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‘Put up or pipe down!’

A number of recent events and trends have brought forth a series of responses from the ordinary people in the streets of the Kimberley. For example, we have seen a recent by-election in Broome for one seat on the Shire Council. Some 500 people out of a possible 7000 registered voters turned out to cast their vote. At the same time we have had numerous complaints about proposals made by the Shire to do this or that. Surely, the least people can do if they want to have the right to complain is to spend five minutes to cast a vote!

There is pressure on all around in our towns and communities. Pressures are coming from lack of facilities, lack of affordable housing, lack of access to cheap short-term accommodation, lack of available land, perceived lack of due process, perceived slowness of decision-making by State Government, perceived lack of action to address social issues, perceived lack of consultation on resource developments. The question is usually, ‘Why are they not doing something about it?’ We have all read some version of the following story:

This is a story about four people: Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody.

There was an important job to be done and Everybody was asked to do it. Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did. Somebody got angry because it was Everybody’s job. Everybody knew that Anybody could do it, but Nobody realised that Somebody wouldn’t do it.

If we sit back and do what we have always done, we will continue to get what we have always got.

And Everybody blamed Somebody because Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

The message? We all need to do what we can; contribute our bit to not only finding the problem but also finding the solution. There are a number of pleasing responses to some of the issues mentioned above that have been seen recently. There have been community based groups formed by concerned citizens to suggest some solutions to the appropriate people with regard to homelessness, the broad problems that are evidenced by the increasing numbers of itinerants in our towns, the lack of affordable housing for local people, the need for appropriate development.

These people have decided that they are ‘Somebody’, and they can do something about their concerns. They have already seen their work bear fruit in proposed community forums, improved consultation processes, and action steps backed by their local Shire Councillors and Officers. This has been a good lesson for many people. As that famous author Anonymous once said, ‘If we sit back and do what we have always done, we will continue to get what we have always got’.

So if people want to exercise their right to speak out and complain about how things are, they need to be willing to participate in producing a change. If they feel they cannot take on leadership themselves, they should at least get out and vote for and support those who believe they can. The message for us all in the current climate of many pressures is as Gandhi suggested: You must be the change you wish to see in the world.

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ANNE AND DENIS CULLITY were in Broome recently to support the Professional Development for clergy and others offered by Notre Dame Australia, Broome Campus. The Conference with Fr Kevin Long and Fr John Coleman SJ was sponsored by the Jesuit Chair of Studies at St Thomas More College, a Foundation promoted and supported by Denis and his wife.

TERRY MURPHY, for a very long time a Kimberley Lay Missionary in the Diocese of Broome, recently retired to Wagga Wagga in NSW where he has family. Terry spent many years in the Kimberley where in later years he enjoyed a period of time as caretaker for the Sisters of St John of God at their house on Riddell Beach. Thank you, Terry, for your many years of service to the people of the Kimberley.

THE TWO BROTHERS NEGUS were in Broome recently for the farewell to the Our Lady of the Missions Sisters and more specifically the farewell to Sr Helena Brabender OLM. The Brothers are also brothers (twins in fact) as is evident from the photograph. Both were Principals of Nulungu College when Sr Helena was a staff member and continued on the staff of St Mary’s for a total of 25 years. Peter, on the right, and Laurie had a wonderful time meeting large numbers of friends during their brief stay. Peter is part of the Leadership Team of the Christian Brothers in Perth and Laurie has just returned from two years in Africa and works at Clontarf and Trinity Colleges in Perth.

THE ROVING RETREAT TEAM has arrived in Broome and plans to make connections with communities prior to conducting Retreats throughout the Diocese. The Team, consisting of Fr Eugene Diaz (far right) assisted by (l to r) Joseph Eastgate, Hannah Atkinson and Marcello Gonzalez, is looking forward to visiting each Parish and as many communities as possible.

THE WIRRIMANU ADULT EDUCATION AND TRAINING CENTRE in Balgo is trialling a partnership with Kimberley TAFE to provide certificate and short-course vocational training in literacy, numeracy, computer usage, industrial skills and community work. TAFE lecturers, David and Tammie Madden, have commenced full-time work at the Centre working through Halls Creek TAFE.

RECTOR GENERAL of the Pallottine Fathers, Fr Friedreich Kretz sac (centre) and his assistant, Fr Jacob Nampudakam sac, were accompanied by Fr Ray Hevern (left), Regional Leader in WA, on a recent visit to Broome. The trip was part of the Rector General’s Visitation to Australia and included Beagle Bay, where Fr Friedreich was interested to visit the cemetery, the final resting place of many Pallottine Priests and Brothers.
Identifying as Catholic

By Bishop Christopher Saunders DD

Retaining the obvious Catholicity of our schools, hospitals, universities and residential colleges is a pressing challenge for the Church in all parts of Australia. We need to be saying clearly who we are and what we believe.

This problem was highlighted recently by the much publicised decision to remove a crucifix from the wall of a regional Catholic hospital at the request of a patient. One can see how such consideration could be just as easily extended to other institutions so that statues of the Sacred Heart, icons of the Blessed Trinity, a marble relief of the Virgin Mary or even a crib scene at Christmas might also disappear in a flurry of accommodating good intentions.

Identifying ourselves, our homes and our institutions as evidently Catholic is an essential witness to our beliefs. Blending the identifiable Catholic icons with the secular, diminishing their presence by placing them in some obscure corner or removing them altogether are unspoken public statements that what these icons represent may be easily dispensed with.

Hence I am alarmed but not surprised when I see a beautiful statue of Mary crowded out by a collection of ordinary drawings representative of somebody’s first attempt at art. No matter what we might think about a statue of Buddha, seeing one at an airport being used as a drinking-straw dispenser, as I did recently, says a great deal about the parlous lack of respect many people have for the sacred in Australia today.

In our institutions, the problem of identity may be well addressed by a confirmed understanding of ‘mission’ and a formation of the Catholic leadership group that heads each institution. A definition of ‘mission’, that embraces more than the colourless and undefined term ‘Catholic ethos’; is a good beginning. An appreciation that this mission must extend beyond secular utilitarian purposes is essential. Any thought that Catholic values and Catholic beliefs are no different from any other values or beliefs is clearly erroneous. At the core of our endeavours is the conviction that it is Christ and the love of Christ that urges us, compels us, to serve the needs of our people and our nation.

To say that any trend to seriously minimize this conviction is representative of a crisis of faith is not an exaggeration but a statement of fact best dealt with openly, carefully, lovingly and deliberately.

Furthering Catholic devotions and practices in Catholic homes has to be the subject of a pastoral strategy that recognizes the in-roads of the secular into the broader Australian society. However, what is needed at the heart of our apostolic activity is not a fundamentalist approach that condemns the world but a Catholic evangelization that blesses it as the creation of God. The work we do in families and through institutions is God’s work and nothing less than sacred. In this context the task of restoring and emphasising our Catholic identity calls out for a unity of purpose and an imaginative prayerful response. There is no time to waste.

Benedict XVI reiterated again the central message of his pontificate - - God is love -- when visiting the tomb of St. Augustine.

“Contemporary humanity needs this essential message, incarnated in Christ Jesus,” the Holy Father said, concluding his trip to Pavia. “Everything should begin here, and from here, everything should be directed: all pastoral action, all theological theses,” the Pontiff said in his homily at the celebration of Evening Prayer with priests, religious and seminarians of this northern Italian diocese.

He began by explaining: “I wanted to come here to venerate the mortal remains of St Augustine to express both the homage of the entire Church to one of the greatest ‘fathers,’ and my personal devotion and recognition of him who has had such importance in my life as a theologian and a pastor, and I would say even more, as a man and a priest.”

The writings of St. Augustine (354-430), bishop of Hippo and doctor of the Church, have marked the life of Joseph Ratzinger. In 1953, Father Ratzinger dedicated his doctoral thesis to the saint’s teachings. “Before the tomb of Augustine,” Benedict XVI said, “I wish to again spiritually offer to the Church and to the world my encyclical, which contains precisely this central message of the Gospel: ‘Deus caritas est,’ God is love. Only one who lives the personal experience of love for the Lord is capable of carrying out the task of guiding and accompanying others in the path of following Christ.”

The Holy Father underlined: “To serve Christ is, above all, a question of love. The Church is not a mere organization of mutual encounters, nor is it, on the other hand, the sum of individuals who live a private religion. The Church is a community of persons that believe in the God of Jesus Christ and commit themselves to live in the world the commandment of love which he left us.”

Benedict XVI invited his listeners to live the Christian life, which “has charity as the bond of perfection and should be transformed into a style of moral life inspired by the Gospels, inevitably contrary to the currents of modern criteria, but which always needs to be witnessed to, in a humble, respectful and cordial way.”
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We are all well aware of the untold wealth of resources that are currently sustaining the economic boom of both Western Australia and indeed the nation. The flow-on effects are not so well publicized, but are being felt at the lower end of the economic scale in our cities and towns.

Once Governments obtain a taste for the easy money that can be had from encouraging investment in resources, and once they become largely dependent upon that income, it is sometimes difficult to convince them that this might not be the ‘jar of oil and the measure of meal’ (1 Kings 17:14-16) that will continue to replenish itself forever. There needs to be a sizeable investment in the future for when the resources run out or there is a downturn in the commodity markets and the returns diminish. The best investment to make is in the families and young people of our State. I am not sure that we have seen this investment in the recent budgets at State or Federal levels.

As far as the Kimberley is concerned, we are running the risk of placing our eggs in the same basket of reliance on resource extraction to keep us going. To this point, at the local level we have seen a drain on the most valuable resource we have, our young people, who are lured away from further education and training to participate in the prospect of becoming wealthy quickly through employment in the resources industry. We have seen our local housing stocks and local infrastructure neglected and run down. We have seen our land taken over by already wealthy developers for large energy inefficient tourist resorts and housing.

At the same time, our lower end of the market tourists cannot find accommodation because the caravan parks are occupied by permanent residents with nowhere else to go and our cheaper motels and hotels are either taken up with permanent bookings from resource companies or are being taken over by resort owners for their staff to live in. Meanwhile, the long-term residents, both indigenous and non-indigenous struggle to find a place to live. Onto the scene come those wishing to extract oil, gas and uranium from the Kimberley waters and land, promising as they always do, that the local community will obtain extraordinary benefits in the short term in exchange for allowing this violent assault on the sea and landscape of the Kimberley. For once there has been a strong alliance formed between parts of the tourism industry, the local indigenous traditional owners, environmental organizations and many in the general public in resistance to an open arms welcome to these overtures. In the current circumstances, when much of what locals and tourists alike have come to value more and more as pristine and worthy of preservation is coming under greater pressure, it seems to me to be wise to take our time and to try to cut through the technical jargon, the smoke screen of ‘commercial in confidence’ responses and promises that the economic benefits will ‘trickle down’ to those who need the most help. We’ve heard it all before. It is time for those who claim to be green to also come clean.

In the meantime, the locals deserve a better deal from our political leaders.

Some time ago the Federal Member for the Kimberley, Barry Haase, was boasting about the low unemployment numbers in the electorate. I sent off an email asking three simple questions:

What is the Government’s definition of ‘employed’?

What is the Government’s definition of ‘unemployed’?

Which groups of people were excluded from these statistics?

I have resent the email twice and I am still waiting for an answer.

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**Priestly Profile**

This month, Fr Richard Tomelty, Assistant Priest in Our Lady Queen of Peace Cathedral Parish, gives us some insight into his life as a priest in the Broome Diocese.

Before coming into the Kimberley I was working in the Archdiocese of Perth, at Good Shepherd Parish in Kelmscott in Perth. It has been just over a year that I have been in the Kimberley, arriving at the beginning of April 2006.

Currently, I am the Assistant to the Administrator of the Cathedral Parish of Broome, where my duties are to assist Fr Daniel in the care of the people of the Broome Parish. This includes Sacramental care as well as pastoral care.

What I most enjoy in my work in the Kimberley Diocese is the collaboration between people and priests. Here you can feel a sense of community and can share in the lives of the people. It is often a challenging work, and that means you rely on the help of God and others, which provides a great strength.

When I see people responding in faith to the work of God I am always filled with hope. The generosity of the people when called upon to do things, is also a great sign of hope that I witness.

The greatest challenge for me is to see some people in very desperate situations and to feel that many times I am quite inadequate to help. Often the final response to great challenges is prayer. I place the people in God’s loving care.

So far there is nothing that I would like to change; so far so good!
International Presenter

By Fr Patrick De Silva, Continuing Education for Clergy

As part of its Personal Development program for 2007, the Diocese of Broome was recently blessed with the presence of Fr John Coleman SJ (pictured at right), Professor of Social Values at Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles who was the main presenter at a conference entitled ‘Doing Theology in Remote Australia’. Fr Coleman was ably assisted by Fr Kevin Long from Notre Dame Australia, Fremantle Campus.

The focus of the Conference was an exploration of the theology of enculturation and environmental responsibility. It consisted of a daily round of liturgy, input, reading, reflection, conversation and time to experience the Port of Pearls. Fr Coleman’s presentations were most impressive and well received by all.

A special thanks to Notre Dame Australia, Broome Campus, who were instrumental in bringing Fr Coleman to Broome and organizing the Conference. Well done!

The Conference commenced with a lecture on The Place of Mary in the Christian Tradition by Fr Kevin Long. The evening concluded with the recitation of the Church’s Night Prayer. Pictured is Yawuru participant, Erica Bernard, blessing Francis Chi as he leaves the gathering. Photo: S Wagner sg.

End of an Era

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Kimberley recently to help Sr Helena Brabender, the last Sister still working in Broome and the Kimberley, to pack up and finally say farewell. The Cathedral was full on Sunday 29 April 2007 when Bishop Saunders and the local clergy presided at a thanksgiving Eucharist. This was followed by morning tea in the Fr Nicholas Emo Centre, where Bishop Saunders formally thanked the Sisters for their generous contribution to the mission of the Diocese. The Province Leader, Sr Catherine Brabender, Sr Helena’s sister, spoke of the joy and sadness of the occasion, but also of the happy memories the Sisters have of the times they have spent in the Kimberley. Sr Helena is now working in Melbourne, using her talents in the field of art and design.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our Priests who recently celebrated their Anniversary of Ordination:

FR API ALVAREZ
27 May
FR EMIL CIECIEREKA
28 May
Caterpillars to moths

In Australia there are over 10,000 named species of moths and most of their common names are derived from their behaviour or appearance in their caterpillar stage.

We have all heard the expression ‘walk before you can run’ but for moths in the insect world, it is the case of ‘walk before you can fly’. This is quite evident when we come across what is commonly known as ‘processionary’ caterpillars who slowly make their way over footpaths and roadways in a long, hairy, grey chain. During the day large groups of 300 or more of these caterpillars eat leaf litter and when their food runs out they move on. With the ‘safety in numbers’ rule, they form a line and follow each other nose to tail like a miniature freight train - with the added bonus of not getting lost on the way! Their goal is to find a new food source and as they proceed they lay a thin trail of silk while also presenting a formidable number of irritant hairs to predators. Eventually, these caterpillars transform into grey moths with a wingspan of about 4cm.

Another Kimberley caterpillar invades our trees early in the year. They have a particular liking for the Poincianas and keep chomping away until the trees are denuded of foliage. These caterpillars can be a nuisance when they drop out of the trees onto our backs and over the bonnet of our car. So what are these blighters? They are Poinciana loopers (Pericyma cruegeri) so named because of the way they curl their green and brown bodies in an arch. In time, they turn into small brown moths.

Maybe next time when you are camping in the bush and moths are attracted to your gas light, spare a thought for the unique part they play in our Kimberley environment.

Alternatives to prison explored

In the absence of a representative forum in Balgo to speak for the whole village, the establishment of the Local Justice Forum has been welcomed. The State Government has encouraged these forums to assist in the real problem of the operation of legal justice in remote communities. This is obvious in Balgo, where over thirty adults are in prison at any one time out of a population of 480.

Interest in the forum is high, as people see the great need to find ways of building a solid and supportive community. Many positive strategies were discussed at the first forum, which was organised by Alan Stewart from the Attorney General’s Department. It is hoped that Government agencies will be able to support the initiative in the future.

Baptisms

Halls Creek parish welcomed four new parishioners when Fr Mark baptised them on the Feast of the Ascension, 20th May, 2007. Among them was baby Leith McKay seen here in the arms of his mother Brenda McKay, with Fr Mark, Candace Wilson and his Godmother, Rachel McKay.
**“Ex Joey's” Young Adult Group**

After a couple of meetings together a group of young people, all former pupils of St Joseph's Primary School, Wyndham, with the help of Bowie Callaghan have decided to come together to support each other, to carry out some activities together and particularly to learn more about themselves and each other. A number of activities are planned to take place over the coming months starting in June when they plan to head off beyond Parry’s Creek for a few hours of hunting, fishing and relaxation. We hope and pray that this new initiative of our young people will be a great success.

**Award Winning Program**

Recently, at the WA Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Forum held in Perth on 1st and 2nd May, the Warmun Local Drug and Action Group won an award. The Strong Spirit Strong Mind Alcohol and other Drugs Award, for innovative and culturally secure Aboriginal alcohol and other drugs programs, was awarded to the “Lirrkarn Kerrem” - “to teach and understand” Alcohol and Drug Intervention Program. The team is, from left, Patrick Mung, Nancy Nodea, Sr Theresa Morellini rsj (coordinator), Betty Carrington, Sr Frances Flemming of Mirrilingki Spirituality Centre Turkey Creek and Mary Thomas.

**Catching up**

Catching up in Broome were Sr Frances Wilson OLM (left) and Sr Pat Rhatigan SSJG. Sr Frances, who had spent many years at Wanalirri Catholic School in Gibb River, was in Broome for the farewell, hosted in the Broome Parish, for the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions after a presence lasting 33 years.

**Mother’s Day**

Celebrating Mother’s Day and enjoying a cup of tea are Lizzie Puertollano, centre, with grand-daughter, Natalie Dean at left, and great grand-daughter, Khesahn Graham following Mass in Our Lady Queen of Peace Cathedral, Broome.
Parish News

KUNUNURRA

Veneration of the Cross

Photo: R McNamara rsj.

The Easter ceremonies were well attended in the Parish of St Vincent Pallotti, Kununurra. Shown here Fr Patrick De Silva, Parish Priest, assists parishioners with the Veneration of the Cross at the Good Friday liturgy.

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Pastoral Care

Monica Deblegiers, of the Kimberley Catholic Volunteer Service and working in Halls Creek Parish, recently spent a few days in Derby Hospital. Whilst there, Monica was pleased to receive a visit from Sr Mary Scanlons, the Pastoral Associate of Derby Parish.

Easter Baptisms

During the 2007 Easter Season, Holy Rosary Parish Derby welcomed new members Lorrain Travers with her two sons, Jarrad and Jayden, Jessica and Madison Smith, Zachery Millar, Thomas Stephen, Ben, Tijuana, Arianne, Bridgette, Dale and Brook from the Dolby family, and Angel and Sydny Chandler. There are more Baptisms to come in the near future, with others involved in preparation sessions.

MIRRILINGKI IS CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Mirrilingki Spirituality Centre


This is a chance for people to experience life in community in the Australian outback, contributing to the ministry of Mirrilingki Spirituality Centre. Volunteers are needed who are willing and able to do ordinary things with flair and enthusiasm.

If you wish to know more, please visit our website www.users.bigpond.com/mirrilingki

If you would like to be part of our community please ring Sister Mary Baker RSJ on (08) 9168 7884 and/or fill in the application form on our website.

Mirrilingki is a cross-cultural Catholic centre which seeks to promote formation in ministry and personal development across the Church of the Kimberley in the spirit of National Reconciliation.

Photo: J Grimson.

Photo: M Scanlon sgs.
Chairperson’s Message

‘Love one another as I Love You’ is the theme for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday, 1st July, 2007. This is a time to celebrate together and to keep reconciliation alive.

During this wonderful time of reflection and celebration, we must always stand strong in our faith in Jesus Christ, and remember his words, “love your neighbour as you love yourself”. We are united in God’s words of love. The NATSICC liturgy team are to be commended for their preparation for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday with this wonderful resource (Liturgy).

Reconciliation is about building a new relationship between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians and the wider community. One that heals the pain of the past and ensures we all share fairly and equally in our National Citizenship”. (A quote from the path community. One that heals the pain of the past and ensures we all share fairly and equally in our National Citizenship”.

The Aboriginal people were given the right to vote in 1967 after the overwhelming vote of ‘Yes’ in the Referendum. May marks the 40th Anniversary of the Referendum and is a time to reflect on the steps ahead of Aboriginal people.

May we walk gently and be guided by our conscience.
In Peace and Unity.
Missionaries in Troubled Times appeal

Catholic Mission has launched its 2007 Partnering Local Churches and Communities appeal. This year’s theme is Be Missionary in Troubled Times. So many communities around the world face even more suffering and our missionaries meet greater challenges and hardships in these troubled times.

These are some of the hardships faced by communities where missionaries are present today: extreme poverty, dramatic climate change, HIV/AIDS, government persecution, racial and religious wars, loss of family ties, land and livelihood to commercial exploitation. The sacrifice being made by missionary workers for peace and faith too frequently includes their own lives. Twenty-four missionaries were killed in 2006.

Sister Dorothy Stang is one missionary whose own life was the ultimate sacrifice. Sister Dorothy was shot and killed at point blank range by hired gunmen in Anapu, in the Amazon Rainforest, Brazil in February 2005. For 37 years Sister Dorothy worked in Brazil teaching local peasant farmers ways to live off the land while recycling the resources of the forest. These poor farmers would till the soil and establish their own income-producing business through sustainable development. She opposed land grabbers and illegal loggers who used intimidation, violence and guns to force these small landowners off their land.

Death threats followed, but Sister Dorothy would not leave her people. In a letter she wrote, “It is not my safety but that of the people which matters.” One rainy Saturday in February 2005, Sister Dorothy was walking to a meeting with the farmers to see what could be done about the worsening situation when two men approached her and pointed their guns at her. They shot her six times.

Missionaries bring a message of hope of a better way, of a better world here on earth because of the worth of the life of each person. With your support for Catholic Mission’s Partnering Local Churches and Communities (Propagation of the Faith) appeal, missionaries all over the world will be able to continue to do their incredible work for those suffering.

Being missionary isn’t just about travelling abroad and working directly with underprivileged communities. We can all be missionary, through prayer, helping in our local community or living a life based on the example of Jesus.

One concrete way you can be missionary is supporting Catholic Mission’s Partnering Local Churches and Communities appeal. To make a donation to Partnering Local Churches and Communities, speak to your local parish personnel, freecall 1800 257 296 or visit www.catholicmission.org.au

Sr Dorothy Stang. Photo: Courtesy Catholic Mission.

School News

BBQ for Boarders

By Aidan Mitchell

Staff at St Mary’s College recently held a sunset barbecue at Town Beach for the boarding students. The occasion was a great opportunity for teachers to mix socially with the boarders, have a kick of the footy and partake of a hearty meal. BBQ organiser Simon Millar, shown serving up a sausage to a hungry Robert Spry-Wiggan, said it was a valuable time to build rapport and strengthen relationships between staff and students. “It was really good to talk, laugh and just be with these great young people in an informal setting”, he said. “The students have much to share with teachers and these occasions allow that to happen.”

Early Childhood Studies

The Year 11 and 12 Early Childhood Studies students have had a wonderful time visiting Kindergarten and Pre Primary this term at St Mary’s College, Broome. The course is offered to Year 11 and 12 students and it involves studying childhood development in the formative years - to age five.

The visits to the Primary School have proven to be very successful both for the senior students, who have increased their self confidence, and for those beginning their educational journey. Some of the Year 11 and 12 students have been considering a future career in teaching, so it has been a great opportunity for them to gain an insight into what is involved in this career.

Working together are, from left Harrison Ganino, Cecelia Phillips and Nicoletta Arace

Photo: L Murray-Smith.
**Students put through their paces**

Students of St Joseph’s School in Wyndham, who attend school regularly, participate in training activities provided by Matthew Clucas of the Clontarf Football Academy. The Academy, now based in the Kimberley towns of Kununurra and Broome, operates out of the Senior High School, and Matthew comes to St Joseph’s School twice a week to work with students of Years 4 to 7.

Matthew puts Paul Crisan (centre) and Lewis Malay through their paces. Photo: C Geurts.

**School Fete**

St Joseph’s School in Kununurra held a Fete on Saturday 19 May kicking off the Argyle Diamonds Ord Valley Muster. Natalie Gregory (left) and Eileen Watkins were willing helpers on the Year 6 Bottle Surprise Stall.

Photo: P Geurts.

**Caring mates**

Pictured, left to right: Bradley Woodhead, Tyler Sillery-Maxwell and Durrack McGrath of St Joseph’s School in Kununurra. Bradley and Durrack have been diligently caring for their injured mate, Tyler, since he returned to school with a severed Achilles Tendon.

Photo: S Richards.

**Employment avenues**

Bernadette Garlett (left) and April Nulgit try the Norforce backpack for size. The High School girls at Ngalangangpum School Warmun, in the East Kimberley, visited a variety of possible employment avenues during a recent Vocational Education Training excursion to Kununurra.

Photo: N Webber.

**Testing combustion levels**

April Nulgit, under the careful guidance of teacher, Nick Webber, tests the combustion levels of a variety of materials during a science lesson at Ngalangangpum School in Turkey Creek-Warmun.

Photo: L Webber.

**Volunteering on Long Service Leave**

Vanessa Peterson from Mary MacKillop College in Wakeley NSW volunteered three weeks of her long service leave to work with students at Ngalangangpum School, Warmun. As the school has a teaching position vacancy her contribution was invaluable. Vanessa expressed her appreciation of the experience as it gave her an insight into what is needed if considering a longer term commitment.

Vanessa is photographed with, from left, Samuel Judson, Charm Johnson, Cassandra Cox and Alexandra Sampi. Photo: A Cabasso rsj.
School News

BEAGLE BAY

Eagle flies in
By Izareeyah Howard, Year 6

On Thursday the 3rd of May, Glen Jakovich, ex West Coast Eagles player, came to Sacred Heart School, Beagle Bay on the Dampier Peninsula and played some fantastic footy games.

He is now part of the fisheries education team. He talked about different fish and rubbish floating in the ocean that kills animals that live in the sea. He also talked about endangered animals.

I loved all the games that we played. We played kicking goals, I kicked one goal; but when it came to kicking on an angle, Aaron won because everyone else missed. We all had a try anyway.

At the assembly Glen Jakovich gave all the children fishing books, book marks and footy cards. It was fantastic having him come to our school. I wish he could come again.

Pictured, from left, is Katelyn Mackenzie, Aaron Birch, Glen Jakovich & Tamarah O’Reeri. Photo: T Sarah.

BALGO

Auskick Reaches the Kutjungka
By Emily Slaughter

Whilst most people were sleeping in and enjoying the Anzac Day holiday, Luurnpa (Balgo) and John Pujajangka-Piyirm (Lake Gregory-Mulan) Catholic Schools were hard at work. Brett Claudius from Auskick arrived in the Kutjungka region for three days to help kick start the Auskick program. Brett, an expert in the area of AFL having finished a successful career with the WAFL, recently moved from Perth to join the Cable Beach Football Club.

Brett started out with teaching the adults how to run a football clinic and then running three clinics for the Luurnpa students, one for the John Pujajangka-Piyirm students and one for students of Kururrungku Catholic Education Centre in Billiluna. Everyone had loads of fun and learnt lots of new football skills. Lookout West Coast, the Kutjungka is on its way!

Tiffany Fernandez of John Pujajangka-Piyirm Catholic School shows off some of her ball skills at the Clinic held in Mulan. Photo: P Cowan.

WIRRIMANU ADULT EDUCATION CENTRE

Pentecost preparation

Women at Balgo were busy getting ready for the Feast of Pentecost. Several of the Balgo women have been preparing T-shirts and headbands for the celebration of Pentecost to be celebrated at Ringer Soak this year.

From right, Miriam and Faye Baadjo and Carlene Lulu painting T-shirts. Photo: N. Goodwin rsj.

Shave for a Cure
By Amy Bisschops (Lasallian Volunteer) and Br Geoff Kennewell fsc

Pink Mohawks, orange hair with green spots, plenty of blue and gold and shaved heads all made for a fun filled, happening day recently at Luurnpa Catholic School in Balgo, East Kimberley. Lots of people, lots of action, and lots of anxious participants wondering how it would all turn out.

Youth workers from the health service, Palyalatju Maparnpa in Balgo held the Leukaemia Foundation’s “Worlds Greatest Shave for a Cure”. There was a large turn out, with over 30 youngsters brave enough to have their hair coloured and a further 20 having their head shaved. Later some of the older people came over and supported the cause by having their hair cut. There was plenty of laughter and happy faces all round.

Highlights of the afternoon included David arriving with a bald head and a blue and green beard, Cameron with a very impressive Mohawk in the Eagles colours, Luurnpa Catholic School teacher Shirley getting a number three and Ryan (Lasallian volunteer) getting a Mohawk, which was coloured bright pink! There were a lot of boys running around with the same Mohawk, though they weren’t so keen on the pink.

Late afternoon there was a barbeque for all participants, resulting in a very happy bunch with some very interesting new “do’s”.

Keisha goes purple for a good cause. Photo: R Scanlan.
Cooking classes

Abraham Mandijarra is cooking up a healthy stir fry during men’s cooking classes in the Adult Education Centre at Kururrungku CEC, Billiluna.

Photo: P Hardy.

Famous in Billiluna

Justin Manson of Billiluna in the eastern desert of the Kimberley, is a Community Teacher at Kururrungku Catholic Education Centre. Justin loves to paint in his free time and is shown here with one of his paintings. He is already ‘world famous’ in Billiluna, but wouldn’t mind buyers from other places for his magnificent work.

Photo: P Hardy.

Having fun for Caritas

Kururrungku Catholic Education Centre in Billiluna organised a fundraising Fun Day at school for Caritas on Friday 11 May. All children, young and old, had a very good time joining in games, face-painting, lucky dips and eating lots of snacks.

Miss Gillian’s class at John Pujajangka-Piyirn School in Lake Gregory-Mulan was introduced to traditional dot painting by Donette Yoomari as part of their cultural studies.

The students were shown how to crush and mix the ochre gathered at a place known as Two Hills. They then painted ‘Two Hills’ in a traditional dot style.

Zarima Calyon ready with her brush and ochre is all set to paint. Photo: P Cowan.

We Remember

Anzac Day was recognised in Mulan with a special assembly held in John Pujajangka-Piyirn School. After an indoor service during which the significance of Anzac Day was explained a wreath was laid at the base of the School’s flag pole. The local women then led a smoking ceremony.

From left, Bessie Doonday, Fatima Lula, Monica Whispaut and Clifton Yoomarri at the smoking ceremony for Anzac Day in Mulan. Photo: P Cowan.
A packed program at Halls Creek

Many interesting activities have been happening at Warlawurru Catholic School, Halls Creek. On Friday, May 4th, students learned more about healthy living through exercise and eating good food. Staff and students enjoyed a morning walk out to the highway and back. Some students took the opportunity to pick some burnungarna (konkerberries) and flowers. Back at school a healthy breakfast of cereal, milk and fruit was waiting.

The Year 5/6/7 Class had a wonderful excursion to Argyle Diamond Mine. They toured the mine site, where they saw the AK1 pit, the Primary Processor and the Portals that lead to the underground mine. Tyrone Bridge of Halls Creek, spoke of his work and encouraged the children to attend school so they can make choices about good jobs later on. It was a great day.

Then on ANZAC Day, the school was well represented at the ANZAC Memorial Service by a large group of students and teachers. Many people commented on the students’ respectfulness and good manners.

Protective Behaviours Workshop

By Jayne Caley

Staff from St Joseph’s School Wyndham, Wyndham District High School, Wyndham Child Care Centre, Community Health, DCD, and local Aboriginal Corporations joined together for a two day Protective Behaviours Workshop recently. The presenter, Heidi Middi, shared with us her experience as an Aboriginal Police Liaison Officer and as a parent, making the two days informative and motivational.

Participants learnt about the physical and behavioural indicators of child abuse and, most importantly, how to empower young people with the skills and strategies to keep themselves safe in a variety of situations. At the conclusion of the workshop participants felt empowered to make the Wyndham Community a safer place for our children and young people.

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The BIA Group, PO Box 68, Broome, W.A. 6725
Phone: (08) 9193 5455 Facsimile: (08) 9193 6057
Today we celebrate the Birth of John the Baptist, a cousin of Jesus. What an amazing story is that of the birth of John. I know of no other like it, so you might like to read about it from your Bible before you begin the activities because some of the answers are to be found there.

Open your Bible at the Gospel of Luke, Chapter 1, verses 5-25, 57-66, 80.

This is a picture of Elizabeth and Zechariah about to name their son, John.

Why was Zechariah writing on the pad?

As you colour the picture, remember that John was a special person. So are you. How are you special?

Using Luke Chapter 1 in your Bible, read the passage to be found at the end of each clue. To work out what the missing word for the crossword below might be:

ACROSS:
4. “The time came for Elizabeth to have her baby, and she gave birth to a _______.” [Luke 1:57]
5. “How happy you are to believe that message to you from the _______ will come true.” [Luke 1:45]
6. “John’s father, Zechariah, was filled with the _______ ______ ______ ______ ______ ______.” [Luke 1:67]
7. “At that moment, Zechariah was able to speak again, and he started ______ ______ _______ _______ God.” [Luke 1:64]

DOWN:
1. “…they were going to name him Zechariah, after his father, but his mother said, ‘No! His name is to be _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ ____________.’ [Luke 1:59-60]
2. “Zechariah asked for a writing _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ ______ and wrote, ‘His name is John’. How surprised they all were.” [Luke 1:63]
3. “…from one generation to another he shows _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ 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Birth of St John the Baptist

The feast of the Nativity of St John the Baptist is observed on 24 June, and is one of the oldest feasts in the Liturgy of the Church.

He was the son of Zechariah and Elizabeth, a cousin of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Tradition places the home and birthplace of the Baptist near the village of Ain-Kartim six miles west of Jerusalem, where a Franciscan church marks the site. The church is called ‘St John in the Mountains’.

Thirty years after the birth of his cousin Jesus, John began his missions on the banks of the Jordan. He was the last of the prophets of the old Covenant.

His work was to prepare the way and announce the coming of the long expected Messiah, the Redeemer, in whom all flesh would see ‘the salvation of God’.

CENTENARY 2007
SIGNIFICANT DATES:

MEMORIES: HISTORIC FILMS
Tuesday 26 June 2007
Goolarri
Blackman Street, Broome

EXHIBITION: WITH “OUTSTRETCHED ARMS...”
Sisters of St John of God
Kimberley, Western Australia
Impressions of Broome,
Derby, Beagle Bay:
1940s and 50s
by Elizabeth Durack.
Opening: 1 July 2007, 5.30pm for 6pm start
Public Viewing: 2 – 17 July 2007, 10am - 4pm weekdays
Lingiari Foundation, Cnr Weld & Barker Streets, Broome.

MEMORIES: HISTORIC FILMS
Wednesday 11 July 2007, 7pm
Goolarri
Blackman Street, Broome

MEMORIAL SERVICE
Friday 13 July 2007, 4.30pm
Broome Cemetery

GRAND FINALE CONCERT
Wednesday 18 July 2007, 7pm
Goolarri
Blackman Street, Broome

LOCAL COMMUNITY CELEBRATION
Derby ~ 3-5 July 2007

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The caps are also available from the Diocesan Office at 13 Barker Street, Broome.
The World Youth Day
Journey of the Cross and Icon

The idea had its beginning in 1984, the Holy Year of Redemption, when Pope John Paul II desired that there should be a cross - the great symbol of our faith - near the main altar in Saint Peter's where it could be seen by everyone. At the conclusion of the Jubilee Year Pope John Paul II closed the Holy Door, and the Cross which had made its home inside, was taken out and entrusted to a group of young people to be carried throughout the world.

He said to them:

My dear young people, at the conclusion of the Holy Year, I entrust to you the sign of this Jubilee Year: the Cross of Christ! Carry it throughout the world as a symbol of Christ's love for humanity, and announce to everyone that only in the death and resurrection of Christ can we find salvation and redemption.

(Rome, 22 April 1984).

On Palm Sunday in 2006 the Vatican celebrated the handover of the Cross and the Icon, two of the most important symbols in the celebration of World Youth Day, to the Australian delegation. Two members from our Broome parish, Yasmin Fogliani and Jacapo Pioli, travelled to Rome as part of the Australian delegation to receive the Cross and Icon from the young people of Germany.

The Journey of the Cross and Icon will reach the Kimberley in June 2008. The Cross and Icon will be in the Diocese of Broome between 19 and 27 June when our young people will have an opportunity to take part in carrying and praying with them.

The WYD Cross and Icon are well into their journey through Asia and Oceania. Reports and photos from different locations have been coming in, and can be viewed here:


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JUNE 2007—just 409 days to go!
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