Ninth Bishop of Sale Ordained

A crowd of 1600 witnessed the ordination of the ninth Bishop of Sale Pat O’Regan on 26 February 2015.

Principal celebrant was Archbishop of Melbourne Denis Hart and co-consecrators were the Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn Christopher Prowse, who is the previous Bishop of Sale, and Bishop of Bathurst, Michael McKenna, formerly a priest of Sale Diocese.

Born on 8 October 1958, Bishop O’Regan was educated at Saint Joseph’s Primary School, Perthville and Saint Stanislaus’ College, Bathurst. Studying for the priesthood at St Columba College, Springwood and St Patrick’s College, Manly, Bishop O’Regan was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Bathurst on 2 September 1983. In 1994, Bishop O’Regan completed higher studies in France. He obtained a Licentiate in Liturgy and Sacramental Theology from the Institut Catholique, Paris.

On his appointment, Bishop O’Regan said, “I feel humility as the path of service opens up more deeply before me and sadness after 31 years of working in, and 56 years of being part of, the Diocese of Bathurst. I’m a little like Abram in being called away to Sale, ‘Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you’ (Genesis 12:1).”

Visitors to Warmun

Recently enjoying the facilities of the Warmun Retreat Centre was a group from Mulan. Pictured are, Kimberley Catholic Volunteers Lorel (L) and Brian Donnelly (far right) with Karen Lulu, Veronica Lulu, Bessie Doonday, Leanne Boxer and Evelyn Clancy.

Enjoying the Great Outdoors in Kalumburu

The boys at Kalumburu enjoy the great outdoors - working in the garden, keeping the place tidy, playing basketball, kicking the footy or doing a bit of boxing fitness. From Left, Gene James, Scottie Unghango, Errol Carlton, Stanley Unghango and Douglas French.
On the 7th June next year the Church in the Kimberley celebrates 50 years as a Diocese. For all of us of the Community of the faithful, this will be our Jubilee Year. It will be a year in which we remember our beginnings from the days of the infant Church when the first priest Father Duncan MacNab walked the shores of the Peninsula among the Nimanboor and the Bardi. We shall recall the Trappists and their establishment of Beagle Bay and give thanks to Thomas Puertollano and Father Nicholas De Emo at Christ the King Mission Lombadina for their labours of love. We shall celebrate the expansion of the Church into the desert surrounds of Balgo and Halls Creek and then Wyndham-Kununurra. We will pay tribute to La Grange and Gibb River, Warmun and Ringer Soak as part of our treasured memory. We will be exuberant in our praise of the work of the various Sisters, Brothers and Priests of Religious Orders, the Diocesan Priests and the Lay Missionaries and those who have been and are teachers of the faith – Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal.

And importantly we shall give honour to and celebrate the people of this Diocese. The faithful born and bred here; of this soil and under this sun. A people of country and tradition who have accepted Christianity as the Good News that has brought new life to their culture that itself once came from God in a timeless age. And in the honouring we shall mourn the losses sustained in massacres, in persecution and in sickness; the most dreadful legacies of colonization. We will contemplate the hardships that have come bringing unbridled change to society – cultural, spiritual and political - and we shall rejoice in the people who have triumphed over adversity; who have survived no matter the difficulties that have been placed in their way. We will keep close to our hearts the Separated Children who have experienced the tyranny of their loss and who today, in many instances, are finding connections with family broken long ago.

Overwhelmingly our Jubilee will be positive and nurturing of all peoples who have been touched in one way or another by the goodness of the Gospel.

At the Diocesan level we will champion the cause of the beauty of Art through exhibitions and Art competitions. The World Youth Day Legacy Cross will travel the Kimberley and as far as possible will link up with local Parish celebrations. A DVD of our story will be produced for general distribution and a potted history of our Diocese will be published in the first half of next year. The day that the Diocese was proclaimed in 1966 will be celebrated with a Mass and an Assembly in the Cathedral grounds, around about that date.

The Holy Father announced during Lent the Year of Mercy, to begin on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, 8th December 2015. It will conclude on the Sunday dedicated to Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, 20th November 2016. For ease of convenience, our Year of Jubilee will be held between those dates too. So, it might be said that for us our Year of Celebration is one of Mercy and Jubilee. Let me quote from the Holy Father: “I am convinced that the whole Church will find in this Jubilee the joy needed to rediscover and make fruitful the mercy of God, with which all of us are called to give consolation to every man and woman of our time. From this moment, we entrust this Holy Year to the Mother of Mercy, that she might turn her gaze upon us and watch over our journey.”

Much is yet to be said about the Year of Mercy and Jubilee for our Church in the Kimberley. In the meantime let us pray for its every success that we might find within ourselves a great zeal for the Gospel and a newness in faith that can only come so perfectly from the God of love and forgiveness.

+Christopher Saunders
Bishop of Broome

THE LOGO OF 31ST WORLD YOUTH DAY - 2016 POLAND

The logo of the World Youth Day, to be held in Krakow, illustrates the passage from the Gospel according to Matthew 5:7: “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy”, chosen as the theme of the event. The image is composed of a geographical outline of Poland in which there is a Cross, symbol of Christ who is the soul of World Youth Day. The yellow circle marks the position of Krakow on the map of Poland and is also a symbol of youth. The flame of Divine Mercy emerges from the Cross, and its colours recall the image “Jesus, I trust in you”. The colours used in the logo – blue, red and yellow – are the official colours of Krakow and its coat of arms.
Near to the broken hearted

“The heart of my prison ministry is being in solidarity with the poorest of the poor. “God is near to the broken hearted and those crushed in spirit (Ps. 34:18).”’

Those words of a prison chaplain were quoted in the Australian bishops’ 2011–12 Social Justice Statement Building Bridges, Not Walls: Prisons and the justice system. Prison chaplains were a vital resource when the Statement was being drafted: their generosity and commitment to the call of Jesus shone through on almost every page.

The ACSJC’s most recent publication in our Catholic Social Justice Series takes up many of the themes that the bishops explored in their 2011–12 Statement. The new paper is titled I Was in Prison: A Window into Prison Ministry. The author, Professor Ruth Webber, researched the work of Catholic Prison Ministry Victoria in order to increase awareness about the ministry and its effects on Victoria’s prisoners, on their families, and on those recently released into the community. It shows us a picture of prisoners isolated from community and family, starved of spiritual and emotional contact but who find it in the work of the religious and lay people committed to this vital and little-known work.

In Building Bridges, Not Walls, the Australian bishops pointed out that the proportion of people in prison had been increasing steadily even though crime rates had remained unchanged or fallen. Most concerning for them was ‘the great Australian shame’: the rate of imprisonment for Indigenous people – 17 times higher than for the rest of the Australian population.

Over recent weeks the online journal The Conversation has published a series of articles by academics on prison policies in Australia’s states and territories. They show that prison numbers have continued to rise since Building Bridges, Not Walls was published.

Victoria, where Professor Webber carried out her research, used to have one of the lowest rates of imprisonment among Australian states and territories. It now has the highest rate of growth in Australia. Western Australia’s prison population per 100,000 is 265, compared with national average of 186. Western Australian Indigenous people are imprisoned at 18 times the rate of non-Indigenous people. The Northern Territory’s rate of imprisonment per 100,000 is 847 – greater even than the United States, with 623 per 100,000.

In all these jurisdictions the rate of crime overall has been falling, not rising. Prisoner numbers are growing largely because of harsher policies concerning bail, sentencing and parole – exactly the areas where Australia’s bishops called for reform in 2011. The burden is still heaviest on the most vulnerable – Indigenous people, people with mental health issues and those who have difficulty reading and writing.

So the need for sensitive and courageous prison chaplains becomes more urgent than ever. With growing pressure on prisons and prisoners, there is more need than ever for men and women who hear the call of Jesus and recognise the needs of the most marginalised.

I Was in Prison: A Window into Prison Ministry is available from the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council for $7.50: visit www.acsjc.org.au or ring (02) 8306 3499.

Saint Emily De Vialar

Born: 1797
Died: 1856
Feast Day: June 17

Anne Marguerite Adelaide Emily de Vialar was born at Gaillac, Albi in southern France. She was the only daughter of Baron James Augustine de Vialar and Antoinette. Her wealthy parents sent her to school in Paris but at the age of fifteen, she returned home after her mother died.

When Emily was twenty-one, a new priest, Fr Mercier, arrived in Gaillac. Emily went to him for direction as she wanted to help the poor and the sick. Fr Mercier helped her set up an out-patient service right on the terrace of the de Vialar home.

With the help of Fr Mercier, Emily bought a large house in her hometown and with three other women began a religious order, the Sisters of St Joseph of the Apparition (the order taught in Beagle Bay in the 1970’s).

These sisters would care for the sick and poor, and educate children. Sr Emily pronounced her vows in 1835 along with seventeen other sisters.

The Sisters of St Joseph started branch convents. In 1847, the sisters went to Burma and in 1854, to Australia. In forty years, Mother Emily saw her congregation grow from the patio of her home in Gaillac, France, to some forty convents around the world.

Mother Emily wrote many letters which showed her great love for God, for his Church and for people. She saw in her heart people everywhere who needed the truth of the Gospel and the love that Christ brings. She asked Jesus for the strength she needed to continue her mission. Mother Emily died on August 24, 1856.

Biosecurity in Kalumburu

Up in Kalumburu, Kimberley Lay Missionary Michael Keane checks the light traps on the farm. The traps are regularly set for the Department of Agriculture to check for exotic midges that may transfer diseases to humans.

Photo: A Rohr
At the annual dinner following the Chrism Mass in Broome, the Diocese of Broome acknowledges and celebrates a year of milestones for Diocesan personnel. In 2015 there were too many milestones to fit everyone in one photo! The milestones ranged from 30th to 65th birthdays, jubilee anniversaries, and many more.

Yet another milestone in Broome. Happy birthday to Mary Cox who recently turned 93! Mary, a resident of Germanus Kent House in Broome, celebrated with residents and staff.

Double Birthday celebrations at the Derby Shire Hall held on 11 April for Leonard O’Meara who turned 80 on 4 April and a surprise early birthday cake for Kathleen (nee O’Meara) Pfennig, who turned 85 on 6 May. A beautiful night enjoyed by young and old reuniting acquaintances from as far as Katherine to Perth.

During the speeches, the O’Meara family reflected growing up in Broome and in Derby. Louisa Collins the bridesmaid retold the beautiful wedding ceremony of Len’s marriage to Gertie (nee Sibosado) on 11 August 1956 at Saint Mary’s Church Darwin, including the reception hosted by John and Peggy Clements all those years ago.

Shhhh. Don’t tell anyone. But do you know who turned sixty recently? Janice Tam Woy, that’s who! And she had the biggest party with family and friends at the Civic Centre Broome, in March. Many happy returns!
On behalf of Caritas Kimberley, I wish to thank all those who have given to Project Compassion throughout the Kimberley Community. Your fundraising recognises the importance of charity and positive action for justice in our world. Many of you have given of your valuable time so that others in the world might live a better life. Others among you have given generously of your money, gifts that have helped us raise $37,407.75 in the Kimberley for Caritas Australia and Project Compassion. This money is used for aid and development in a host of nations across the world. Thank you once again and be assured that Caritas distributes its monies wisely and keeps administration costs down to a maximum of 10%. This allows for a truly just investment of your money in the hands of those who truly need it.

+ Bishop Christopher Saunders

Raising funds for CARITAS wasn’t as simple as a sausage sizzle at Wanaliiri Catholic School in Gibb River. The first event they held was a Disco and Curry night, with the total of $0 being raised. The Project Compassion box, despite regular shaking, failed to make any noise whatsoever. They learnt that EFTPOS facilities have made some small communities virtually cashless. So it was on to Plan B. One fine Saturday morning in late March, community members gathered at the school for a working bee. Armed with mops, buckets, brooms, whipper-snippers, blowers and rakes, a sizeable crowd made short work of clearing and mowing the grounds and washing the school buildings and toilets. The efforts of the labourers were rewarded with a payment from the School of $299 to Project Compassion. Pictured is Tatyana White who was cheerfully scrubbing walls. Photo: D Savioa
Catholic Mission 2015 Church Appeal offers something to drink for thirsty Madagascar

To those who have seen the animated films, it is a jungle island inhabited by a vast array of exotic plants and animals. To others, it is a mysterious tropical paradise, or the fourth largest island in the world. The reality of Madagascar beyond these ideals is far more sombre, as Catholic Mission highlights in its Church Appeal, launched recently.

The official mission agency of the Catholic Church launched the annual appeal in May, with the theme ‘I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink’. The appeal focuses on Madagascar, where half of the population do not have access to clean drinking water and over 4,000 children die each year from treatable diseases.

Thankfully, Catholic Mission is helping to provide the Living Water that the children of Madagascar urgently need to stay healthy and survive. With the help of loyal donors, Catholic Mission is partnering with local community leaders, like Sister Rose Rasoavololona, to make a positive difference in Madagascar.

Sr Rose has worked for 12 years at the Catholic school in the city of Vatomandry on the country’s east coast, where until only recently there was no running water. “The children, including their clothes and workbooks, were dirty, because they could not wash their hands after using the bathroom or playing outside,” says Sr Rose. “Many children were falling very ill all the time. I’ve even had children die from this.”

Recently, Catholic Mission worked with Sr Rose and the local community to install eight toilets and six water pumps at the school, meaning the children can now enjoy clean water to drink and wash with. “Now I have seen great changes in the children,” says Sr Rose. “Being able to wash themselves and keep clean has increased their self-confidence and eagerness to learn.”

While the project significantly improved the health of children at the school, sadly, there are still countless children across other parts of Madagascar who are without clean, running water and proper sanitation at school.

For more information on the appeal or the work of Catholic Mission, please visit: catholicmission.org.au or call toll free 1800 257 296.

The Puertollano Dynasty

Agnes and Thomas Puertollano, pictured circa 1940’s in Beagle Bay, began the Puertollano dynasty in the Broome Diocese.

Generations later, Bishop Saunders celebrated the wedding of Marco Puertollano and Katie Wiktorski at Our Lady Queen of Peace Cathedral in Broome.

LEFT: Thomas and Agnes Puertollano.

ABOVE: Marco and Katie Puertollano with children, from left, Jada, Juddson, Tori and Tayshanti Puertollano. Photo: P Morris
What Choice? Aboriginal peoples have the right to decent services where they live

Chairman of the Bishops Commission for Relations with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, Bishop Christopher Saunders, has posed the question ‘what choice?’ to Prime Minister Tony Abbott after his comment that Aboriginal peoples are living in remote communities as a ‘lifestyle choice’. “Where is the lifestyle choice?” Bishop Saunders asked. “Communities are under serviced and patently there is insufficient listening to the voices of people in Aboriginal communities. We are forcing Aboriginal people out of their ancestral lands to live in regional towns. The reality is that when a community is closed down people and their families have nowhere to go, so they end up on the streets, separated from their land, heritage, family, culture and spirituality. “It is a basic human right to choose where you live but it seems that our government is giving people in Aboriginal communities the ‘choice’ to live in a community with only limited resources and services.” After 200 years of colonisation and dispossession, surely out of fairness we owe something to Australia’s First Nations in the way of respect and recompense. Recent research has found that where Aboriginal communities are supported to serve as models of landscape management or as the source of new community initiatives, they have far better outcomes in health and education. Like other Australians, they have the right to access basic municipal services. “The Prime Minister’s use of the term “lifestyle choices” is an insult to Aboriginal people. To dispossess another generation of our people will deal a further blow to health, education and living standard disparities between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians. Additionally, the burden on other communities will increase as people are forced to move.’ ‘This is the right time to stand up to government and remind them of their responsibilities to those in most need in our community who have been disadvantaged by European occupation of their lands. The outstations have been and remain an antidote to colonisation and its oppressive effect. Justice demands we stand in solidarity with Indigenous people on this urgent matter.”

Yesteryear: Images From Our Past

Lay Missionaries, from left, Pat McAtamney, Karl Wieman, Fr Don Brown and Bob Bradley. La Grange Mission (now known as Bidyadanga), 1965. Photo: Diocese of Broome Archives

LIFE - It is sacred

Unborn baby. 19 weeks.
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These two elements bring the Holy Spirit to a community, he said, noting that only the Spirit can bring harmony, since he “is the harmony between the Father and Son” and the gift that makes harmony in the first place.

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Another theme the Pontiff underscored was how difficult it is to have patience in times of difficulty. To those suffering, the Pope noted, “Jesus promises you many beautiful things and peace in abundance.” If you’ve been persecuted, Francis said, “You will have peace a hundred times more.”

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Given this, the Pope said, those who have patience and “bear problems, endure hardship, endure slander, withstand diseases, bear the pain” of the loss of a loved one, will one day have peace and be rewarded.

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Golden-Back Tree Rat
_Mesembrionmys macrurus_

The Kimberley has many strange and wonderful creatures, however some are so shy and reclusive that not much is known about them. One of these lesser-known species is the Golden-Backed Tree Rat.

The image conjured by the word ‘rat’ is usually one that makes people cringe, but this response can be attributed to the habits of the introduced European black rat - that historical pest of human civilisation. While certainly related (they are both rodents) Golden-Back Tree Rats live an entirely different lifestyle, one that is not only independent of human civilisation, but that is in fact threatened by it.

Like all native rats (there are over fifty species Australia-wide) Golden-Back Tree Rats are very shy animals, and believed to only occur in some coastal areas of the Kimberley and a handful of offshore islands. Consequently, little is known about their biology and it is extremely difficult to estimate how many there are. Likewise, there are few reliable historical records from which to determine how quickly their range or population is declining, although it is believed feral cat predation is the biggest threat to their existence.

To look at, Golden-Back Tree Rats are grey with a pretty gold sweep down their back. They have white feet and long, slightly brush-tipped tails, which are completely white on the lower half. They mainly sleep in tree hollows and forage in trees or on the ground for seeds, fruits and insects.

If you are lucky enough to spot one of these unique little rodents on your Kimberley travels, there’s no need to cry ‘eek!’ - he will definitely be more scared of you than you of him! You can take comfort in the fact you are witnessing a special encounter with one of Australia’s least seen little inhabitants!

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**Indian Fish Curry**

As part of Project Compassion at Our Lady Queen Peace Cathedral in Broome, the Parish held a fish and rice fundraiser. Seminarian John Bosco, from India, prepared this fish curry feast for 80.

A great fundraising idea and a delicious dinner for those lucky enough to pick up a serve.

### Ingredients:
- 1 kg fish
- 6 tbsp chilli powder
- 1 tbsp turmeric
- Salt (to taste)
- Approximately 5 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 onions chopped into small pieces
- 2 green chillies sliced
- 10 curry leaves
- 1 tsp Poppy seeds
- 12 cloves garlic,
- 1 tsp cumin seeds
- Fresh coriander leaves

### Method:
1. Mix the fish with the chilli powder, turmeric, salt, onion and oil.
2. Leave to marinate for half an hour and then put on the stove over medium heat.
3. After 10 minutes add the sliced green chillies and curry leaves and continue cooking
4. Mix poppy seeds, garlic, and cumin seeds to form a paste.
5. Gently stir into fish mixture and cook for a further 15 to 20 minutes
6. When fish is cooked, add coriander leaves and remove from heat.

The dish is best served with rice.
Father Otto Raible was assigned, after ordination to the priesthood in 1911, as a Pallottine Missionary to the Cameroons, in Africa. However, a serious bout of fever forced him home to Germany just before the First World War. After serving as a chaplain in the German Army, Father Raible spent some time as a professor of History at the Pallottine Seminary at Limburg before being sent to replace the ailing Father Drose at Beagle Bay. Arriving in Australia in May of 1928, at the age of forty-one, Father Raible was in fact appointed Apostolic Administrator of the Kimberley.

His first reaction on arriving at Beagle Bay was that of shock as his eyes set on the isolated mission which appeared primitive and underdeveloped compared with the Cameroons. He stood in awe of his confreres who so obviously suffered numerous deprivations regarding shelter, good health, clothing, diet and recreation. Some of the Brothers working there had not had a break from the Mission for twenty years. The Sisters, too, struggled with the demands made on their services in education and health, nonetheless generously denying themselves much to remain faithful to their commitment.

Newspapers described the Bishop as “a picturesque person”, “striking” and “jolly”. His talent as a musician was appreciated by all he met and the long flowing black beard meant he stood out as someone who took your eye. Stories of his congenial nature still survive in the Kimberley among those who knew him personally.

The opposition to the work of the Catholic Church in the Kimberley by A.O. Neville, the Chief Protector of Aborigines, continued unabated. More and more Government control and an increase in the regulations hampered the work of the Missionaries. The demand of authorities that English be the only language used among children at school was one such regulation.

Another was that the production, in the Mission’s tailor shop, of fine quality shirts might be made but not sold outside of the mission, no matter how high the demand for them. At one time Aboriginal Lay Missionaries from the Peninsula assisted the expansion of the Church into the East Kimberley - George Dan, Paddy Paddy and Philip Cox in the first group - a noble and generous effort, only to be met with a staunch rebuke from A.O. Neville, who ruled that the natives had left their Reserve without his permission.

It is obvious that the preferred methodology of the Vicar Apostolic of the Kimberley, Bishop Otto Raible, ordained a Bishop in 1935, was to do something and see what happened. Hence it was that the Bishop brought from Germany two Pallottine priests who were anthropologists and linguists, Father Ernest Worms and Father Hermann Nekes, to study Aboriginal society and to enable some professional appraisal of Indigenous culture and language. At the same time a husband and wife team of doctors enabled the Bishop to look to provide medical services in the East of the region where they had never been before. He purchased a cattle station, “Rockhole”, not far from Halls Creek with the intention of building a major hospital with a school attached. A.O. Neville did his best to see to it that no such hospital was ever built and no German doctors were authorised to practise their profession in the East Kimberley. One cannot but imagine what such a project might have achieved in the realm of Aboriginal health had Mr Neville been more receptive to ideas outside that of his own narrow framework.

This setback did not prevent Bishop Raible from exploring further the possibility of an Eastern Desert Mission. The intrepid Father Ernest Worms, armed with little more than a notebook, a billycan and a light swag, explored the area on the Canning Stock Route and around Lake Gregory, meeting with local Aboriginal people, studying their language, eating their food and recording their major travel routes throughout the area. This primary work would result eventually in the removal of all mission livestock and personnel from Rockhole to Comet Well and Tjalawan, to the far south of Halls Creek. After three years of living under canvas and in rough shelters, a mission was later established at Old Balgo Mission under the leadership of Father Alphonse Bleischwitz. The Bishop regarded the establishment of Balgo as his work, one “close to his heart”, and told Father Alphonse as much. Now, decisively, the Church in its endeavours and under the leadership of the Bishop, moved away from the coast to begin a new era in furthering the Faith in the Kimberley.

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WANTED: Volunteer Workers KIMBERLEY CATHOLIC VOLUNTEER SERVICE
The Diocese of Broome, Western Australia, urgently requires volunteers – couples and singles – to serve within the Diocese. Duties may include any of the following: cooking, working in stores, building and vehicle maintenance, housekeeping, book-keeping, transport and grounds maintenance.

In return for being part of the team we offer accommodation, living expenses and an allowance. Placements are preferred for a period of twelve months plus but a reduced time would be considered.

For further details and an application form please contact the co-ordinator:
Phone: 08 9192 1060
or email: volunteers@broomediocese.org
PO Box 76, BROOME WA 6725
Easter in the Kimberley

ABOVE: At the St Mary’s College Broome Holy Place, the College performing arts students depicted the Passion of Jesus, at their annual Easter Reflection. Photo: Damian Kelly Photography

On Ash Wednesday at Ngalangangpum School in Warmun, Johnathon Green received the ashes from Fr Frank Birrell. Photo: Sr J Murphy rsj

Children at Birlirr Ngawiyiwu Catholic School in Ringer Soak-Yaruman celebrate Palm Sunday. Photo: C Grabski

On Holy Thursday at St Theresa’s Church in Balgo, church leaders perform the washing of the feet. Photo: L Grant

At the ecumenical Stations of the Cross on Good Friday in Broome, the churches of Broome walked the Way of the Cross. Photo: A Rohr
Bishop Saunders during the washing of the feet on Holy Thursday at Our Lady Queen of Peace Cathedral. Photo: A Rohr

On the evening of Good Friday in Balgo, young and old came to venerate the cross. Photo: L Grant

Fr Nicholas Kipkemboi holding up the Pascal Candle during the Easter vigil at Our Lady of the Assumption church in Kalumburu. Photo: G Fyvie

At St John the Baptist Church in La Grange/Bidyadanga, Parish Priest Fr Benny Calanza celebrates Easter Sunday mass. Photo: P Morales

On Easter Sunday at Kalumburu Mission, the egg hunt was followed by painting boiled eggs. Carefully painting their eggs are young Kimberley Clements (L) and Kimberley Catholic volunteer Maryanne Fyvie. Photo: G Fyvie

Not wanting to wait for her Easter eggs in La Grange/Bidyadanga is Jaysahn Crusoe. Photo: P Morales
People Stories

Donnelly McKenzie

When he looks back over seven decades, Broome stalwart Donnelly McKenzie is content to say he has led a fulfilling life.
A life filled with rich memories of bygone pearling days, family, Catholicism and of course, sport.
Broome is where Donnelly’s story began and continues to be 75 years on.
Born in 1940, Donnelly and his family moved to Beagle Bay and returned to the town after the Second World War.
His mother worked for the Normans, a renowned pearling family.
Donnelly and his older brother Frank became good friends with the Norman’s son John, and they remain firm friends to this day.
“John considered my mother his mother too because she used to look after him,” he said.
“Mr Norman helped mum buy a house...because mum was Aboriginal, she couldn’t bid for the house, so Mr Norman helped her.”
As a child, Donnelly attended St Mary’s College, and it was there that he developed a love of sport.
While at school, he worked part time at the Kennedy store.
After leaving St Mary’s at 14, Donnelly’s mother secured a job for him at the meatworks, where he worked for two seasons before following in his brother William’s footsteps, and going into the pearling industry.
His first job entailed manufacturing boxes to store pearl shells, before he moved on to sorting shells.

It wasn’t long before he became the town’s top sorter and grader of pearls.
“It was really hard work,” he said.
“Maybe 2-300 bags of shells would come in and one bag would weigh about 50lb.
“We worked long hours, overtime and sometimes even at night to get the shells graded in time...”
When he wasn’t handling pearl shells, Donnelly would spend much of his time on the field and on the court playing football and basketball.
His exceptional abilities led him to make a lasting mark on Broome’s sporting history.
He was a founding committee member of the West Kimberley Football Club and became the first captain of the Saints Football Club.
Later on in life, Donnelly also took up darts and went on to play for 30 years.
At the age of 19, Donnelly married the love of his life, Mary Anne Sahanna.
“We had a good life,” he said.
“There were some ups and downs but we stuck it out until the end.”
The couple raised five children and spent nearly 43 years together until Mary Anne passed away in 2002.
In between working, raising a family and playing sport, Donnelly was also strongly connected to and involved with the Catholic Church.

To this day, Donnelly’s memories are vivid.
“I used to learn the Latin prayers,” he said.
“I can still remember the prayers...I’m nearly 75 now and I was taught when I was 12.”
One of his proudest moments was joining the Young Christian Workers at 15, where he helped his friend Dicki Chi learn catechism and helped him make his First Holy Communion.
Years later, when he was in his 30s, Donnelly eventually became a Eucharistic Minister.

Despite being asked to take on the role several times by Fr McMahon, Donnelly always said no, feeling it was a privilege only reserved for a chosen few.
But after receiving communion by a visiting Eucharistic Minister while in hospital in Perth one time, Donnelly had a change of heart.
“I had communion and I said ‘thank you Father,’ and he said ‘I’m not a priest, I’m an ordinary person like you...’ and bang! It hit me straight away and I thought this is what God wants me to do.”
As soon as he returned to Broome, Donnelly became a Eucharistic Minister - a calling he fulfilled for 20 years.
“I was the first one in Broome to take that challenge on,” he said.
“It was something like a blessing to me.”
From then on, he would assist Fr McMahon in administering communion to the sick and elderly in the parish and expanded his role within the church doing many other tasks.
After working in the pearling industry for 36 years, Donnelly was made redundant and refocussed his life on being a mentor and making a difference in the community.
He worked alongside Sr Leone Collins for six months helping youth before starting a counselling service called Pinakarra with his friend Joe Roe.
Donnelly also worked with the Aboriginal Visitors Scheme, which enabled him to reach out to his people and give them support.
A few years ago, Donnelly was recognised for his outstanding contribution to the community and its sporting clubs, including having the pavilion at Haynes Oval officially called the Donnelly McKenzie Pavilion.
These days, the great-grandfather continues to be an integral part of community life in his beloved Broome town.
As he looks back on his many achievements, Donnelly’s focus is passing on his stories and legacy to the next generation.
“I hope I did them (my family) well leading the life I lived and I hope they think ‘he did well for Broome.’”
It was a windy day for the ceremony of laying the foundation stone of St Theresa’s Church Balgo October 1964. Sisters Francis Dunne and Elizabeth Margaret McBride had quite a battle with the wind as they packed vestments and other items into the suitcase to take them back to their home at Old Balgo Mission. Everyone was there for this important occasion, including the dormitory girls. Life in the 1960s in the isolated desert mission held many hardships for the Sisters, the wind being one of the least of them.

Once a suitable site with good water supply had been found, work began on building a new mission 20 kms from what has become known as Old Mission. Working conditions for the Sisters improved greatly with the move from the ‘old red ant hill brick mission’ into new and renovated buildings. It took a couple of years to build the New Mission and excitement grew as the time to move came closer. It was planned to move in January before the new school year. However Fr McGuire made a snap decision to move in December.

Sr Philomena laughs when she tells of their adventure when the move began. And then, Fr McGuire comes up one Friday night and says, ‘What if we move out this week-end?’ He said, ‘We’ll just take out one change of clothes and enough food for a day. We’ll be able to come in next week and get the rest of it. We’ll go out on Sunday. We’ll have mass here on Sunday morning and we’ll have mass in the new church on Sunday evening and we’ll stay there’.

Well we did that. We went out Sunday morning, we had mass Sunday evening. Well it absolutely poured raining that night and they couldn’t get back into the old mission to get anything. The creek was up and they couldn’t get across. We had no food with us, just enough for a day and we had what we stood up in and that’s the way it was. That was our move out to the new mission. It was terrible. For the few days, we had nothing. Only what we stood up in and it was a real joke.

The convent at Old Mission was dismantled and rebuilt at the New Mission with some extensions. The precious chapel stained glass window went with the building.

Sr Philomena has another story about the move. While our convent was being taken down and moved we lived in the hospital but they had taken the roof off the hospital — we had no roof. Fr McGuire was praying for rain but we didn’t want any, we had no roof over our heads. The day we moved out the rain came down.

By 15 May 1965 the school year was well underway, all were settled into the new buildings and it was time for the official opening. Sr Philomena recalls the work involved as Sisters prepared enough food for the large number of visitors who came. Politicians, Bishops and other dignitaries arrived on a DC3 aircraft, flying in for the day for the blessing of St Theresa’s church and the New Mission. In 2015 the church is celebrating 50 years since the opening.

Sr Veronica McCarthy recalls her years working at both Old Mission and New Mission. It was always a joy for me to return to Balgo. I developed a deep love for the Balgo people that continues to this day.

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Sister Andrew Doherty, Philomena Hockings, Veronica McCarthy and Elizabeth Margaret McBride in front of St Theresa’s Church

Official blessing and opening of the New Mission. Section of Sisters Convent in the background.

Dormitory girls near the foundation stone.
1. Leticia Dixon of Broome with daughter Elizabeth. Elizabeth was born on 14 August 2014. Photo: A Rohr
2. Stephanie Yugambari with Hamas John Wandiga Tchooga, in background is Renata Narala who was taking the Derby Greyhound bus on her way home to Balgo. Photo: Fr J Purnell
3. Bruce Oxtoby with his new son Brendon Raymond Oxtoby. Photo: CAS
4. Paula Sibosado holding baby Ace Sibosado from Lombadina. Photo: Fr C Knapman
5. From Beagle Bay on the Dampier Peninsula is Raiden Matsumoto with grandmother Sidonie Matsumoto. Photo: Fr C Knapman
6. From One Arm Point is Maureen Angus with baby Ezina Angus. Photo: Fr C Knapman
7. In Warmun is Britney Mosquito with baby Kandall. Photo: Sr J Murphy rsj
8. Also in Warmun, Shonece Purdie with her daughter Cytarnah. Photo: Sr J Murphy rsj
Notre Dame Kimberley

New pathway course broadens horizons for regional and remote students

The University of Notre Dame Australia has launched an innovative and unique program to ensure more students from regional and remote Western Australia have access to tertiary education opportunities.

The Tertiary Pathway Program (TPP), delivered on the University’s Broome Campus, has been established to provide students who do not meet the minimum entry requirements for university study with the confidence, skills and knowledge to begin an undergraduate degree. The TPP is a tuition-free course for all Australian citizens.

The course aims to develop skills for independent university learning, including the development of essential skills in the areas of mathematics, academic reading and writing, and research.

Delivered using the Regional and Remote Delivery Model, students can participate in this program from anywhere in WA. Whilst students will need to undertake the unit ‘Communication and Essential Study Skills’ on the Broome Campus, the remaining units will be available either online and/or in separate week-long study blocks on the Broome and/or Fremantle campuses.

Students who successfully complete this program meet minimum entry requirements for a range of undergraduate courses at Notre Dame, including the Bachelor of Nursing program.

On-campus accommodation is available for students who wish to study on the Broome Campus for a short or extended period of time.

Remembering ANZAC Day

At Holy Rosary School in Derby the students made ANZAC biscuits using a recipe similar to the ANZAC biscuits that were made for our ANZAC soldiers serving in Gallipoli and along the Western Front during World War 1.

This cooking lesson was one of a selection of activities that students and staff at Holy Rosary School Derby engaged in to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of ANZAC Day and remember the sacrifice made by those who served during the First World War and through all other battles and wars leading up to present day.

The ANZAC Day activities led up to Friday 1st May when at 11am the whole school held a special ANZAC service where class-made wreaths were laid and moment of silence taken to remember the commitment and sacrifice of the ANZAC soldiers and those who have served in the armed forces since then.

While at Luurnpa Catholic School in Balgo, at school assembly the children remembered the people, both Indigenous and non-Indigenous, who have served their country in war.

Pictured at right, Keisha holds the National flag and Callum holds the Aboriginal flag either side of the symbols which were the focus of the celebration: The cross for our Christian faith and a symbol of the victory of life over death; The eternal flame and olive branch wreath for remembrance of those who gave their lives.

From left, Jesse and Erin Curley, Madison and Callum Atkinson prepare to bake their ANZAC biscuits. Photo: M Atkinson
Baptisms across the Kimberley

The baptism of Keelah Simon took place on 28 February in the Holy Place in Mirama Community in Kununurra with Fr Frank Birrell celebrating the mass. Keelah is pictured with her parents Marcus Simon and Sherrita Liddy and her big sister Grace Simon. Photo: Sr C O’Connor rsj

Baptised by Fr Matthew Digges at Our Lady Queen of Peace Cathedral in Broome was James Treacy. From left, godmother Tarna, mother Sharmal and father Paul Treacy, godfather Dominic Treacy with Fr Matthew Digges. Photo: J Bosco

At St John the Baptist Church in La Grange/Bidyadanga Jarryd Jo Damien Kingsley Thompson was baptised by Fr Benny Calanza. Jarryd is the son of Keisha Nanudie and Rossi Thompson. Photo: P Morales

The baptism of Messiah Cox at Christ the King Church in Lombadina/Djarindjin by Fr Christopher Knapman. Photo: M Townshend

The Sacrament of Baptism added to the joy as with water, oil, signs and prayers, five children were received into the Catholic Community of Ringer Soak on Easter Sunday. From left, Sharon Tchooga, Melinda Seela holding baby Nova-Gabriella, Darrel and Fr John Purnell. Photo: Sr A Cabassi rsj
Blessed Mother Theresa and the sanctity of human life

At the National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, D.C, on February 5, 1994, Mother Theresa dared to speak her mind and heart about the right to life.

But I feel that the greatest destroyer of peace today is abortion, because it is a war against the child, a direct killing of the innocent child, murder by the mother herself. And if we accept that a mother can kill even her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another? How do we persuade a woman not to have an abortion? As always, we must persuade her with love and we remind ourselves that love means to be willing to give until it hurts. Jesus gave even His life to love us. So, the mother who is thinking of abortion, should be helped to love, that is, to give until it hurts her plans, or her free time, to respect the life of her child. The father of that child, whoever he is, must also give until it hurts.

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DAMPIER PENINSULA

On 17 March, Fr Christopher Knapman celebrated First Reconciliation in One Arm Point. From left, Joshua Angus, Kacey Angus, Billi-Joh Angus and Raymond Angus.

LA GRANGE/BIDYADANGA

In 2015, people from the Parish of La Grange/Bidyadanga have been visiting Germanus Kent House in Broome. The visits are to community members who are now residents at Germanus Kent and unable to make the trip back to Bidyadanga. The visit, which includes singing, prayers and lunch, brings joy to all those involved.

You are invited to attend Pilgrimage 2016

The Year 2016 will be a Jubilee Year for the Diocese of Broome. Part of the celebration will be a Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, the land of Jesus birth.

Pilgrims will leave Australia for Rome firstly and will visit St Peters Basilica and the other wonderful sites of Rome, then fly to Israel to visit Bethlehem, Nazareth, the Sea of Galilee, Bethany and Jerusalem.

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**BALGO**

This year there is a new team at the Kutjunka Trade Training Centre at Balgo. Kim is teaching the Hospitality course which includes operating the coffee machine, while Caleb has returned to the staff this year after working at Luurnpa Catholic School in Balgo as a Lasallian volunteer last year.

![Caleb Bainbridge (L) and Kimberley O’Halloran (R). Photo: Br M Blattman fsc](Image)

**DERBY**

The Year 2 children of Holy Rosary, Derby, re-enacted the Stations of the Cross in preparation for Easter.

![Photo: C Bevan](Image)

**GIBB RIVER**

The Catholic Education Office Broome staff donated many lovely Easter Eggs to be raffled for Project Compassion. The lucky winner of the first prize was Keiran Savoia of Ngallagunda Community, Gibb River. Keiran entertained ideas of getting through the whole basketful, but his parents wisely decided to share the loot with community members at Wanakirri Catholic School’s Holy Thursday prayer and a shared meal. The community children especially were extremely pleased with the decision.

![Keiran’s haul. Photo: D Savoia](Image)

**MULAN**

The students of John Pujajangka-Piyirn Catholic School in Mulan have started the term praying for the people who are sick or unhappy in their own community, in Australia and around the world. After reading the book called “Butterflies in their Hats” by Sandy Eisenberg Sasso, they decided to make their own butterflies of hope for people in the world and write their own prayers and messages.

![Photo: P Brown](Image)
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Congratulations to Harman Sharma from St Mary’s College Broome, who was awarded third place in the Australia-New Zealand Brain Bee Challenge. The competition is for high school students in Years 10 (Australia) and 11 (New Zealand) to learn about the brain and its functions, learn about neuroscience research, find out about careers in neuroscience and to dispel misconceptions about neurological and mental illnesses.

A St Mary’s College, Broome, team travelled to Perth last year, and was successful in gaining second place in the state team challenge while Harman was named the West Australian Champion of this competition. During the recent school holidays, Harman qualified as one of eight Australian students to compete to become the Champion of the Australia-New Zealand Brain Bee competition in Perth.

KUNUNURRA

A focus for St Joseph’s School in Kununurra this year is strengthening the community relationship with the school and building a sense of belonging amongst the students. One of the initiatives started this year is afterschool clubs. Afterschool clubs is run by the staff and provides students with opportunities to engage further afterschool with activities such as sport, craft and music.

WARMUN

Fr Frank Birrell recently travelled to Warmun in the southern part of the Kununurra Parish, and was shown some of the magnificent artwork to be displayed around the new school.

Leanne Hodge, the Principal at Ngalangangpum School in Warmun, has some wonderful trophies in her new school office and administration wing, including a marvelously constructed Magpie given to the school as a gift from a visiting Eastern States school. The Bishop says it is only fitting for a magpie to be in a school founded by the Josephite Sisters, and sustained still by their presence, as he has it on good authority that Australia’s first Saint, Mary MacKillop, the founder of the Josephite Sisters, was, in fact, a Collingwood supporter.
Today is Trinity Sunday!

Today, we celebrate that there are three Persons in one God –

the Father
the Son, and
the Holy Spirit

In the Name of the...

The Father is GOD.

God the Father CREATED all things and GIVES LIFE.

God the Father SENT his ONLY SON, JESUS, into the WORLD so we may be WITH GOD in HEAVEN.

Finish this Sentence:

Father, I praise and thank you for you

The Holy Spirit is SENT by GOD.
The Holy Spirit is GOD LIVING within US.
The Holy Spirit will TEACH and GUIDE us to live as Jesus did.
The Holy Spirit will GUIDE US to KNOW RIGHT and WRONG.

Finish this Sentence:

Holy Spirit, I love you because

Jesus is GOD.
Jesus came into the world as ONE of US.
Jesus SUFFERED and DIED for US so one day we may be with his FATHER in HEAVEN.
Jesus SHOWS US the WAY to COME to the FATHER in heaven.

Can You Do This?

Jesus taught the disciples a special prayer to God, our Father, the “Our Father”.
We all know the “Our Father”, but to write it some children get stuck.
Can you write Jesus’ prayer right through? Pray it each night in bed.

Read Galatians 5:22-23. Fill in the prayer with words that will help you be the best Child of God. Pray your prayer each night in May.

Father in heaven, I ask for the ...... and ........ of the Holy Spirit to help me live as Jesus lived. I pray this prayer in the name of Jesus, your Son. Amen.

Have you noticed the Sign of the Cross Prayer starting in the middle of the top of your worksheet? In this prayer we call on the 3 Persons of God ... Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

There is also a Prayer praising the Three Persons of God. Write it out and place it on your mirror to pray.

_______ be to the Father and to the ________ end to the ________, as it was in the ________, is now and ________ shall be, __________ without end. Amen.

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**PRAYER FOR PEACE**

Almighty God and Creator, 
You are the father of all people on the earth.

I beseech You to guide all the nations and their leaders 
in the ways of justice and peace. 
Protect us from the evils of injustice, prejudice, 
exploitations, conflict and war. 
Help us to put away mistrust, bitterness and hatred. 
Teach us to cease the storing and using 
of implements of war. 
Lead us to find peace, respect and freedom. 
Unite us in the making and sharing of tools of peace 
against ignorance, poverty, disease and oppression.

Grant that we may grow in harmony and friendship 
as brothers and sisters created in Your image, 
to Your honour and praise.

Amen.

**Recently Departed**

† **HUSSEIN BIN KARIM**
   died in Broome on 13 March, 2015.

† **DOROTHY [DOTTY] COX**
   a long time resident of Beagle Bay, and then 
   Broome, Dotty was a resident at Germanus 
   Kent Hostel when she passed away on 27 
   March 2015.

† **WILLIAM MCKENZIE**
   ex-Djarindjin Community, died in the Broome 
   Hospital after a long illness on 27 March 2015.

† **JANE AUGUSTINE COX**
   of Beagle Bay and recently of Broome, died in 
   Broome on 2 April 2015.

† **MURPHY SIMON**
   from Molly Spring, died at Kununurra Hospital 
   after a long illness on 4 April 2015.

† **VIVIAN BEDE**
   of Mowanjum died in Kalumburu 
   on 5 April, 2015.

† **JUSTIN DJANGHARA**
   of Kalumburu died in Kalumburu 
   on 5 April, 2015.

† **JIMMY BIN SALI**
   of Broome, died peacefully after many years of 
   patient suffering on 30 April, 2015.

**May they rest in Peace**

If you have any death notices you would like to include please email kcp@broomediocese.org
ABOVE: With the roads closed for the wet season, Fr Nicholas Kipkemboi flew from Kalumburu to Gibb River in order to celebrate the Ash Wednesday Vigil mass for this very remote community. On arrival Keiran Savoia, school principal Dean Savoia’s son, greeted him at the plane. Photo: D Savoia

RIGHT: Baptised by Fr Christopher Knapman at Christ the King Church in Lombadina/Djarindjin was Laylah, pictured in the arms of her father Rhys Boyd.

ABOVE: At the Catholic School Warmun saying the Angelus daily at 12 noon is a devotional moment that the students enjoy. Learning the Angelus has been something well taught and well led by their teachers. These students and the REC coordinator for their school used the PA system to lead the school in prayer. Pictured is Rosanna Franco (REC), and from left, Erin Copley, Shonoel Banks and Amber Daylight. Photo: CAS

ABOVE: During the Chrism Mass at Our Lady Queen of Peace Cathedral in Broome on 24 March, Bishop Saunders holds up the chrism oil. Photo: A Rohr

RIGHT: Shayne Wandiga proudly holding his fresh kangaroo tail. Photo: Fr J Purnell