Benedict XVI: Shepherd of Christ’s flock
Pallottine Scholarship for Notre Dame’s Education Students
‘World Youth Day’ Focus
Commemorative cards, celebrating the life and death of Pope John Paul II have been distributed to parishes and schools throughout the Diocese. Please contact the Parish Priest or the Principal if you did not receive one. The prayer cards remind us to pray for the repose of his soul.

Habemus Papam!

These words are spoken every time a new Pope is elected – ‘We have a Pope!’ This time there seemed to be far more interest throughout not only the Catholic world, but amongst people of all faiths and no faith. It was truly a global event.

The outcome has thrust Joseph Ratzinger, now Benedict XVI, firmly into the spotlight of the international media and thence into the consciousness of most of the peoples of the world. It is a unique moment in history and demonstrates the desire of most human beings to have a leader who can be seen to be above petty national politics and local issues.

Those in St Peter’s Square were excited that a new Pope had been chosen, even before they knew his name. The fact that there was a new leader was the most important thing for them. As has been mentioned elsewhere by many commentators, Benedict comes to this position with a history. No surprise in that; so has every Pope ever elected. However, his particular history has been seen as one that will somehow preclude him from being the leader the Church and the world needs at this time.

There is no doubt that the Pope has a clear vision of his mission, but the means for achieving that mission are yet to be lived out. We all know that the tasks we have to perform can sometimes be confused by others as totally encompassing and expressive of who we are. We can be type cast for the rest of our lives as a result of a job we have had to do. Many of us have had to break free of our history in order to live into a new role, in a new place, in a new time.

The Holy Spirit works through human agents and the word of God cannot be thwarted in its progress towards the eventual transformation of the whole of creation into the kingdom that is to come. It is surely our faith that the same ‘Spirit that was in Christ Jesus’ will be evident in the papacy of Benedict XVI. Let our prayer for him be that he will keep a place for us in his heart (2 Cor 7:2) and that he will be the model of the Good Shepherd that the world so badly needs.

COVER IMAGE: Children from John Pujajangka-Piyirn School at Mulan enjoy an outing near Lake Gregory. From the bottom of the tree - the children are Deswan Penn, Dustin Penn, Ramekus Wise and Terence Whispurtt.

Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.
— Mark 9:37

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Fr Dan Benedetti from Darwin was recently in Broome promoting the World Youth Day Pilgrimage to Cologne in Germany in August this year. Fr Dan together with Bishop Christopher Saunders will be leading a combined group from the Dioceses of Broome and Darwin together with pilgrims sponsored by NATSICC. The Pilgrimage will leave Broome on 4 August and will return on 25 August. (See article on World Youth Day page 7)

Three former parish priests of the Diocese were in Broome recently (see article on Pallottine scholarships – Page 17). Fr Michael McMahon (formerly of Broome), Fr Eugene San (formerly of Dampier Peninsula), Fr Ray Hevern (formerly of Balgo) and seen here with Fr Kevin McKelson of Broome (formerly of La Grange). The visitors were able to catch up with old friends and acquaintances while in town to ‘do business’ at the Broome Campus of Notre Dame. It is reassuring to know that their connections with the Kimberley remain strong even after a number of years away.

Tony Pietropiccolo, Director Centrecare Perth, visited Broome recently at the invitation of the Centacare Kimberley Board of Directors. While in Broome, Tony had the chance to review the operations of Centacare Kimberley. He will be providing on going advice on ways the Board of Directors can continue providing welfare, advocacy and counselling services to the people of the Kimberley.

The Year of the Eucharist 2005, proclaimed by Pope John Paul II, was celebrated at the University of Notre Dame Australia’s Broome Campus in a special way with two lectures on understanding and appreciating the Eucharist. The lectures were given by Good Samaritan Sister, Jill O’Brien. The lectures took place in the new University Library.

Bishop Peter Connors, Bishop of Ballarat, was a recent visitor to the Diocese. He came to the Kimberley to celebrate his niece Natalie’s marriage to Matthew Cleve at Christ the King Church in Lombadina. Natalie had decided she would like to get married in the picturesque location after teaching at Djarindjin-Lombadina Catholic School several years ago.

Six people who have arrived in the Kimberley to take on ministry for the Diocese were present for an Induction Program at Mirrilingki in April. Despite the hot and humid weather, they enjoyed their time being led through the program by Sr Frances Flemming and Br Shane Wood. Their evaluations indicated that they gained much from the input of the leaders and from the sharing of their hopes and fears with each other.

Leonie Kelly, Broome Parish Pastoral Associate, has been in Sydney for a National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Catholic Council Conference (NATSICC) in preparation for the twentieth anniversary celebrations of Pope John Paul II’s speech to the indigenous people of Australia. The celebrations will be in Alice Springs next year from the 1st to 7th October 2006. (See information page 5)
A man who gave his life leading his refugee family to safety across a minefield as they fled war-torn Angola was one of the many amazing people who inspired Sister Christina McGlynn in her lifetime of missionary work. Another was a woman who was thrown into a pit with the bodies of her family in Somalia and left for dead. With the help of Sr Christina and her work in Kenya’s Kakuma Refugee Camp, that woman is now living happily in Tasmania after emigrating as a refugee.

Sister Christina’s missionary journey is the focus of Catholic Mission’s Partnering Local Churches and Communities (Propagation of the Faith) Appeal, which runs throughout parishes across Australia from April to September.

Titled Journeying with Communities, the appeal challenges us to participate with communities around the world. We all belong to a community, which is a part of the world community and this belonging is fundamental to being human. In our day to day living, even if unconsciously, we are journeying with communities – those close to us and those beyond our borders. Every decision we make and everything we do has consequences.

Catholic Mission National Director, Father Terry Bell said: “Global concerns, such as the environment, war or natural disasters, aren’t contained within community or national boundaries. As the recent Asian tsunami showed, the needs go well beyond borders and connect all communities in one big global family.” Fr Terry said the work of Catholic Mission, in supporting the proclamation of the Gospel, was inspired by the words of Jesus (Luke 4:18): “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.”

This annual appeal is one of Catholic Mission’s main fundraising tools to enable it to continue its vital work in the developing world.

Catholic Mission is the Church’s main global international mission aid agency. Last year more than $8 million in net donations was collected in Australia. This money will be used for the organisation’s three main works – partnering local churches and communities (the Society for the Propagation of the Faith), fostering local church leadership (the Society of St Peter Apostle) and encouraging children to care for children (Children’s Mission).

For more information about the appeal and the life of Sr Christina McGlynn go to www.catholicmission.org.au/parishes_prop.asp.
With Benedict on the Path of Truth

The reign of the seventy-eight year old Pope Benedict XVI promises to be as interesting as it will be short. Given the enormous workload that goes with being Pope, a workload that would alarm most people, the Holy Father’s reign will come nowhere near the impressive twenty-six years of his predecessor. However, one gets the feeling this will be no country stroll for the energetic Bishop of Rome. It is far more likely to be engaging and memorable for the people of faith and the faithless alike.

As a Cardinal, +Joseph Ratzinger had as many detractors as he had fans. As Cardinal Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith the eminent academic had responsibility for monitoring the works and actions of those who held positions teaching the faith. His job description called for him to be a protector of doctrine and a guardian against error. Such a task is not an enviable one especially in an age of ranging diversity with its peculiar notions of freedom entrenched among a host of different human types. Subjectivism, for instance, is as alive among self-styled academics as it is among check-out operators. The thought that two moral opinions in complete contradistinction can both be right still echo in the corridors of staffrooms and in the halls of homes. A common defence of abortion and embryonic stem cell research (which destroys the embryo) is that “it might be wrong for you but it’s not wrong for me” – as though a claim of personal freedom can somehow outweigh moral objectivity and principle. Relativism is prevalent in talkback radio shows and self evident in newspaper columns. Unfortunately it is also prevalent in some parishes, Catholic educational institutes and in the opinions of some who have been ordained and/or professed as witnesses to Christ and truth. Such people resist any thought that dogma must be held to be true and that there is such a thing as a proper teaching authority. The gift of faith in such instances takes a back seat to personal opinion.

A recent TV panel show on SBS supposedly exploring the question of what sort of Pope the Church needs, dwelled fleetingly on a few controversial subjects and treated the challenge of the moment like some sort of political rally. The panel was composed of the usual suspects who appear to make a living lampooning the mystical body of Christ while promoting their own outrageous opinions. These darlings of the media project an over-developed ego which is perhaps at the heart of subjectivism and relativism.

Missing from the panel were the ordinary true believers who expect from their pastors leadership in the way of justice and holiness. I mean those mums and dads and others who recognise the challenge of living the Gospel in today’s world and who, despite much opposition from secular forces, continue in their quest of a loving relationship with Christ, the true shepherd and the way of truth.

A friend of mine rang me after the election of Pope Benedict. He is the father of a wonderful family all of whom went to Catholic schools. Three of the four children no longer practise their faith and they struggle to even recognise the call to holiness. His comments are still ringing in my ears “We have to believe that the Holy Spirit has raised up this Pope for us, to lead us along the path of truth. He is the successor of Peter”.

We need to pray for each other that all of us who struggle in the way of living out the Gospel today will listen with joyful hearts to the Holy Father, the Vicar of Christ and the first pastor of us all. I believe we shall not be disappointed.
Alberta McKenna – Bin Omar

Obituary

Born: 5 August 1937
Entered Eternal Life: 2 April 2005

A Woman of Family and Faith

Drawn from the Eulogy presented by Peter Yu.

Alberta or Abbey, as she was affectionately known to family and friends, was born on the 5th August 1937 at Beagle Bay Mission. Her mother was Phillipena Dolby (nee Baird) a Bunuba woman from the Fitzroy Valley and her father was Aloysius Louie Dolby a Yawuru man from Goldwire. One of thirteen children, Alberta enjoyed a close and loving relationship with her siblings.

At a young age Mum Abbey and her sister Madge were taken and placed in the girls dormitory at Beagle Bay Mission. Her early years of schooling were spent at Sacred Heart School in Beagle Bay and St Mary's School in Broome.

Mum left St Mary’s to work in the convent in Broome where her duties were to assist Sr Veronica McCarthy in the kitchen. Sr Veronica and Mum were to become good friends and they retained their friendship throughout her life.

Following the traditional customs of the Aboriginal people, Mum married her promised husband Ngupiny Jack McKenna on the 27th April 1957. The traditional ways were important to Mum and she encouraged all of her children to respect and maintain their culture.

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Mum was very understanding and accepting of everyone and the door to the family home was always open. Her kind, compassionate and caring nature meant that no one was ever turned away. Despite their hardships, her Christian upbringing and traditional Aboriginal values ensured that everything she had was shared.

Food was a very important aspect of family life. Mum was renowned for her cooking ability. Her kind-hearted nature meant that she was forever volunteering her services to help others. Over the years she cooked for the Vietnamese refugees; supported her children and grandchildren in their fund-raising efforts for St Mary’s School at sports events, school fetes, family nights and for the Cultural Exchange Program; helped out with the Priests Retreats at Riddell Beach and cooked for parties, funerals and parish events.

In line with her strong sense of community, she was one of the five founding members of the Jarndu Yawuru Women’s Resource Centre and during the celebrations of the 1998 Shinju Matsuri Festival, Mum was crowned Mother of Pearl for her devotion to family and community involvement. This recognition was very fitting for the women that she was, this was a very proud moment as all her children witnessed this beautiful presentation.

Sadly Uncle Mack died in Derby on the 10th September 1985. Two years after his death on the 5th August 1987 Mum remarried. She married Ahmat Bin Omar in the presence of her family. They had eight very happy years together until he too died on the 23rd July, 1995.

It was a devastating blow to the family when Mum was diagnosed with cancer early in 2004. But with her customary good humour, her ability to laugh at herself and to find humour in most situations, she faced her illness with courage and dignity despite at times incredible pain. The love of her family sustained her during these difficult times, as did her incredible faith and devotion to Our Lady. Not a day passed by when she was not engrossed in the Rosary, sometimes several times a day. Rosary beads of all shapes and sizes were a constant in her life.

Despite her passion for life and her determination to hang on to it, by late March it was clear that she was losing the battle. In Mum’s eyes the race was on as she declared to her family “Me and the Pope is racing. I’m going to beat him there”. True to her word she did. Her last words, not long before she died, were ‘Lord Take Me’. Her final acceptance of her illness and ensuing death and the realisation of her faith. It is fitting that she died surrounded by the family she loved so much.

She is survived by ten children, sixty grandchildren and twenty-nine great grandchildren.

— MAY SHE REST IN PEACE.
Cologne beckons

A number of youth in the Kimberley have put their hands up to be pilgrims at the World Youth Day in Cologne. It promises to be an exciting pilgrimage for them as they join a million others in Germany to celebrate being young and being a pilgrim for God. The World Youth Day is an event that happens every three years.

The last WYD took place in Toronto Canada. A number of young people went from Broome and enjoyed the experience. One of them, Clifton Mamid, even had lunch with the Pope. Bishop Saunders said he was accompanying the Pilgrims this time as Tour Leader of a composite group of young people from the Broome Diocese, Darwin Diocese and representatives from the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC).

Message Stick Mass

Bishop Christopher Saunders from Broome and Bishop Brian Heenan from Rockhampton with members of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC) at the Message Stick Mass at St. Mary’s Cathedral, Sydney on Sunday May 1st.

Kamisah Bin Demin and Ulanda White are two pilgrims from St Mary's College nominated from Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Broome to attend WYD. Photo: A Hayden.

Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC). “I am very happy that many parishes have responded to the call to send pilgrims to Cologne for this event” the Bishop said. “It will be a significant time in the lives of these young people, something they will always remember. There is a very long tradition of pilgrimage in the Church that speaks to our spiritual heart. After all, we are a pilgrim people whose lives are a journey towards God and eternal life”.

The Group will leave from Darwin on 8th August and return to Darwin on 23rd August. Flying first to France the pilgrims will visit the Walled City of Carcassonne and then Lourdes where Our Lady appeared to Bernadette. Travelling by Fast Train to Paris the group will explore the famous city before going to Luxembourg and then Cologne where the WYD week of unique experiences will happen. Pope Benedict XVI will be in attendance for part of this special time. The group will return via Lourdes.

Read all about it on: www.worldyouthday.com.au

Left to right – (Back) Bishop Saunders, Melissa Brickall, Leonie Kelly, Craig Arthur, Ernie Travaskis. (Front) Cathie Wilson, Shirley Priestly, Elsie Heiss and Bishop Heenan.
Kimberley Kitchen

CRUNCHY LEMON MUFFINS

Kythera Gordon was at Mirrilingki Spirituality Centre at Warmun with her grandmother, Pearl Gordon. They were attending a meeting of members of Purnululu Traditional Owners, together with staff from the Department of Conservation and Land Management and Tourism representatives. Kythera was a great help to Sister Nellie Versluys RSJ in the kitchen especially with the baking of these tasty Crunchy Lemon Muffins.

Ingredients
(Makes 12 Muffins)

- 2 cups SR flour
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 2 1/2 tbls butter or marg.
- 1 cup milk
- 1 egg
- Grated rind of 1 lge lemon
  or 2 small lemons

Topping

- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 1/4 cup sugar

Method:

Measure the flour and sugar into a bowl and mix. Melt the butter, add the milk, egg and lemon rind and beat well with fork to combine. Add wet ingredients and combine only until dry ingredients have been lightly dampened but not thoroughly mixed. Divide the mixture into a medium sized muffin pan (12) that has been well coated with non-stick spray. Bake at 200c for 10 minutes.

When the muffins are cooked…stir together the lemon juice and sugar without dissolving the sugar, and drizzle over the hot muffins as soon as they are removed from the oven. Quickly remove from the muffin tin before syrup hardens.

— Enjoy with a nice cup of tea!

Living wage and welfare reform

May has been traditionally the month set aside for honouring Mary, the mother of Jesus, in the Catholic Church. The month also begins with a feast dedicated to Mary’s husband, Joseph, under the title of ‘the worker’.

The history of this feast is bound up with the attempt by the Church to combat the influence of communism which celebrated May the first as the workers’ day. The Church wanted also to use this as a supplementary feast to March 19th. However, it has faded somewhat from its former prominence, possibly since the collapse of communism in Europe.

This year, the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council has called upon us to once again look closely at what the Feast of Joseph the Worker calls from us as a nation. The Council is particularly concerned about the national hearing to determine the Living Wage. It points out that there are ‘almost 1.6 million workers struggling to make ends meet’, and stuck with accepting the current level of remuneration because the current industrial relations system does not permit bargaining above the award rate of pay.

The Council also points out that the current system is being used as a means to stimulate employment; by keeping wages low, the Government hopes that more employers will be able to take on more workers. Apart from not being convinced that this is in fact working, it smacks of making the socioeconomic system an end in itself rather than putting it, as the Council says, ‘at the service of its people’.

We are continually being told that the economy has never been so good and that Government coffers are overflowing. However, the ordinary battlers about whom we Australians are supposed to be concerned, the sorts of men and women who created the myths of ANZAC and ‘the bush’, are unfortunately being left behind as the benefits of the booming economy trickle ever upwards.

There must be similar concerns over the Government’s proposals to overhaul CDEP, the work-for-the-dole scheme for Indigenous communities. How are those in remote and rural Australia going to measure up to increasingly more rigorous requirements to qualify for access to the social safety net? Where are they going to find meaningful and lasting employment? How can they access training tailored to their needs? Much negotiation and sharing of the real on-the-ground experience of remote Indigenous communities is required.

The time has come for honest and shameless talking from all sides. Those destroying community harmony, health and safety through drug running and ‘importing’ of alcohol have to be stopped by their own people. Those responsible for Primary and Secondary education in remote areas have to make a realistic assessment of their achievements or lack of them and begin to look towards the future. Community leaders have to revisit their vision for life back on ‘country’ and reassess their hopes for the next generation.

In the meantime, both the basic wage and CDEP payments need to be fair and just, provide for the needs of families and meet at least the subsistence needs of their recipients.

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Caritas Kimberley
By Fr Paul Boyers - Caritas Diocesan Director

Caritas works to reduce poverty and oppression

Caritas, through its annual fundraising appeal Project Compassion during Lent, focused on the countless millions of people around the world who are slaves of poverty and oppression. The theme of the appeal this year was: The Challenge is Poverty, The Time is Now!

Schools throughout the Kimberley again worked very hard over the Lenten period to raise money for the Project Compassion Appeal. Staff and students put on their thinking caps to come up with all sorts of initiatives in fundraising activities such as 100’s clubs, raffles, food and drink stalls and competitions. All money raised in the Kimberley was sent to Caritas Australia and will be distributed to those most in need.

In 2005 Caritas will support eighty-three ongoing projects around the world as well as responding to the needs of Tsunami affected communities in Sri Lanka, Indonesia and India.

Some of the initiatives Caritas Australia is supporting this year are HIV/AIDS programs in South Africa and the Pacific; agriculture and water programs in East Africa which are giving people access to clean water and the capacity to feed themselves; income generation and community development projects in Cambodia which enable more people to control their own lives.

One of the Project Compassion stories this Lent was about Fatma a widowed mother of seven who lives in a displacement camp in Sudan. Caritas has been working to assist people like Fatma made homeless due to violent assaults by Arab militia on African tribes from western Sudan. The conflict involved a brutal campaign of ethnic cleansing – looting, rape and killing.

In July 2004, Caritas Internationalis (CI) launched an eighteen month appeal to respond to the emergency situation and provided urgently needed food, shelter, clean water, blankets, sanitation and plastic sheeting to those most in need. Food is being provided to fifty thousand children under the age of five years suffering from malnutrition. An extensive health and trauma counselling program has also been set up to treat vulnerable people.

Assistance is being provided in the form of food, seeds, farming tools and resettlement kits to refugees who have chosen to return to their homes. The emphasis will be on training the local communities in agricultural recovery, education services, future protection and ongoing advocacy to give them confidence to ‘begin again’ and become self-reliant in the future.

Your donation to Project Compassion will enable Caritas Australia to respond to emergencies like Sudan when they happen. Please contact Fr Paul Boyers, Caritas Diocesan Director for further information on 08 9191 1227.

St. Mary’s College in Broome raised a grand total of $3300 during term one for Project Compassion. Father Joseph was presented with the cheque by Carey Doven and Daniel Jarvie at the school assembly. Photo: B Kane

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Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger emerged from the conclave on April 19th 2005 as Pope Benedict XVI. After only four ballots the former Cardinal Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith was elected the 265th Pope in a line stretching back to St. Peter.

Born in Bavaria in 1927, the son of a policeman, Joseph Ratzinger is the eighth German to become Pope. An accomplished pianist who says he likes Beethoven, the Holy Father is also known for his linguistic abilities and can speak ten languages fluently.

At the age of fourteen the young Bavarian was required to join the Hitler Youth movement as were all young Germans of the time. As a resident of a preparatory seminary since 1939 he was never a willing or enthusiastic member of the political youth organization. Later, in 1943, he was drafted out of Traunstein Seminary, along with the rest of his class, and into the war where the reluctant soldier was posted to an anti-aircraft unit in Munich. He was briefly held as a prisoner of war by the allies in 1945.

The Second World War with its massive destruction of peoples and its torrid assault on moral principles taught him a great deal. The necessity of the Church to be seen as a family of faith willing to stand up for truth and freedom is central to the new Pope’s view of Church and world.

Recognized as a gifted academic Father Ratzinger held various posts in tertiary institutions. He was professor at the University of Bonn from 1959 to 1963 and then moved to the University of Muenster. It is said that the controversial Hans Kung recruited him to the University of Tubingen in 1966. Along with Hans Urs von Balthasar and Henri de Lubac he founded the renowned theological journal Communio. He moved to Regensburg University in his native Bavaria in 1969 where he soon became Dean and then vice-president.

He was appointed Archbishop of Munich and Freising in March 1977 and was named a Cardinal by Pope Paul VI in June that same year. In 1981 Pope John Paul II assigned Cardinal Ratzinger as head of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. Since then he has held additional positions as vice-Dean of the College of Cardinals (1998) and in 2002 he was elected Dean.

Selecting the name Benedict XVI rather than John Paul III does not reveal a significant departure from the agenda pursued by his predecessor. But it does signify that this Pope will make his own strident mark on the Church even though, given his age of 78, this will most likely be a relatively short Papacy. Like Benedict XV who reigned during the First World War the new Pope will be an ardent advocate for peace and will keenly pursue dialogue with other religious leaders and other faiths.
The Church of today must revive in herself consciousness of the task to propose again to the world the voice of him who said: “I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life” (John 8:12)

I invoke from God peace and unity for the human family and declare readiness of all Catholics to cooperate for a genuine social development, respectful of the dignity of every human being.

— from Pope Benedict XVI address to College of Cardinals- 20th April 2005
Wyndham is obviously a top town in the eyes of the Year Seven students at St Joseph’s School in Wyndham. When Nathanyal Hunter was asked why Wyndham is the place to be, he simply said “This is the best place, why would you want to live anywhere else?” Why indeed Nathanyal? Certainly the children at St Joseph’s make us all appreciate why our little town is the ‘top town of the west’.

The children at St Joseph’s enjoy sport and are champion fishermen and women and like others in Wyndham and the surrounding area they love swimming. They also have a particular talent for basketball which is the favoured sport most nights of the week at the local Recreation Centre.

Muirrilingki Retreat

Staff from St Joseph’s Wyndham and St Joseph’s Kununurra recently came together for a faith formation weekend at Mirrilingki Spirituality Centre. The retreat was based around the theme ‘looking in’. Participants were asked to share personal testimonies and reflect upon their faith journey and personal response to teaching and living in the Kimberley. The weekend was well received by all – a fantastic chance to share prayer, music and laughter, and a great opportunity to deepen friendships between the two schools.

Lake Gregory - Mulan

In the last week of Term One the upper primary and secondary class from John Pujajangka-Piyirn School went into Halls Creek for the ‘Crabbing at High Tide’ performance hosted at Red Hill. It involved a 700km round day trip. Despite arriving a bit late students enjoyed the play. Unfortunately on the way home the troop carriers had three flat tyres between them. It took them a long time to get home but they arrived safely enjoying a beautiful sunset on the way. They had plenty to write about over the next couple of days.

Industrial Skills Training

A group of young men from Balgo have enrolled in the Certificate 1 in Industrial Skills TAFE course at the Wirrumanu Adult Education and Training Centre. One of the Course Units is “Handling Construction Materials and Safe Disposal of Waste” where they are shown safe methods of transporting waste construction materials.

Big day out from Mulan

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Laurie Kogolo changing the tyre with Janette Wise and Courtney Yoomarie giving helpful advice.
Welcome to New Parish Priest
By Sr Alma Cabassi

Ngalangangpum School parents and students ritualised a welcome for their new Parish Priest, Father Mark Connolly CSSp, with a paraliturgy. It coincided with the Feast of St Mark and the beginning of the school term. After a blessing and a reflection on the role of a priest, the students shared with those present their hopes of what they are going to learn this term. Elders and School Community Leaders prayed for the students and their time at school. It concluded with a blessing given by Father Mark.

Ms Emma Moore presents a card of welcome to Fr Mark Connolly. The Pre Primary students watch on. Photo by Sally Adams

Station Skills

High School students from Ngalangangpum School Warmun had a gentle introduction to Station Skills during a course at Violet Valley Station. For most of the students it was their first experience at handling horses. After some initial apprehension the students soon gained confidence and an obvious trust began to grow between horse and rider. Remeka Nocketta had the most experience among the group. She was proud to tell her classmates that she had received instructions from her father who was a stockman.

Remeka Nocketta shows off her riding skills. Photo: John Adams.

Attendance Award – Well Done!
By Sr Alma Cabassi

April and Eddie Nulgit, students at Ngalangangpum School, shared the prize for attending school everyday in term one without a sick day or a notified absence. They are being congratulated by their great grand parents Betty Carrington and Patrick Mung and the Principal Sr Alma.

Photo: Sally Adams

Flying Padre Visits Gibb River

Gibb River Station, part of Kalumburu parish, is cut off for most of the Wet. Ngallagunda Community on the station has been very lucky this year and has had three flying visits from Fr Brian Egan. Fr Brian is based in Kalumburu and has flown in twice by plane and most recently by helicopter. The community is very happy with these visits which gives the people a chance to gather at Wanalirri Catholic School. Father’s visit is a great opportunity for the community to gather together for Mass and a cup of tea.

The community is very grateful to the Myer family and pilot Butch for the use of the Theda Station helicopter. They look forward to Fr. Brian’s next flying visit!

Fr Brian Egan and Sr Barbara Magdaraog get ready for flight.
End of Term Celebrations at Balgo

By Sister Nola Goodwin RSJ

Luurnpa Catholic School enjoyed a great First Term and the school activities on the last day allowed for interaction between the students, staff and parents.

The day began with a swimming carnival for everyone. The students entered into the spirit of the day with energy and enthusiasm and showed their growing swimming skills.

Attendance awards at Kururrungku CEC

By D Felton

An initiative at Kururrungku Catholic Education Centre this term has been to award certificates for regular attendance at school. The whole school community is very proud of Martina Mandijerry and Suraya Sambo who both had 100% attendance for Term One. Close behind were Jan Mandijarra and Danielle McKay with 95% attendance. Suraya Sambo also had 100% attendance for the whole of 2004.

All the classes are looking forward to bush trips which start this term. The children learn about traditional Aboriginal culture, knowledge and skills.

The past month has seen a new development at Billiluna. Kururrungku staff members Justin and John Manson have been delivering holiday sport and recreation activities to children in the community during the school holidays. This was done under the umbrella of Garnduwa with Dingo Bedford based in Halls Creek providing professional support. The community was happy about this because the children enjoyed the fun activities and they didn’t become bored over the holiday break.

News from St Joseph’s

By Emma Morrison

Secondary students receive their prizes.
L to R: Joseph Yukambarie, Cranston Chungarial, James Hannah, Danette Ryan, Br Bernie Cooper, Yakula Sturt and Stephanie Yukambarie.

Left: A combined professional development weekend for staff from St Joseph’s School in Kununurra and St Joseph’s School in Wyndham was held at the Spirituality Centre at Mirrilingki. Participants were invited to explore and reflect upon their faith journey as teachers in a Catholic school. They were asked to think about how in today’s busy and complex world we can still imitate and follow Jesus in our daily lives.

Above: St Joseph’s Kununurra Class 2/3 perform a liturgical dance at the end of Term Mass.
School News

Broome: St Mary’s Update

The end of an era

By Brian Kane

It was with mixed emotions that the Christian Brothers old two storey residence on the St Mary’s College Secondary campus was demolished in April. The building, erected during the early 1970’s, was used originally as the Brothers’ accommodation and served also as the first office for Nulungu College. In recent years it had been utilized as a canteen, art gallery, classrooms and staff offices. The site has been cleared to erect a covered area for school assemblies with long term plans to enclose this space for a much needed gymnasium.

Photo: B Kane

College Gathering at St Mary’s

Members of St Mary’s College staff, school board and Parents and Friends Association had the chance to meet each other at an informal gathering held recently at St Mary’s College. Among those present at the gathering were Fr Joseph Pelle, Aiden Mitchell, Fran Wilson, Patty Pigram, Tony Treacy, Anthea Fogliani and Rose Haggerty.

Photo: A. Hayden

Senior Ball

By Paul Treacy

On Friday, April 8, Year 12 students from St Mary’s College in Broome held their Senior Ball. The Ball is a combined event with Broome Senior High School and gives senior students from both schools a chance to shine, and they certainly shone brightly this year.

The Ball Committee tastefully decorated the room and a delicious selection of food, prepared by the St Mary’s Hospitality and Tourism students, made for a great night.

St Mary’s College Belle and Beau of the Ball were Sharmal Mason and Damon Howard. All the students who attended the ball looked wonderful. It was like a ‘who’s who’ of Broome’s most attractive people.

St Mary’s Principal, Mr Tony Treacy, Broome Senior High School Principal, Mr Gary Downsborough, and St Mary’s Head of Secondary, Mr Ian Hagen, all complimented the students on the success of the evening and the way they conducted themselves during the event.

Sponsorship for the Ball was provided by Deep Sea Moonlight Pearls, Tidal Elegance, Sportspower, Kinneys, Chinatown Music, Anastasias, Monsoonal Blues, Broome Barrels and Sun Pictures. Their support is appreciated.

St Mary’s College Belle and Beau of the Ball, Sharmal Mason & Damon Howard.

Photo: Brian Kane.
On the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ we give thanks to God for a very special gift - the Body and Blood of Jesus, the life of Jesus, shared with us in a special meal of Bread and Wine, the Eucharist. The Gospel [John 6: 51-58] reminds us that we cannot live without the Eucharist. At Communion, we share in the meal Jesus gives us. We eat the Bread, the Body of Christ, and drink the Wine, the Blood of Christ, so that we may have eternal life.

Below are pictures of ways in which Jesus’ life within you may grow. Match the words with the pictures.

Love
Forgiveness
Eucharist
God’s Word
Prayer
Sing hymns

PARTIES: Most of us enjoy delicious meals for special occasions. Let’s spend time looking at your kinds of special meals.

Name some kinds of special meals that you and your family enjoy:

Name some places that you enjoy visiting for a meal and some people you love to have with you:

Name a special church meal that you like to celebrate:

Name the people who celebrate that meal with you:

Name what you eat and drink at the special church meal:

Food gives us nourishment and strength. Jesus’ food, the Eucharist, also nourishes and strengthens us so we can live Jesus’ love and share it with others.

Name a time during your day or week when you very much need the strength of the Eucharist to help you do what you need to do:

Write out a prayer you might pray to Jesus when next you receive the Eucharist asking him to give you all the strength you need to do that difficult thing.

SHOELACING: Complete this puzzle like you are lacing your shoe from one side to the next. After you have connected all the words with a line and written them in order below, you will recognize words prayed within the Mass.

And body as
my they is were
this eating, were
take, Jesus eat;
took said, and
and bread disciples,
and blessed to
the it, and
it broke gave
and
it,

Using this lacing format, make a puzzle for your friend to solve with the words of Matthew 26:30. “And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it. For this is my blood of the new covenant which is given for many for the forgiveness of sins.”

Using the symbols create a picture for Feast of the Body & Blood of Christ.

CROSSWORD: Using darkened words below, fill in the boxes.

"And Jesus said to them, I am the bread of life:
   He that comes to me shall never hunger;
   And he that believes in me shall never thirst....
   But I say unto you:
      you also have seen me, and believe not....
   All that the Father gives me shall come to me:
   And he that cometh to me I will not cast out."

   John 6: 35-37

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The ‘Low down’ on Literacy

Nicole Murphy, Literacy Consultant, CEO Broome Catholic Education Office

The Curriculum Team at the Catholic Education Office is a vibrant team of clever people who have been working hard for the last eight months to help all Kimberley schools implement effective literacy education practices and structures through a strategy called the Kimberley Catholic Schools Literacy Initiative (KCSLI).

We all know that literacy competence is a key factor in improving educational, social and employment outcomes for Kimberley students. We also know that teachers are the main ingredient in determining student achievement.

Consequently, the strategy adopts an innovative approach to teacher professional development in that it offers one full day of focused literacy PD to every Kimberley teacher every term. Most importantly, this PD is offered in regional locations at school venues so that travel time is kept to a minimum and teachers can observe their colleagues in classrooms putting into practice the teaching strategies that have been recommended. This arrangement also gives teachers the opportunity to network with their colleagues from other schools, sharing ideas and trading success stories.

An exciting development to the KCSLI is the introduction of Accelerated Literacy™. This approach to teaching literacy is a tried and proven method of improving literacy outcomes for low achievers and we will be introducing the methodology over the course of this year into our most needy schools.

For more information about this approach see http://www.nalp.cdu.edu.au/whatisnalp.htm.

As with all school initiatives the ultimate success of the implementation of effective literacy instruction will largely depend on the support from parents and the community. Parents are their children’s first teachers, they establish the ‘mind set’ towards school and learning, so it is with this in mind that the KCSLI encourages close home, school and community links and full parent participation.

Parents who would like to support this initiative should contact the Principal of your local school.

Notre Dame

Linguistic Studies

By Sr Jill O’Brien

Sue Hanson (left), Co-ordinator of Wangka Maya Language Centre, Port Hedland and Jacqui Wright, Research Assistant in Linguistics discussing with Fr Kevin McKelson SAC how his linguistic studies can benefit Aboriginal communities. Wangka Maya was a generous contributor to the publication of Fr McKelson’s study on the comparative pronouns in the languages spoken in Bidyadanga, the Western Desert and other parts of the Kimberley.

Pallottine Scholarship for Notre Dame’s Education Students

On the 13 April 2005 the Provincial of the Pallottine Order, Father Ray Hevern along with Father Michael McMahon SAC, Father Kevin McKelson SAC and Fr Eugene San SAC presented two of Notre Dame’s Broome Campus indigenous students with Pallottine Scholarships.

Scholarship recipients Clare Stack and Vanessa Gregory, who are both fourth year education students, were presented with the scholarships during a ceremony held in Graduation Square attended by staff and students from the University, representatives of the Diocese and family members.

The Pallottine Scholarship was developed in the 1990’s to encourage positive interaction between indigenous and non-indigenous people. The scholarships assist in the payment of tuition fees of Aboriginal people engaged in post secondary studies.

Executive Director of the Broome Campus Mr Gavin Greaves said, “We look forward to continuing our relationship with the Pallottine Community and will support them in the coordination and promotion of their generous scholarship program”.

Notre Dame Pallottine scholarship recipients Vanessa Gregory (left) and Clare Stack. Photo: A Hayden.
Opportunity for Bidyadanga students

By Sr Robyn McNamara

A number of students from Bidyadanga have enrolled in studies at the University of Notre Dame Australia, Broome Campus. This is a great opportunity for people in the local community to become fully qualified for the jobs they wish to apply for or are already engaged in. Pam Bettison, Coordinator, VET Business at Notre Dame, visited the community at La Grange-Bidyadanga and interviewed a number of people interested in the courses available. Sr. Robyn McNamara is available to tutor the students.

Gladys Richards, Janice Bullen, Donnita Yanawana enjoy the Notre Dame welcome breakfast.

Pictured are Daniel Walbadi, Pam Bettison and Sr. Robyn.
Above: Happy newly weds, Natalie Connors and Matthew Cleve, outside Christ the King Church Lombadina with former Dampier Peninsula Parish Priest, Fr Eugene San (left), and Natalie’s Uncle, Bishop Peter Connors of Ballarat who married the couple. Photo: Fr Samie Buttigieg

Left: To celebrate Anzac Day young chefs from Year Seven at St Joseph’s School, Wyndham baked a batch of delicious Anzac Cookies to share with many locals. Photo shows (left to right) Andrew Woods, Tom Kelly, Kurt Barnes, Jack Birch, Dallas Woods, Sarafina Bullsey, Roseanna Long, Dee-Dee Hunter.

Below: After learning the basics of how to saddle a horse in a Station Skills Course, Gavin Thomas from Ngaliangangpump School takes a turn to lead his horse around the yard.

This monkey is going bananas begging for funds for the Tsunami Appeal and he certainly raised more than peanuts for charity. If you think you can ape his imagination and suggest some unique fundraising schemes for Caritas Kimberley contact us at secretary@broome diocese.org. Photo: CAS

Bishop Saunders has agreed that the old orphanage site in Broome can be leased by “The Stolen Generation Group” as a headquarters for their activities. Bishop Saunders is seen here handing over a lease agreement to Mark Bin Bakar, Chairman of the Stolen Generation Group. Photo: A Hayden