Since that day our pipe organ has been meticulously cared for by Fr Pope, the keeper of the 'mysteries' of the organ. His special presence as 'Guest of Honour' this year at the 40th Anniversary Recital was richly deserved

Nita Stokes and Isaac Ellis



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The Witness August 2019 SUPA Kids Club

SUPA Kids Club For three consecutive years during school holidays in October, the children of Port Pirie have enjoyed the SUPA kids program.

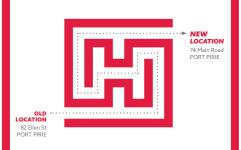
The SUPA Kids is a fun-packed, three and half hour program for Primary School Children to experience who Jesus is whilst having fun in a safe environment.

The program including games, songs, crafts, bible stories, sharing in small groups and this year's theme was To Infinity and Beyond taken from Toy Story.

The event was organised by Hope Partnership Inc and the program was created by Scripture Union SA. As Community Project Officer for Hope Partnership I have been blessed working with and supported by the Ministers and talented volunteers from 7 different churches in Port Pirie, including Catholic, Uniting, New life, Anglican, Lutheran, Baptist and Your Kingdom Come.

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Missionary Gisters of Gervice Celebrate 75 Afears

The story of the Missionary Sisters of Service begins in 1933 on Bruny Island, Tasmania, Australia.

A young priest, Fr. John Corcoran Wallis, was visiting Mrs Kit Hawkins when she said to him: "Father, why can't we have sisters to teach our children? Doesn't anyone care about us people in the bush?

Fr. John cared deeply, and the question stayed with

im. Over the ensuing years a vision formed in his mind: of women going into rural and outback areas, seeking out people beyond the reach of the care and supports so readily available to others; women who would visit people in their homes, support, encourage, counsel, teach and empower them to nourish their

In 1943 Fr John found himself in Burnie, north-west Tasmania, where he spoke of his vision at a Legion of Mary meeting. It awakened a call in the heart of one of his listeners, Gwen Morse. She approached him: "Father, if I can be of any use to that dream of yours, I am ready to be part of it." The dream of Fr John's heart was about to become a reality.

families and communities.

Thursday 15th August 2019 saw big celebrations at the Catholic Parish of Whyalla to commemorate the Missionary Sisters of Service 75 years of service to the country people of Australia and for 48 years of service in the Port Pirie Diocese.

Guests of honour for the special day of celebration included Congregational Leader Sr Stancea Vichie, Sr Bernadette Wallis, who wrote the book 'Dear Mother Dear Father' which contains letters Father Wallis sent home, Sr Cheryle Thompson, who works in the parish of Whyalla as part of the Parish Pastoral Team and executive officer of the John Wallis Foundation Liz McAloon.

Bishop Gregory O'Kelly SJ congratulated the MSS for their great work in the Diocese of Port Pirie over the span of their service.

Sr Stancea Vichie MSS spoke of the aging population of sisters and how they have set up a trust 'The Highways and Byways Small Grants Program' to continue good works in isolated areas. Five projects in the Diocese were successful in obtaining a grant.

In the evening a Mass was held for the feast of Assumption and a shared dinner followed so all visitors could have a chance to speak and reminisce with the sisters





Port Lincoln Jubilee Celebrations

On the 29th August, St Mary of the Angels Catholic Parish celebrated its 150th Jubilee, with a four day event, starting with a Memorial Mass for deceased parishioners and clergy, featuring the Men's Choir. The Mass was celebrated by Bishop Eugene Hurley. Following the Mass, a memorial was dedicated to Fr. Laurie Quinn. Members of Fr. Laurie Quinn's family were in attendance at the blessing of the plaque, which remembered Fr. Laurie with 'deep affection by the people of Port Lincoln, for his 19 years as Parish Priest'. A shared supper was enjoyed, and viewing of memorabilia in the Church Hall completed the evening celebrations.

Friday 30th August a special Youth Mass was held supported by Missionary of God's Love Sisters Amy and Katherine and Brother John, followed by activities and pizza for the children and their families.

Saturday 31st August Confirmation was conducted by Bishop Greg O'Kelly.

On Sunday 1st September, 2019 over 200 parishioners and guests attended the special Jubilee Mass and lunch. The Mass was celebrated by Bishop Greg O'Kelly. Guests were later entertained by Charlee Watt, Dana and Kylie Hurrell and dancers from Odette's School of dance, whilst enjoying delicious finger-food in the event marquee at the luncheon.

Fr Ben Mkuchu, Parish Priest reminded those in attendance that we are 'literally

standing on the shoulders of those who went before us' and acknowledged the strength of persistent faith shown by founding Catholic Parish pioneers.

A vote of thanks was given to all the visiting clergy, and in particular Fr Steve Ardill, who worked very hard to bring the celebrations to fruition.

Some of the memorabilia on view, included footage of the 1939 Solemn Mass held at the Parish, to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the City of Port Lincoln; a display and history on a 'very interesting chair' that was commissioned and used by Fr. Patrick Kelly in the early 1900's; and the Papal Medallion awarded to Mr. Tom Maxwell, generously lent by his family.



Port Pirie Outback Pilgrims Fundraiser



Ministry to the young people in the outback is very challenging in many ways. Many of them tend to become in different with faith and very few come to Mass on Sunday.

Due to lack of resources in missionaries and funds, country parishes find it difficult to provide opportunities for young people to experience activities that will help them grow in their personal relationships with Jesus and to support other young people on the same journey.

National and regional festivals like Australian Catholic Youth Festival in Perth is a good and exciting way for young people to have a unique and unforgettable experience of faith.

Currently throughout your parish raffle tickets are being sold in order to raise enough money to get our Port Pirie Outback Pilgrims Group to Perth for the festival.

We ask you to pray for our young people and we ask for you to consider helping financially also. If you're in a position to contribute please go to the 'Outback Pilgrims to ACYF19 Perth' fundraiser on Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/donate/396625001255805/?fundraiser_source=external url) to donate.

Thank you for your consideration to help provide this experience for the youth of the diocese.

May God reward you a hundred fold in return of your generosity.



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'I WILL GIVE YOU LIVING WATER"
... Baby Oliver Anthony Hutcheon
bonny son of Andrew and Samantha and
brother to two- and half-year old Finley
was baptised during Mass on Friday 6th
September. Both sets of his grandparents,
with aunts, uncles, cousins and friends
celebrated and took part in the Baptism
ministered by Fr Paul Bourke in St Thomas
More's Waikerie. Oliver's cousins Mia
and Ally joined in and happily and ably
assisted God mother Madison Hutcheon
and Fr Paul with the Baptism service.
God's blessings on baby Oliver and his
family. ... "MY LIFE IT IS YOURS."



Waikerie Baptism



"BY NAME I HAVE CALLED YOU" Little Anthony Cameron Schiller, the long awaited baby son of Cameron and Louise was born in Ashford Hospital in December 2018. Soon after his birth it was recognised

that his precious life was in jeopardy and that his liver function was compromised. For the past nine months you may say that baby Anthony has ruled the roost as days and nights revolved around his constant care, monitoring of medications and lifesaving breathing apparatus as well as regular visits to local and city doctors including flights for consultations by specialists in Melbourne. On Sunday 18/08/2019 Anthony Cameron Schiller was baptised during our Sunday Mass by Fr Paul Bourke in St Thomas More's, Waikerie. Friends and relatives from W.A., Qld, the Riverland and other parts of SA gathered with parishioners for this blessed occasion. What a joyous day.

Mid-August of this year in Melbourne, Anthony Cameron Schiller was the recipient of a new liver ... "YOU ARE PRECIOUS TO ME."

Baptised in Broughton

Veronica Willow Stringer was baptised in Port Broughton on Sunday 4 August at the 12 noon Mass. The photo shows Fr Matthew Newman presenting Veronica to the congregation after her baptism. In the background are Godparents Helen and John Preece, Veronica's parents Kyle and Katherine Stringer and her brother Joseph.



Loxton Confirmation



Sr Pat Hogan, Dean Thomas, Sandra Ramon and Fr Francis

Couple Sandra and Dean got married in Colombia, 29th June 2019, exactly a year after they got married civilly in Brisbane. Dean was received in the Catholic Church and got Confirmed in a Vigil Mass at Roxby Downs last 1st June 2019. Welcome to the Catholic Community, Dean Thomas and congratulations Sandra and Dean, the newly-weds.



Hawker Church Upgrade

Saints Philip and James Church, Hawker, has undergone extensive renovations, our first Mass after the restorations was a weekday Mass celebrated on Friday 6th September.

External work included the total replacement of roofing iron, dormer vents and fascia's. The four crosses and decorative spikes have been recoated and firmly secured back on the roof. Now our church has a fine appearance and is structurally sound to withstand the elements. Much work has been performed inside also. The ceiling has been varnished, the walls repaired and fully painted. The floor has been restored to its original condition and the sanctuary together with the aisle carpeted. The comfort of the parishioners has been taken into consideration as we now have insulation in the ceiling, heating and air conditioning.

All this has been made possible by a generous donation by the Hawker Arts Group combined with a grant from the National Radioactive Waste Management Facility Community Benefit Programme. The undertaking was a joint project of the combined Christian churches of Hawker, being the Hawker Uniting Church and the Catholic Church of Saints Philip and James, whereby both churches received substantial monies to rejuvenate the two church buildings. When the project was in the development phase there were three main objectives, being; firstly our desire to do some much needed repair work; secondly a local desire to preserve two of the towns historical buildings, hence the Arts grant and thirdly; a desire to demonstrate a Christian unity and the joint Christian project was considered a

worthy way to achieve such an outcome.

Our parish priest, Fr Jimmy Pantin has been a strong supporter of the project, in more recent time our new parish priest, Fr Harold Camonias is a source of great encouragement. Support was also received from the Chancery; Fr Jim Monaghan and Mr Neil Davidson have given very good direction and guided the project to where we are now. It must be recognised that the Hawker Uniting Church was the grant applicant for our joint Christian project and we are thankful for the work of Mr Greg Moore and his team at the Uniting Church. At a grassroots level the three Morgan brothers; Brady, Alex and Terry took a very holistic approach to the building and provided many extras in both time and materials and the results are spectacular. A big thank you must also go out to the people who have lugged furniture around, removing and returning the pews, and other heavy items, from and back into the church. And not forgetting all those who wrote letters of support right back at the start. We parishioners are the beneficiaries of all the good work and are most grateful to all who contributed.

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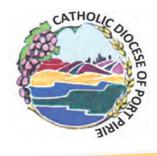
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Combined Barmera Celebrations:

St Francis Xavier's 50th + St Joseph's School 65th Anniversaries



A wonderful celebration was held on Sunday 23rd June at Barmera.

It all began with Mass in St Francis Xavier's with the St Joseph's school children welcoming us into God's house with a liturgical dance. Mass was also celebrated with live music compliments of the visiting MGL team. Fr Paul celebrated Mass with a church full of visitors and parishioners.

After Mass we were invited to walk through the presbytery which has been renovated and is now used as part of the school. There was also a big history display of both the school and church set up in the presbytery. Tricia Kingham, our MC for the day welcomed everyone. A beautiful hot lunch was supplied and speeches were made by John Beech: LCT chairperson, Lee Abela: School Principal, Fr Paul Bourke: Parish Priest and Maralyn Albrecht: past staff member, parents and current volunteers. School tours were conducted, and many visitors were impressed with the current classroom set up and renovations made to the school as a whole.

Thank you to the working group that helped create this great celebration, it was lovely to catch up with some old friends.

Louise Stavrou







St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church Moonta

150th anniversary celebrations for the opening of Moonta's St. Francis of Assisi church are set to take place in December.



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Phone: 8632 1044 Fax: 8632 5399 Mobile: 0418 810 015 21 George Street, Port Pirie www.sjcheesman.com.au Bishop Greg O'Kelly SJ, will be conducting a Mass at the church on Sunday, December 1st. 2019, at 10.30am located on the corner of Blanche Terrace and Roberts Street, Moonta. The parish, within the Diocese of Adelaide, was initially served between 1861 – 65 by Father John Pallhuber, a Jesuit priest from Sevenhills who came on horseback every two weeks to celebrate Masses, marriages and

In 1865, it was established as a parish under the pastoral care of Father Christopher Reynolds as parish priest who came regularly from Morphett Vale. Father Reynolds was later to become Bishop of Adelaide.

baptisms in Kadina, Wallaroo and Moonta.

In 1867 Father William Kennedy became the first fulltime parish priest and undertook the construction of the Gothic style stone church,

designed by Messrs Wright and Hamilton.

Tenders for the building of the church were called and Mr. Samuel Rossiter, of Moonta won the contract from three others. The tender was £578 and 15 shillings.

Advertisements were placed in the local paper, notifying that the church would be opened, Sunday 12th December by Fr John Smyth, Diocesan Vicar General.

The Bishop of Adelaide, the Most Rev. Lawrence Bonaventure Sheil, laid a Foundation Stone and Governor Sir James Fergusson was present as were Fr. William Kennedy and Fr. James Maher.

A luncheon will be held at The Moonta Bowling Club following the Mass. Former parishioners wishing to attend the festivities are invited to contact Margaret Orr, Ph 08 8825 2851 (Evenings Only) and for catering requirements please RSVP by November 17th 2019.



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Around the Diocese



Seen at the annual Conference of the Canon Law Society in Parramatta were the South Australian contingent with guest speaker Archbishop Mark Coleridge formerly of South Australia, L to R Fr Kevin Matthews, Sr Shiela McCreanor RSJ, Fr John Stuart-James, Ms Sue Rivett, Fr Paul Quirk and Fr Paul Cashen MSC.



Diocesan Footy Tipping Winner

Fr. Hau Le was the winner of the Religious Clergy Diocesan footy tipping in 2019. He managed to beat, repeat winner, Fr. Khalid by one point, with Fr. John Folkman 3rd.

This is the 10th year of the tipping that keeps many of the Priests and Religious in weekly contact and it is organised by Fr. Paul Bourke. Each week he mails out the results, the next week's games, with some reflections on current affairs.

The photo shows Fr. Hau accepting his prize of a Winter sleeping bag and small multi-purpose pliers set. Sister Anne Higgins, one of the most dedicated tipsters, looks on as Fr. Paul congratulates the 2018/19 season winner.





August 2019

Equipping People for Ministry

The Witness

People from across the Diocese of Port Pirie attended formation sessions in August to learn more about the various ministries that we participate in. Jenny O'Brien and Kathy Horan, both from the Office for Worship in Adelaide shared their expertise in a way that we could relate to and in a way that made sense. On Monday 26 August 51 people gathered in Port Pirie to participate in sessions on Liturgy, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion. The next morning we had sessions on Sacraments, RCIA and Ministry of Hospitality. On Wednesday 28 August 35 people from all around the Eyre Peninsula gathered in Cleve for sessions on Liturgy, Preparing the Universal Prayer, Proclaiming the Word, Engaging the Young, Sacraments and Planning Music for the Liturgical Year.

These formation sessions gave us a greater understanding of how we participate in our ministries in the church. We look forward to offering similar sessions in other parts of the diocese early next year.



Parish Mass Times

Booleroo Centre Parish - Fr Ramel Morales PP Phone 8667 2020 | booleroocentre@bigpond.com

	7.00pm Vigil	8.00am	10.00am	LWWHC
6 October	Peterborough	Booleroo	Laura	Orroroo 9.30
13 October	Booleroo	Orroroo	Peterborough	Laura
20 October	Peterborough	Wirrabara 8.30	Orroroo 9.30	Booleroo 9.30
27 October	Booleroo	Pekina	Peterborough	
3 November	Peterborough	Booleroo	Laura	Orroroo 9.30
10 November	Booleroo	Orroroo	Peterborough	Laura
17 November	Peterborough	Wirrabara	Orroroo	
24 November	Booleroo	Orroroo	Peterborough	

Cleve Parish - Fr Leon Quinn PP						
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	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 9.00am*	11.00am	8.30am		5.00pm	
*Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion						

Coober Pedy Parish - Fr Paul Crotty PP | Phone 8672 5011 inlandmission.cp@pp.catholic.org.au

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Coober Pedy SAT 6.30pm	6.30pm	6.30pm	6.30pm	6.30pm
SUN 10.00am	10.00am	10.00am	10.00am	10.00am

Cummins Parish - Fr Kevin Matthews PP | Phone 8676 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
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Burra	SUN 11.00am	11.00am	11.00am	11.00am	11.00am			
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Gladstone	SUN 9.30am	9.30am	9.30am	9.30am	9.30am			
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Kadina Parish - Fr Matthew Newman PP Phone 8821 3943 | sacheart@internode.on.net

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Wilmington	SUN 8.30am	8.30am	8.30am	8.30am	8.30am	

Port Lincoln Parish - Fr Ben Mkuchu PP

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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
Redhill	SUN	8.30am	8.30am	8.30am	8.30am	8.30am

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Chandada	SUN 9.00am	9.00am	9.00am	9.00am	9.00am
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St Teresa's	SAT 6pm	6pm	6pm	6pm	6pm
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Our Lady's	SUN 10.30ar	n 10.30am	10.30am	10.30am	10.30am
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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	
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