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Editorial

All you need to say is ‘Yes’ if you mean ‘Yes’… (Matt. 5.37)

Much has been made in the lead up to the coming federal election of the integrity or lack of it in relation to our political leaders. We seem to have allowed the notion of the common good to be corrupted somehow, so that it now stands for what is, at worst, in my best interests, or at best in the best interests of my mates, my group, my party.

It seems to be a commonly accepted part of the political trade that leaders do not want to be told the whole truth, if this will mean that having this knowledge they will have to act in a way that they would rather not. If they will be forced to back down on a policy, discipline a colleague or admit that they might have ‘got it wrong’ then it is best not to know.

We know that in everyday life we do not always say what we are thinking. And for the most part, as demonstrated in a Jim Carey movie a couple of years ago, there is good reason for not saying out loud the first thing that comes into our heads. This is not what we are dealing with when talking about leadership in public life, be it in religion, business or politics. Here we are talking about considered action, that ought be based on what is for the common good of those for whom we have some responsibility.

In the gospel passage quoted above, Jesus was telling his followers that it should not be necessary to take an oath on special occasions to indicate that ‘now I will tell the truth’. People’s everyday behaviour ought to be such that their integrity can be taken for granted, and that truth-telling in serious matters involving the welfare of others can be relied upon. So we have to be vigilant as voters, and be prepared to seek the truth, the whole truth, from our candidates.

Low inflation and low interest rates might not provide the full truth about the economic health of our nation. As the Social Action Office in Brisbane has pointed out, we need to be looking to see what is being offered by our candidates to offset three important issues: the growing gap in household incomes which, in part, reflects a growing incidence of poverty within the Australian community; the growth of a working poor class; and the diminishment of social and community services and their increasing privatisation.

The Catholic Bishops of Australia, in their letter to Australian Catholics in preparation for the federal election, have made the point that ‘the true advancement of the nation depends not just upon material prosperity, but upon building a Commonwealth for the common good.’ As we prepare to cast our vote, we need to be seeking the truth about what our candidates are offering to address the needs of the most disadvantaged, and asking ourselves whether we are in truth willing to look beyond ‘my interests’ to ensure the best outcomes for ‘the common good’.

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Significant Dates

The Kimberley Community Profile

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Ps 98: 1, 7-8
Briefly Speaking

- SPIRITAN PRIEST, Fr Mark Connolly, arrived in Broome from the UK at the end of August to commence a three month visit to the Diocese. While in the Kimberley, Fr Connolly will assist at a number of parishes.

- LEONIE KELLY AND DON TAYLOR and a host of others from the Broome Parish Catholic Aboriginal Ministry have been busy at their weekly craft mornings making a variety of colourful craft including prayer cards and rosary beads. They enjoy the work and the opportunity to share some time together every Tuesday at the Parish Centre.

- SPIRITAN PRIEST, Fr Mark Connolly, CSSp. Photo: A Hayden

- FR PAUL BOYERS who has recently been appointed as Parish Priest to Holy Rosary in Derby, celebrated the 25th Anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on 1 September. He enjoyed the moment with friends from the Derby community where he had previously been assigned as assistant priest from 1980 to 1982. We wish him every blessing on this special occasion.

- FR PATRICK DE SILVA has been appointed to the parish of St Vincent Pallotti in Kununurra after spending seven years at St John the Baptist Parish at La Grange Bidyadanga. We wish him well in his new apostolate.

- THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY in Perth makes an annual donation to the Diocese of Broome for special pastoral projects. Annette Ellis, the SVDP Isolated Conference Regional President, presented a cheque to Bishop Saunders during a visit in Broome.

- CATHOLIC RECORD journalist Jamie O’Brien and photographer Carole McMillen were invited to tour the Kimberley and visit schools and parishes in the diocese. They enjoyed the experience and recorded some great stories for the well-known West Australian publication.

- RICK AND JOAN O’SHEA from Grafton in New South Wales have worked as volunteers in the Mission Café and Roadhouse at Kalumburu for the past twelve months and visited Broome enroute on their long journey home. We would like to thank them for their generous hard work at Kalumburu.

- Leonie Kelly and Don Taylor. Photo: CAS

- Fr Mark Connolly, CSSp. Photo: A Hayden

- Rick and Joan O’Shea. Photo: A Hayden

- Fr Patrick De Silva. Photo: CAS

- Fr Paul Boyers. Photo: CAS

- Photo: A. Hayden
Ladies like carrot cake!

Some time ago a friend took me to a local deli to buy some cakes for some ladies in an office we were visiting. As we looked through the glass display my friend set his beady eye on an inviting chocolate cake while I mused over an attractive banana cake. “Who’s it for?” demanded the imposing shop assistant, obviously bored with our hesitation. “It’s for some ladies in an office” blurted out my friend in an obedient tone. In a voice that defied contradiction the confident salesperson announced “Ladies like carrot cake!” With that she scooped up a few pieces and began to shovel them into a cardboard box. “I like chocolate cake and maybe some ladies do too” said my friend with a note of rising defiance in his voice. “Let’s have some chocolate cake too,” I said in a hasty attempt to retrieve the situation. With bludgeoning determination she added chocolate cake to the package and put her hand out for payment.

On the way to the office we decided to set out chocolate cake and carrot cake on a plate, then sit back and see what choices the ladies made. Curiosity dictated we find out if the deli worker was right. Do ladies like carrot cake or are they less predictable than that?

The ladies arrived for morning tea at the appointed hour. The first one took a piece of carrot cake. ‘The deli doyen was right!’ I thought. The second lady took a piece of chocolate cake. My friend was elated. The Deli dilettante was wrong! Or was she? Quite obviously ladies, according to this limited sampling at least, do indeed like carrot cake but they also like chocolate cake. Many following forays by the office group proved no particular preference by ladies for carrot cake or chocolate cake. They enjoyed them both until everything was gone.

The promotion of conflict between the sexes in recent decades has been particularly damaging to social harmony in western society. Radical Feminists alone haven’t always been to blame for actions that have led to this parlous state of affairs but they have ruthlessly constructed a philosophy that has left scars on the nation’s psyche and indeed on the faith and culture of the Church. A warped sense of freedom and subjective rights has been a catch-cry of too many feminist groups. The resultant diminishment has led to the devaluation of the worth of women raising families and being homemakers. Sadly, it has also contributed to the scourge of abortion, which in Australia presently stands at around one hundred thousand per annum.

Cardinal Ratzinger’s Letter to the Bishops on the Collaboration of Men and Women in the Church and in the World challenges feminists who promote conflict between the sexes. Importantly it emphasizes that women should be present in the world of work, in positions of responsibility and not considered from the sole perspective of physical procreation. The Cardinal has called for an active collaboration between the sexes based on the differences between men and women and on their common humanity, having been created in the image of God.

Recognising that women play a unique “role of maximum importance in the Church’s life” the Cardinal’s text promotes the need for justice for all women. Not just some.

The Cardinal’s letter brought balance to the gender debate. Those who study it will realise what sense and justice there is in what he has to say. For the sake of seeking harmony and gleaning a mature appreciation of the complexity of the gender issues, his document is vital reading. (see Website: www.vatican.va.)

Men and Women in the Church and in the World

By Bishop Christopher Saunders

Viewpoint

Catholic Mission

Meet, from left to right, Claudia, Roxana and Nuria. These children attend the Calvary Parish Child Care Centre in San Salvador, El Salvador.

In 2002 - 2003 Fr Celestino Menjivar recognized that there was a need in his parish for a centre that served as a refuge for street children, abused children and those whose parents could not care for them during the day. With the help of Catholic Mission and many people who are Children’s Mission Partners, the Calvary Parish Child Care Centre was constructed.

The Centre is next door to the black market area and most of the children’s parents are traders in the market. It is a dangerous place. Just recently at least 25 people have disappeared or been killed in the surrounding streets. It is the only parish in El Salvador that does not conduct weddings, funerals or other public events because of its dangerous and violent location.

Lucia Moran, a friend and long-term supporter of Catholic Mission, visited the Centre and writes: “The day I visited 70 children were at the centre, but Fr Celestino told me that he assists about 200 children in total.

I really respect and admire the great job Fr Celestino and the carers are doing. It is not easy to work in a place where you can be killed any day - constant forgiveness, humility and great love are needed to run a place like this, a place that gives hope to the hopeless, food to the hungry and love to the rejected. In their own little way each person I encountered expressed their gratitude to all the donors and administrative staff of Catholic Mission.

Being at the other end and looking at the fruit produced by the financial assistance given through the Children’s Mission Partners Program makes every effort to get more Partners worth it.”

On behalf of children like Claudia, Roxana and Nuria around the world whose lives are improved through the work of Catholic Mission, thank you for your ongoing support.

My Life Will Be One

There are numerous strings in your lute
Let me add my own among them.

Then when you smite your chords
My heart will break its silence
and my heart will be one with your song.

Amidst your numberless stars
let me place my own little lamp.

In the dance of your festival of lights
my heart will throb
and my life will be one with your smile.

Rabindranath Tagor

(This poem by the great Bengal prophet is used by Christians in their liturgical services)
HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN SUDAN

*Caritas Australia* is responding to the humanitarian disaster in the Darfur region of north west Sudan by committing $250,000 to an emergency relief fund. These funds will be directed to *Caritas* partner organizations already working in Darfur who are supplying food, water, shelter and medical supplies. This is a partnership of *Caritas Internationalis* and Action by Churches Together (*A C T*).

The people in Darfur find themselves caught up in a conflict between Arab militias and rebels of a liberation movement known as the Janjaweed. One million two hundred thousand people have had to flee their homes and many have found their way into the neighbouring country of Chad. More than 60% of these people are mothers with young children. There are also many elderly people.

Six refugee camps have been established in a region that experiences extreme weather conditions, including regular sand and dust storms with temperatures ranging from 4 to 10 degrees at night and up to 45 degrees during the day. Thousands of cattle (their main source of food and wealth) owned by the refugees have either died or been killed by the militias. More and more people are dying as the local food supply becomes exhausted. *Caritas Australia* has been supporting numerous programs in Sudan through its partner agency CEAS (Church Ecumenical Action in Sudan) since 1996. CEAS works with local partners in the most deprived communities responding to emergencies and by training community members to acquire new skills.

All monies given to this appeal will be sent to *Caritas Internationalis* to support the refugees now living in the refugee camps in Chad.

You can make a donation to the *Caritas Sudan Appeal* by phoning *Caritas* on 1800 024 013 or sending money to Father Boyers at P O Box 27 Derby WA 6728.

VATICAN CITY (Zenit.org).- Saying the task to proclaim the Gospel to the poor is “as urgent as ever,” John Paul II stressed the need to explore ways to respond to the new forms of poverty in society.

The Pope gave that indication in a message to the 40th general assembly of the Congregation of the Mission, being held in Rome.

The message is addressed to Father Gregory Gay, who was elected superior general of the congregation and of the Daughters of Charity. The American became the 23rd successor of St. Vincent de Paul, who founded the religious family in 1625 for the evangelization of the poor and the formation of the clergy.

“Four centuries after your foundation, the task of ‘bringing good news to the poor’ remains as urgent as ever,” the Holy Father said in his message. “Not only do millions of people throughout the world lack the basic necessities of life, but the modern world is afflicted by many other forms of poverty.”

“Your congregation is called to explore new ways of conveying the liberating message of the Gospel to our suffering brothers and sisters. Be assured of the support of my prayers as you seek to respond generously to these challenges,” the Holy Father wrote.

The Congregation of the Mission, commonly known as Vincentians, has more than 4,000 priests and brothers in 74 countries.
Let the Many Coastlands be Glad (Ps. 97)

Catholic Earthcare Australia has recently published a Pastoral Letter on the Great Barrier Reef on behalf of the Catholic Bishops of Queensland. The seven Bishops of Queensland have decided to write this letter to ‘emphasise our shared ecological responsibility for one of our greatest natural treasures, the Great Barrier Reef.’ The Bishops have decided to do this because they say that ‘care for the environment and a keener ecological awareness have become key moral issues for the Christian conscience.’

This emphasis follows on from statements by Pope John Paul II making the same case for the protection of the ‘more than human’ aspects of creation to have a greater and more urgent call on the Christian conscience and consequently also Christian action.

This column has brought a few of these issues to the attention of readers over the years. The pressures for development, the greater influx of tourists, the need to expand agricultural industry and the continued reliance on fossil fuels are a few of the issues facing the Kimberley in particular at this time. We might have seen the cessation of cotton trials for the time being, but be assured that this ought not to be taken as a signal to become less vigilant or complacent about the need to care for our environment. Every major decision by local, state and federal Government needs to be assessed for its long term environmental consequences. Short term financial windfalls or electoral gains that mean ecological harm that will affect future generations cannot be morally justified.

The Queensland Bishops Pastoral Letter is a timely reminder to us all, with federal and state elections in the offing, to be prepared to ask questions of all candidates about their commitment to a sustainable future for our precious, but fragile, Kimberley coast, waterways and hinterland.

Copies of the Queensland Bishops’ Pastoral Letter can be ordered through the Broome Diocesan Office. Ph 9192 1060 Fax 9192 3126

Obituary

Albert (Barney) Paul Dean
Born: 12th April 1920
Entered eternal life: 28th July 2004

Albert (Barney) Paul Dean was born on 12th April 1920 at old Frazier Downs Station. His family moved to the new establishment where his younger brother was born. Barney’s Mother died when he was five years of age and his Aunties took over caring for both brothers. They shared a loving cultural family life.

At twelve years of age Barney was taught to ride a horse and took on stock work. Two years later he was droving cattle from the Kimberley via the Canning Stock Route to Meekatharra and did this for about three years. When Barney was seventeen he left Frazier Downs Station for Broome. He found employment with Streeter & Male and met Mary (Biddy) Bridget Sibosado whom he married. The couple had nine children and later they adopted Ian as a toddler.

During World War II, Barney was a home guards-man based in Broome. Biddy and son Kenny were sent to Beagle Bay. Around the 1940’s, the family moved to Noonkanbah Station where Barney worked as a stockman mustering cattle, and repairing windmills. In 1947 Barney and Biddy sent Kenny to school in Derby. Around the 1940’s, the family moved to Noonkanbah Station where Barney worked as a stockman mustering cattle, and repairing windmills. In 1947 Barney and Biddy sent Kenny to school in Derby where he stayed with Liz and Stan Puertollano (dec). After a while they moved back to Broome where they lived and worked at the sheep station on the edge of Roebuck Plains before renting a small house near the airport in Broome.

While living in Broome, Barney found employment with Harbour & Lights and worked with a crew that constructed the Broome Jetty. Later he found employment as a mechanic with Mr Bob Lawrence and then moved on to working with the Main Roads Department and was based in Derby where he travelled to Broome on weekends to be with his family.

After a few years the urge to look for work that connected him to what he loved best, station work, led Barney to contract work on a few stations in the Fitzroy Valley region repairing stockyards and windmills. Weekends were spent fishing and hunting with his children who looked forward to these outings.

After these contracts ended Barney then took up the position as foreman with Harbour & Lights in Wyndham. When it was time for annual holidays Granddad Barney and Granny Biddy packed up the family and flew or drove to Perth, Albany, Melbourne, Derby or Broome to visit other family members. Barney always kept in touch with all the family. In Derby, Barney got work with the Public Works Department and then with Harvey & Walters Contractors as a truck driver in 1975.

In 1987 the elders from Biddyadanga offered him the Manager’s position at Frazier Downs Station and so he went home where he lived and worked until his fight with illness ended on July 28th 2004.

In the words of some of the family: “Granddad had such a love for his wife and children that the younger children who still lived with him were not allowed to travel with anyone else but him. He had a fear of not being around if anything happened to his family. In turn we know that he quietly left us with the comfort in his heart knowing that all his children were around him during his last days”.

Granddad Barney Albert Paul Dean is survived by his wife Granny Biddy and children Kenny, Gregory, Peter, Arnold, Christopher, Faye, Helen & Ian and many grandchildren. — MAY HE REST IN PEACE.

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“No Greater Love” a performance success

The newly formed Cathedral Players of Broome performed their first production “No Greater Love” with three performances over 3rd & 4th September at Sun Pictures Outdoor Cinema. It was a memorable event for the community of Broome.

No Greater Love, an absorbing play that explores the last 15 hours of Christ’s life in an innovative way, was written and directed by Broome resident, Gerald Searle. The production with powerful dramatic scenes, enchanting music, original songs and colourful costumes and sets told the story of the Passion in an intriguing manner. The play is about good and evil, abuse of power, injustice, corruption, manipulation, hidden agendas, smear campaigns, mass hysteria, torture and the execution of an innocent man.

Brad Barbuto gave a moving portrayal of Jesus and was ably supported by a cast of over sixty players drawn from the Broome community. A musical team, directed by Fiona Kieran captivated the audience by performing ten breathtaking songs, two of which were written specifically for No Greater Love. Colourful sets created by Pat Credlin and artist Annie Milhench set the scene for a performance enjoyed by the many Broome residents and visitors who attended the performances.

Due to the very high costs of publicly performing No Greater Love donations are still being accepted. If you would like to make a contribution please send your donation to The Cathedral Players, PO Box 76, Broome WA 6725.

The DVD of No Greater Love is available for $29.95

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Scholarship to Canada a dream come true

By Jamie O’Brien, courtesy of the Catholic Record

Edwina O’Connell, from St Mary’s College in Broome has set her stars in Canada.

The 16-year-old has recently travelled to Montreal, Canada, where she will live for a year as part of an American Field Scholarship (AFS). While in Canada, Edwina will study the equivalent of Year 11 here in Australia.

Jamie O’Brien from The Record met with Edwina, and her parents Nick and Suzanne O’Connell the day before she left on her journey. Upon her return, Edwina will complete the final semester of Year 12 at St Mary’s College. AFS organised the journey, and Edwina was lucky enough to receive a scholarship from the Broome Port Authority to help her along the way. Edwina and her family are originally from New South Wales and she has not travelled outside Australia before. She heard about the program in early 2003 from a friend of her sister who had been on exchange to Denmark and loved the experience.

“I applied because I want to see the world. The opportunity was there, to do what I always dreamed of, so I grabbed it,” she said.

With aspirations to work in the fashion industry, Edwina has already laid the foundation for a future career by attaining first place in the state 2003 Teenage Fashion Design Awards.

She has also been involved in the School Representative Council.

In a recent email Edwina has said that staying with her host family was an interesting experience because of the differences in their every day life, in comparison to hers in Broome.

“I have also had the chance to see and go places I would never have dreamed of and I am only going to see and do more,” she said.

During her experience, Edwina said her foremost goal is to achieve a cultural understanding of the Canadian lifestyle.

Edwina O’Connell on the catwalk at the 2003 Teenage Fashion Awards.

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Molly’s Broome stay offers more than just a holiday in the sun

Broome’s tourist attractions have provided more than just sun and surf for 19-year-old English university student Molly Tregear.

Ms Tregear, of West Sussex, has been in Broome for the past five months undertaking an Aboriginal Studies course at The University of Notre Dame Australia’s Broome Campus.

Unlike most of her English counterparts, Ms Tregear has spent most of the time between finishing school and entering university, known as the gap year, studying.

“My whole experience here has changed me quite a bit,” she said.

“It’s the first time that I have been so far away from home for such a long time.”

Having completed her studies at The King’s School, Canterbury in 2003, Ms Tregear decided she would spend some of her gap year in Western Australia.

She said the idea of being able to study at Notre Dame Broome Campus was more than a little appealing when coupled with the attractions of Broome as a tourist town.

“Broome is a tourist destination in itself and rather than simply spending a week or so here, I realised I would get a lot more out of getting to know the place better by being here for a semester,” she said.

“Originally I was going to spend some time after the course travelling, but there is so much to do and see around Broome I decided to base myself here. Further, I’ve enjoyed my time so much I have extended my visa an extra two months! In a way I don’t want to go home, I’m going to miss the people I’ve met.

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Ms Tregear believes she’s experienced the best of both worlds – studying and living in a beautiful coastal town.

What has she enjoyed most about her time in Broome?

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What has she enjoyed most about her time in Broome?

“It’s just so relaxed. I’ve met so many different people and have also got something out of it by doing the course,” she said.

Ms Tregear recently graduated from Notre Dame’s Broome Campus with a Diploma of Aboriginal Studies and participated in the outdoor ceremony which featured a traditional welcome.

Cultural Exchange Program

Written by the Genazzano students

As the four girls chosen from year ten at our school, Genazzano F.C.J College in Melbourne, we have been fortunate to have had the chance to experience life in the Kimberley. We have been privileged to be part of the cultural exchange between the students of St. Mary’s, Broome and the students of Genazzano and Xavier Colleges, Melbourne. Since arriving in Broome we have realised just how the exchange provides the Melbourne students with the opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the Aboriginal culture. The exchange also aims to create respect and tolerance between the two cultures. In October eight students from St Mary’s College Broome will go to Melbourne, four girls to Genazzano College and four boys to Xavier College.

We came to Broome with nervous excitement, but it didn’t take long for us to settle into the Broome lifestyle, our St. Mary’s host families and the school community. We were encouraged to come to the Kimberley with open minds and we have been welcomed by the people and into the communities where we have travelled. As visitors in a very new and culturally different environment, it has been so reassuring to meet people of the most kind and accepting nature.

Whatever divides us, there is so much more that unites us.

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FORTY FAITHFUL YEARS

Derby Farewells Father Lorenz in Style

By P.J. Brady

The end of July will be remembered in the Parish of Derby and in the rest of the Kimberley as a sad time best used for giving thanks to Almighty God for the ministry of one priest whose life has been synonymous with service and dedication. Father Wendelin Lorenz S.A.C. has retired from being Parish Priest of Derby, a position he has held for over thirty-five years. Earlier appointments in Beagle Bay, Balgo and Kununurra take his total time of priestly work in the Kimberley to forty years.

Bishop Saunders presided at a Mass of Thanksgiving in honour of the retiring emeritus Pastor. A record (for Derby) fifteen priests concelebrated including twelve from the Kimberley. Also present were Fr. Ray Hevern, the Pallottine Provincial and Father Joe Butcher- a classmate of Fr. Lorenz who had once served in Derby at St. Joseph’s Hostel. Father Greg Tait from the Ballarat Diocese is doing a placement at Balgo Parish and came to Derby for the occasion.

The Mass was a fitting tribute in prayer to the work of Father Lorenz. A packed Church heard Bishop Saunders praise Father’s dedication and resoluteness: “He came as a missionary from Germany to a vastly different culture leaving father, mother and siblings and friends behind. He came because he felt called to proclaim the Good News, to help people in their spiritual need, to live the life of a priest firstly in Melbourne, then in Wandering WA and finally he came to the Kimberley. His ministry was always heroic. Almost everywhere he is known and certainly everywhere he is appreciated.”

A reception organized by the Parish at the Derby Civic Centre was very well attended. There was plenty of food, conversation, story telling, speeches and remembrances. After thirty-five years in Derby many people had a story to tell about Father Lorenz and were eager to share these with the crowd. It was a sad but joyous night.

Bishop Saunders made a presentation to Father Lorenz on behalf of the Priests, Religious and people – an icon of the Trinity. A beautiful lapel cross hand-crafted in Broome by an anonymous donor was included in the presentation. Bishop Saunders joined his thanks to Father with gratitude to the people of Derby for their outstanding hospitality that evening. He concluded by wishing Fr. Lorenz every good wish and blessing for the future.

Father Ray Hevern on behalf of the Pallottines alerted the gathering to the historical significance of Father’s retirement. “Wendelin’s departure marks the moment of the last Pallottine in Parish ministry leaving the Kimberley. The Pallottines have served the Church in the Kimberley for 103 years and have enjoyed a proud association with Aboriginal people in many missions and towns.”

Parish Council President, Mr. Geoff Porra, spoke highly of Father Lorenz’s pastoral care and his commitment to the community. He then presented Father Lorenz with a wallet containing a healthy collection from the people of Derby – a gift generously offered as a token of appreciation. Mr. Chris Kloss was the MC for the evening and conducted the event in his usual professional but shy and retiring manner! The celebration was truly Derby at its best.
FORTY FAITHFUL YEARS

Above: Bishop Christopher Saunders and Priests from around the Diocese concelebrated at the farewell Mass for Fr Lorenz. Photo: A Hayden

Above: Bishop Christopher Saunders makes a presentation to Fr Lorenz at the farewell function held on 30 July. Photo: A Hayden

Mr Chris Kloss, the MC at the farewell function for Fr Lorenz with Parish Council President Mr Geoff Porra. Photo: A Hayden

Right: Fr Ray Hevern, the Pallottine Provincial spoke of the historical significance of the departure of Fr Lorenz from the Kimberley. Photo: A Hayden

Left: Many new and old parishioners were present for the mass and function to farewell Fr Wendelin Lorenz. Photo: A Hayden
People Stories: Stephen ‘Baamba’ Albert

By Noel Trevor

“I was born in Broome in 1950 at the Native Hospital, also known as the Back Hospital. The Front Hospital was for the whites and the Back Hospital for the blacks. I first lived at the Morgan divers’ camp which was on the foreshore of Roebuck Bay. My mother later worked as a domestic nanny to a pearling master and lived in the servants’ quarters out the back of the house.

My mother was a very devout Catholic and was a very strict and pious woman who worked down at the Church. It was the same for the other Aboriginal women who worked for the Church, especially those who had grown up in the missions like Auntie Liz Puertollano”.

At some time, Baamba was brought up on Kennedy Hill and the Kennedy divers’ quarters in Dampier Terrace and went to school at St. Mary’s in Broome.

“It was a very caring society that I grew up in. I was the altar boy to Father Kevin McKelson and Father was one of the people to teach me basketball. I went to church just about every day.”

After attending high school in Rossmoyne, Perth, Baamba started an apprenticeship in 1965 as a diesel mechanic in Perth. Music came naturally to Baamba and this led to him travelling around Australia in 1971 while working in various jobs in the Northern Territory and Queensland. He finally moved into tertiary education which led to a senior appointment in Aboriginal education in Canberra. He was instrumental in redressing the teacher ratios in Aboriginal schools and the establishment of two university campuses in Broome.

When Baamba returned to Broome in 1980 he had been away for nearly twenty years. He never ceased in the quest to assist his people and was involved in establishing a number of community organisations utilising the skills he had acquired working in government.

“In 1990 I joined up with ‘Bran Nue Dae’ written by Jimmy Chi and then ‘Corrugation Road’ another musical by Jimmy’.

Baamba now works on community projects, runs tours of Chinatown and works with Mark Bin Bakar (Mary G) touring nationally and internationally.

“I’ve been lucky enough to be involved in the transition from when we were at the bottom of the heap to now where I can see my own people getting involved in different industries.

Art Blooms at St Mary’s

Right: Budding artist, six year old Gabriele Arace shows off his work at the recent art show at St Mary’s College, Broome. A great variety of work was exhibited by students from Kindy through to Year 12. Bishop Saunders opened the exhibition and commented on the talent of the young artists.

Left: Ms Alison Baker and Ms Josie Mazzulla were instrumental in organising the hugely successful art show which showcased photography, painting and sculpture. Ms Josie received some flowers in recognition of her ongoing work with young artists and as a remembrance of her birthday. Photo: A Gordon
Colleen Temple with her husband Rocky have been house parents at Bishop Jobst House in Broome for the past two years (interrupting their working holiday). Along with other duties Colleen cares and cooks for six out-of-town students who attend St Mary’s College during the week.

Colleen looks forward to the weekends when she and Rocky can partake of their favourite pastimes of fishing, camping and going to the beach.

The following recipe is a favourite with the students and is a good easy dish to try.

### Pasta with Chicken Sausages

**Ingredients**

- 400gms thin chicken sausages
- 250 gms elbow pasta
- 500gms tomato pasta sauce
- 1 cup grated Mozzarella cheese
- extra grated cheese & fresh herbs for garnish

**Method**

1. Cook the sausages in a heated frying pan until cooked through. Drain on absorbent paper and cut into 2cm thick slices.
2. Cook elbow pasta uncovered in boiling water until just tender, drain well.
3. Return frying pan to heated stovetop and add tomato pasta sauce and sausages and stir until hot.
4. Add cooked pasta to the pan together with 1 cup mozzarella cheese and stir through.
5. Garnish with grated cheese and fresh herbs.

Enjoy
Kutjungka Olympics

By Br. Ed Becker FSC

Students at Luurnpa Catholic School have been busy training for the Kutjungka Olympics. Balgo Hills will be hosting the Games on Wednesday, 29 September 2004.

Mulan, Billiluna and Balgo Hills will be contesting long jump, high jump, shot-put and relay events, as well as tunnel and leader ball games.

Luurnpa School thinks they are in with a chance for a Gold Medal in the long jump and high jump events. At least the form is looking good.

Ivan Mudgetedell clearing the bar in the high jump. Photo: E Becker

Balgo Hills women graduate

By Bro. Cal Cusack

On July 9 2004, Margaret Williams and Alicia Maggie, both students at the Wirrumanu Adult Education Centre in Balgo Hills, graduated from Notre Dame University, Broome Campus, in Certificate II in Education. Both young women are to be congratulated on the hard work they did to complete their studies. The photo shows the two students with the Adult Centre staff celebrating their achievements at the graduation ceremony in the grounds of the University.

Photo l-r: Bro. Cal Cusack, Sr. Monique Nyland, Margaret Williams, Alicia Maggie, Sr. Cheryl Camp. Photo: Pam Bettison

CARITAS/Catholic Missions Appeal

By Julie McMahon

The Yr 2/3 class at St Joseph’s Kununurra has been collecting money for CARITAS and Catholic Missions. The children have been bringing in coins and then cutting and putting equivalent paper money onto a gingerbread man shape. They aim to cover the gingerbread man by the end of Term.

Kururrungku Rocks!

For months the staff at Kururrungku CEC have been working very hard on a number of different grant submissions, and all of this hard work has borne fruit! The school has been awarded a $5000 e-learning grant from the Commonwealth Bank Foundation. This will be used to support the children’s literacy and ICT training by linking projects with the continuing work on the community mosaic work and bush garden as mentioned in the Kimberley Profile (July 2004).

We have also had the good news that the school has been awarded funding from NIELNS in order to support the attendance plan. Part of this plan is to increase the attendance of children at the school by starting a weekly Gogetters Bike club. This involves Bike education, and children with a perfect attendance for the entire week are rewarded with a bike ride. The Senior Boys have been hard at work putting the bike together... now all we need to get is the helmets and we’re ready to ride!

Ashlin and Ashton working together to make Bikes.

Photo: Daniel Felton
Sacred Heart NAIDOC Ball

By Beaudene Cox, Year 8

On Thursday 19th August 2004 at 6.00pm, the secondary students of Sacred Heart School, Beagle Bay had a NAIDOC ball.

The ball was held in the undercover area at the school, which was transformed into an elegant dance hall, which had lots of lights and streamers hanging from the ceiling. The tables were set out with candle lights. At the far end of the room there was a stunningly decorated background where everyone had their photos taken. There were palms hanging over from every corner. At the front of the hall there was a band playing. The students were really dressed up with the girls wearing lovely dresses and the boys stunning suits. All students danced and had fun. The night was a great success and was enjoyed by all who attended.

Runner up in Shinju Parade

By Natalie McIver

As a finale to NAIDOC week, Sacred Heart School, Beagle Bay, entered a float in the Shinju Parade. The float was based on a mural painted by the Year 5 and 6 students with their teacher, Mary O’Reeri in 2003 as part of the Global Mural Project. The mural depicted five aspects of Beagle Bay: the church, bush tucker, spring country, sea creatures and the vibrant colours. Each class represented one of these five aspects. The float displayed the 2003 global mural and a new mural painted especially for Shinju 2004 by Rose Kelly, Wayne Kelly and students Tasha Victor and Ta’Lannah O’Reeri. To the great excitement of the community, our float was runner up in the school’s division. On this day, our students felt very proud of themselves, their school and their community. The hard work was well worthwhile.

Making designs at Djarindjin Lombadina

By S Mullane

Middle School and Secondary students from Djarindjin Lombadina Catholic School have been designing signs for Kooljaman Resort at Cape Leveque.

Teacher Miss Kirsten Morey said the project allowed students to achieve Technology and Enterprise outcomes while undertaking a practical, hands-on task.

“Initially, the students were given a design brief by the management of Kooljaman when we visited the site to investigate existing signs. We were also able to view the new boardwalk where the student’s educational signs about fish will be displayed,” she said.

“The students are following the technology process in designing the signs to a specific format and once finished, the signs will be professionally made and displayed at Kooljaman for the benefit of all visitors.”

An added bonus of the project was that when the students had lunch at Kooljaman’s restaurant, Actor Ernie Dingo dropped in to share their fish and chips.

Djarindjin Lombadina students Antonia Sampi and Philippa Stumpagee research information to include on their fish signs. Photo: K Morey.
What an important book is the Holy Bible. How well do you know your Bible? To do these activities, if you don’t have a Bible, either buy one - the “Contemporary English version” is excellent for all the family - or get one from a friend or from the local library. Have lots of fun!

A. Using the Colour Code below, colour in the picture:

1 - pink  2 - yellow  3 - orange  4 - green
5 - brown  6 - blue

B. What a beautiful picture of God’s Creation you have! Do you know in which Book of the Bible you will find the story about the creation of the world and all the great things in it?

If not, ask someone in the family. Have you ever read it?

The Bible is divided into two parts. The first part tells us about God’s People before the time of Jesus. It is called:

_________________________________________

The second section, telling us all about Jesus, his life and works, and the early Church is called:

_________________________________________

C. Name a Book of the Bible that rhymes with each of these words?

Truth
Spain
Bring
Neat
Jest
Famous
Calm

D. A Family Contest. With a watch with a second hand time each family member as they write the name of a Bible character whose name starts with each of these first 5 letters of the alphabet.

A. ____________________________
B. ____________________________
C. ____________________________
D. ____________________________
E. ____________________________

E. In the early Church, the Bible was written by hand on papyrus. Many of the first letters of a Book and its chapters were highly decorated - like the letter below, and very colourful. In the second frame choose your own letter to write and decorate.

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Church History Project

By Sr Alice Dempsey, SJG

There is considerable excitement in Balgo as the Wirrumanu Church History Project coordinated by Sr Alice Dempsey sjg gets underway. Financial and in kind support has been received from: the Fr John McGuire estate, CARITAS, Luurnpa Catholic School, Catholic Education Kimberley Office, Kutjungka Parish, the Sisters of St John of God and a 175 year WA Centenary grant. The project involves the collecting, scanning, identification and preservation of photos and slides from the 1930s with emphasis on the earliest white contact as this period is considered to be most at risk. Many people from the Wirrumanu Community are volunteering their time to identify people and places as well as sharing oral history of these early times. All information is being entered on a special database licensed to the Sisters of St John of God Kimberley and a full copy will be left in the care of the Kutjungka Parish Council as the guiding body for the project. If any readers have photos or slides to donate or loan for inclusion in the project please contact Sr Alice on (08) 9168 8009.

Mulan

Official opening of Mulan’s 25th Anniversary community mural

By Kath Ryan

This year is the 25th Anniversary of when some families from Balgo set up an outstation which is now Mulan Aboriginal Community. Anna Johns, one of the original members of the community, said that they came to Mulan as they wanted their children to grow up in their own culture. The Community is named after the local Mulan tree.

When the store was initially erected the plan was that it would have a mural right around the lower half of the walls. This was to be a 25th Anniversary project.

In July and August, Sandra Lockyer returned for six weeks to facilitate the mural for the store. About 30 members of the Community took part in painting the mural, including one section for the school children. Most of the mural is taken up with painting of ‘bush tucker’ which abounds in the area. The mural was painted in the church area, in individual pieces, then put together on the outer walls of the store and the office.

The mural was officially ‘opened’ with a morning tea. The school children came over to the store for this and Kim from Warlayirti Artists came from Balgo for the event. Along with Warlayirti, it was funded by WA Arts.
Mirrilingki News

Josephite Mini-Retreat at Mirrilingki
Giving thanks for Forty Years of Partnership

By Sr Nola Goodwin

The book Walking together in the Kimberley was launched at the mini-retreat. Nida Tchooga, Sr Nola Goodwin, Sr Veronica Ryan, Angela Gordon and Mary Seela with the book which will be distributed widely in the Kimberley.

On July 22nd-24th many of the Sisters of St Joseph working in the Kimberley and community members from Wyndham, Warmun and Ringer Soak gathered at the Mirrilingki Spirituality Centre in Warmun to remember and give clarity and direction to forty years of working together. As is normal in the Kimberley, there were lots of funerals and other obligations at this time and so some Kununurra people who were coming could not attend.

The gathering began with symbols that represented the Aboriginal culture and the Josephite culture, the past and the present, being placed on the floor in the centre of the group. A PowerPoint presentation of photos showing the history of all the places the Sisters had been in the Kimberley during the past forty years – Wyndham, Kununurra, Warmun, Halls Creek, Ringer Soak, Broome, La Djardarr Bay, Bidyadanga and the Kutjungka region was screened. Everyone enjoyed reconnecting with the story and seeing the pictures of the many people who worked together in those years.

Each of the sessions for the retreat followed the same process of talking about a topic, personal reflection and drawing, sharing in small groups and then sharing in the bigger group. The participants looked at the things that they most remembered, both the good and the bad and what they had meant to them and how they had changed them.

At the concluding Eucharist, the Kimberley story was acted out as a parallel to the Gospel story of the Road to Emmaus, and was followed by the launch of the book Walking Together In the Kimberley. This book is a simple account of the history of the forty years of Partnership in the Kimberley. There is a chapter devoted to each place the Sisters went. The cover of the book has a picture of Sr Anne Boland and Sugar Tchooga walking hand in hand out in the bush of Yaruman. A copy was given to each of the participants and was sent to the Sisters who have been in the Kimberley and to the places where the Josephites have been involved.

Saint News

FRANCIS of Assisi
b. 1181 – d. 1226
Feastday: 4 October

Francis Bernardone, the founder of the three Franciscan Orders, was born the son of a rich merchant in Umbria in 1181 and as a young man enjoyed an easy life because of his father's wealth and the permissiveness of the times. From the beginning everyone loved Francis. He was constantly happy, charming, and a born leader.

However, Francis wanted more than wealth. He became aware of a calling to leave his worldly life and began to live a life of radical poverty. His conversion did not happen overnight but over time Francis took the Gospels as the rule of his life, Jesus Christ as his literal example.

Francis of Assisi has captured the hearts and imaginations of people of all religious persuasions by his love for God and man and for all God’s creatures. He was a man possessed of vast spiritual insight and power; a man whose all-consuming love for Christ and creation burst forth in everything he said and did.

St Francis of Assisi is the Patron Saint of Assisi Italy, animals, birds, ecology, environment, peace and dying alone.

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The Olympic Spirit: Early Childhood Olympics

On Friday 3rd September St Mary’s College children from Pre-Primary to Year Three got into the Olympic spirit. They participated in a range of activities including gymnastics, cycling, tennis and high jump. All the children were presented with a medal for their efforts and photographed on the medal dais. Everyone had an enjoyable time and reinforced the idea that sport is about participation and fun.

Surf’s up at St Mary’s

This term Years 3 - 7 students are participating in surfing lessons. The surfing instructors come all the way from Margaret River to give our students this fantastic opportunity. The children love it and look forward to their surfing lessons every week. The course covers water safety, beach awareness and surfing skills. The children have the opportunity to be involved in a safe and healthy sport. Thank you to Josh Palmateer and his Surf Instructors.

St Mary’s student Morgan Brooks receives instruction in surfing skills.

Photo: Keryn Moase
Above: Year 3 & 4 students from Sacred Heart School, Beagle Bay make delightful lilypads in the Shinju Matsuri Parade in Broome.

Right: Winners and grinner at St Mary’s faction sports. These students engaged in all the activities and the fun that the annual event brings to their school. Photo: CAS.

Fr Wendelin Lorenz with Cheryl Russ of Derby who made a quilt which superbly recorded Fr Lorenz’s forty years of ministry in the Kimberley. Father retired on 31 July 2004. Photo: CAS.

Right: The marriage of Siony Thompson and Mal Watterson was celebrated at Our Lady Queen of Peace Cathedral in Broome on Saturday 14 September. The happy couple are shown here with bridesmaids Domitella and Rebecca Pioli and Amelia Bin Sali. The page boy is Siony's nephew Christopher.

Left: New Parish Priest, of Kununurra Fr Patrick De Silva (left back) with Bishop Christopher Saunders and supply priest, Fr Peter Malone together with Kununurra students who received the sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday 22nd August.