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Editorial

World Youth Day 2008

As this edition goes to print, there are thousands of pilgrims engaged in World Youth Day activities in Sydney. This is the culmination of much hard work, planning and preparation by hundreds of people throughout Australia over the past two or three years. Some have, of course, questioned the amount of work and the level of funds committed to sending a limited number of people to an event that lasts only a week.

This view takes no account of the preparation that has been put into the prior events leading up to the selection of pilgrims and the time taken in formation of the pilgrims before they were sent off to Sydney with the prayers and blessings of those left behind. There is no doubt that there has been a considerable expenditure of money on the part of the parishes of the Kimberley and by the families of the pilgrims and the pilgrims themselves. There has been much more expended by the Catholic Church as a whole. It would not be an unreasonable expectation to wish to see some accounting for this expenditure by the Church in Australia, whether it is the money that has been collected from large corporate donations, or from the contributions of the local parishes through special collections or specific fund-raising activities. However, there is a greater expectation of the outcomes than those which can be measured by accounting for the financial expenditure.

Most people will be expecting to see some changes in the pilgrims themselves as they return to their parishes and communities. Just what these changes might be will vary from person to person, and many of the changes will not necessarily be obvious from the ‘outside’. However, the pilgrims do owe their communities some sort of return for the support they have been given and the opportunity they have had to be part of the World Youth Day experience. Each parish community will no doubt have its own way of challenging their pilgrims and calling forth some response.

At the same time, the parishes and communities themselves will be expected to provide a supportive and welcoming place for the pilgrims to return to; a place and time where the pilgrims can be invited to share their reflections and some of the fruits of their time in Sydney and their journey over there and back home. If all the expenditure and effort is to be worthwhile, then the events in Sydney need to be seen as only a small part of the World Youth Day experience. Each parish community will no doubt have its own way of challenging their pilgrims and calling forth some response.

Saint News

St. Rose of Lima

Feastday: August 23
Patron of Latin America and Philippines.
b. 1586  d. 1617

St Rose of Lima is the patroness of Latin America and the Philippines. This South American Saint’s real name was Isabel, but she was such a beautiful baby that she was called Rose, and that name remained.

Born at Lima, Peru, Rose worked hard to support her poor parents, growing flowers and doing embroidery and other needlework. Having taken a vow of virginity early in life, she consistently refused to marry and at twenty years of age became a Dominican Tertiary, and lived in a summerhouse in the garden of her home. Here she practised extreme penance and mortification, modeling her life after that of St Catherine of Siena.

Rose had many temptations, and there were also many times when she had to suffer a feeling of terrible loneliness and sadness, for God seemed far away. Yet she cheerfully offered all these troubles to Him. In fact, in her last long, painful sickness, this heroic young woman use to pray: “Lord, increase my sufferings, and with them increase Your love in my heart.”

Rose bore her many and great adversities with heroic patience and consoled the sick and suffering among the poor, Indians, and slaves. Consequently, she is regarded as the originator of social service in Peru. She died in 1617 at thirty-one years of age.

PRAYER: God, You filled St Rose with love for You and enabled her to leave the world and be free for you through the austerity of penance. Through her intercession, help us to follow her footsteps on earth and enjoy the torrent of Your delights in heaven. Amen.

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FR MICHAEL BRENNAN of the Parish of Our Lady Queen of Peace, Albert Park in Adelaide, enjoyed a short stay in Broome before heading off on a trip up the Gibb River Road.

SR PAULINE MORGAN RSJ is the recently appointed Provincial of the Josephite Sisters in WA. Sr Pauline was in Broome and called on Bishop Saunders during her annual visitation to the Sisters of the Kimberley.

FR PETER DOWNES is a priest of the Diocese of Geraldton. Fr Peter managed a short stay in Broome during his recent sabbatical leave before travelling on to Darwin.

SR MARY SIMONA of the Franciscan of the Immaculate is from Perth and now based in Nigeria, Africa. When in Broome earlier this year, Sr Simona spoke to a group gathered at Notre Dame University, to raise funds for, and awareness of, her mission in Ijebu-Nigeria where the Sisters care for children of the poor and lepers.

MICHAL KASPEREK of Poland is a student for the Priesthood with the Jesuit Fathers. Michal recently accompanied students of Xavier College, Melbourne, on their cultural exchange trip to Broome.

FR DANIEL CHAMA, Administrator of the Cathedral Parish of Our Lady Queen of Peace in Broome, became an Australian Citizen at a ceremony held in the Broome Shire Council offices on Friday 4 July 2008. After 15 years in this country Fr Daniel is now ‘true blue’!

DR PETER TANNOCK retired as Vice Chancellor of the University of Notre Dame Australia on 31 July 2008. Dr Tannock held the position of Vice Chancellor for the past 16 years, guiding the University from its planning stage to its present highly acknowledged place in the Australian tertiary education system.

FR CHRIS RYAN, a priest of the Missionaries of God’s Love, has been travelling with the Cross and Icon for twelve months now. Fr Chris led a team to the Kimberley assisted by 5 young people.
Journey of Your Cross

By Bishop Christopher Saunders DD

The Journey of the Cross and the Icon throughout the Kimberley was a moment in time of special significance. Special because it offered us the opportunity to shape and celebrate our belief in God’s love for us. The Cross is primarily that – a sign of God’s love for us who live in a world that often appears to be devoid of love and lacking hope.

Each town and community in the Kimberley offered its own individual response to the visit of the devotional symbols. Indeed each faith community will have its favourite remembrance of the wonderful journey. I note just some below. I recall the enthusiastic welcome at La Grange/Bidyadanga and the walk through the township holding the Cross on high. In the Church at Mass we solemnly welcomed the Cross up the sandhill. I had forgotten how beautiful that area is with splendid views of Thomas Bay and the ghostly gums scattered around the park below. A long-neglected and now restored grotto dedicated to Our Lady was duly opened for the occasion and we blessed the statue in the cavity cut into the old gnarly white gum.

In Broome, the Cross walk attracted the astonished looks of bystanders in Chinatown. The walkers enjoyed the security of a police-escort while drivers pulled over and patiently waited for the Cross to pass on its way to the prison and then the Cathedral. The Cross was suitably revered at Notre Dame with Morning Prayer and then at St Mary’s College, the Catholic Education Office and the Cemetery before being presented at veneration at Mass at the school. The Sunday morning Mass in the Church was a superb testimony to the Glory of God as the choir under the leadership of Sr Camille led the congregation in prayerful song.

In Halls Creek, with the assistance of many willing hands, an engaging paraliturgy gave respect to the Cross and evoked a prayer-filled response from the eager congregation. In Balgo everybody met the Cross and Icon when they arrived. Then the Cross went into ‘Sorry Camp’ for those mourning lost ones. It was received reverently by all who greeted and held it. The huge numbers saw in it the promise of grace and healing.

In Warmun the Cross and Icon quietly, respectfully. Large numbers venerated as the Word of God was read aloud. Large numbers venerated the Cross quietly, respectfully. In Warmun the Cross and Icon were greeted by a throng at the threshold of the community. The procession went to the chain-tree where local people were once tied up as a form of detention or punishment. Prayers for reconciliation and peace were offered. In Wyndham the imaginative celebration outside the school was well attended and the walk through the town to Warrior Park was a shared moment of obvious joy. At the park there was a blessing and a song before the Cross and Icon travelled to Kununurra. Here at the Parish Church a service of readings and prayers then accompanied the veneration of the Cross. As elsewhere, people were touched by the presence of the Cross and Icon – visibly, notably, spiritually.

I wish to thank people for their hard work and dedicated preparation in anticipation of the Cross and Icon arriving in each parish. The Cross was venerated at each stop and on every occasion it was treated with respect and reverence.

I pray that the grace gathered from these moments might lift us up individually and as a community of the faithful so that we may better celebrate and enjoy the wonder of God’s love for us.
**Assistance Brings Hope to the Burmese**

Returning to Australia, Caritas and our partner Churches in Burma have spoken about the Burmese people’s resilience after the nightmare of Cyclone Nargis last May. Despair is now slowly being replaced with hope.

Than, a local Caritas volunteer, states; “Food and other essential needs are still scarce, I was surprised to see many people back in their village without anything; they don’t even have the basic necessities such as food, water, clothes, shelter, and even cooking utensils. Along the banks you can see what is left of an entire village; nothing but scattered debris of houses and coconut trees lying around. In some of these villages only 3-4 people survived”.

In what has proven extremely difficult, the Church network in Burma has undertaken incredible and diligent work, despite the seeming insurmountable obstacles. Caritas Australia has taken the lead role for the Caritas International response. They supported the establishment of an International Emergency Response Support Team that included Michael Peyra of the Asia Team.

“Given Caritas Australia’s long history of working in Burma, and our experience in responding to disaster, we have been asked to take on the role of facilitating partner for the Caritas International Confederation in Burma”, explains Jamie Isbister, Caritas Australia’s International Programmes Manager.

The work of Caritas and the Church so far has been challenging, burying dead bodies that have been exposed to the elements for a month, and volunteers facing physical threats, as well as health problems because of having to live amidst contaminated water and rotting corpses.

However, signs of healing are slowly emerging.

Thousands are finally returning home and children are once again returning to school, thanks to the support of Caritas for providing uniforms, books, and school fees. Farmers are also returning to the slowly healing land. The Church is also designing a healing process through Psycho-Spiritual training to help people cope with their losses. The survivors of Nargis continue to suffer pervasive trauma, adding to the challenges in rebuilding their shattered lives.

The Caritas response has seen the purchase and distribution of goods valued at over USD 800 000. The substantial proportions of the funds have been spent on rice, water, non-food items such as mosquito nets and cooking utensils, shelter, tarpaulins and health care.

Therefore your continued support and prayers for the Burmese people is requested so that Caritas and the Church can continue in this challenging endeavour to bring hope and life to those who have suffered such great tragedy and loss.
Vatican Dossier

Christ is Source of Charity

VATICAN CITY (Zenit.org) -

The Church’s work of charity, both for individuals and for organizations, must always find its reference point in Christ, “the source of charity,” Benedict XVI told a meeting of Caritas Internationalis in Rome.

The Holy Father said: “Charity has to be understood in the light of God who is caritas: God who loved the world so much that he gave his only Son. In this way we come to see that love finds its greatest fulfillment in the gift of self.”

“This is what Caritas Internationalis seeks to accomplish in the world. The heart of Caritas is the sacrificial love of Christ, and every form of individual and organized charity in the Church must always find its point of reference in him, the source of charity.”

Benedict XVI highlighted practical implications for charitable organizations:

“every act of charity should be inspired by a personal experience of faith, leading to the discovery that God is Love.”

“Christian charity exceeds our natural capacity for love…It therefore challenges the giver to place humanitarian assistance in the context of a personal witness of faith, which then becomes a part of the gift offered to the poor. Only when charitable activity takes the form of Christ-like self-giving does it become a gesture truly worthy of the human person created in God’s image and likeness.”

The Pope also told the meeting: “God’s love is offered to everyone, hence the Church’s charity is also universal in scope, and so it has to include a commitment to social justice.”

However, he clarified, “changing unjust structures is not of itself sufficient to guarantee the happiness of the human person.”

Moreover, […] the task of politics ‘is not the immediate competence of the Church,’” the Holy Father said. “Rather, her mission is to promote the integral development of the human person. ‘For this reason, the great challenges facing the world at the present time, such as globalization, human rights abuses, unjust social structures, cannot be confronted and overcome unless attention is focused on the deepest needs of the human person: the promotion of human dignity, well-being and, in the final analysis, eternal salvation.’”

Appointed to Port Hedland

Father Mark Connolly CSSp has moved to Port Hedland in the Diocese of Geraldton from the Parish of Wyndham-Warmun in the Kimberley Mission. His move leaves the East Kimberley Parish vacant and without a Pastor. For the time being Father Patrick De Silva from Kununurra will look after Wyndham and Warmun. Other arrangements will be made for Halls Creek and Ringer Soak previously cared for by Father Mark. Bishop Saunders was effusive in his praise for the work Fr Mark has undertaken in the East Kimberley over the last three years and five months.

“He will be missed here in the Kimberley,” the Bishop said. “He has worked tirelessly in his ministry and risen generously to each challenge placed before him. We wish him well and God speed.”

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Thank You

I would like to extend my gratitude and thanks to all our parish priests and community people along with our World Youth Day Pilgrims of the Diocese of Broome for their preparation and organisation in receiving the World Youth Day Cross and Icon and the Message Stick when it travelled the Diocese of Broome in June.

We did not know what to expect when we arrived at each of the communities. As witness to what did unfold, at each parish/community we were greeted with excitement and a new energy from everyone involved from the elders in the communities to the babies and everyone in between. On behalf of the JCI Team and the Diocesan Team, a big ‘Thank you’ to everyone for making our journey special. I truly believe that our WYD Theme, “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you; and you will be my witnesses.” (Acts1:8) was reflected throughout our whole journey.

God Bless

Erica Bernard, Coordinator
Kimberley World Youth Day — 8 July 2008

emergency relief in crisis situations

Centacare Kimberley provides emergency relief to families and individuals in crisis situations and conducts the Employment Support Program for long term unemployed persons. These Federally funded initiatives serve the community of Broome and the Kimberley.

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A Walk in the Wilderness — Part 6

Friday 21st July with Tony Treacy

Exploring the Kimberley up close

Kimberley Kitchen

Coming to Kalumburu has been the culmination of 2 years of planning for Di Peters and husband Geoff Evans who are from Mt Coolum in Queensland.

“We had no preconceived ideas of what volunteer work we would do and were prepared to undertake almost any task. Becoming cook for the 24 volunteers seemed a natural transition since I have had 7 years in hospitality with hands on experience although not qualified. With our love of seafood and the abundance of fishing here, one of my favourite recipes and now the staff’s, is Kalumburu Kokonda (pronounced Konda)” says volunteer Di.

Kalumburu Kokonda

INGREDIENTS: Barramundi (we caught ours fresh from the King Edward River) diced, covered completely with lemon juice (preferably fresh) pips removed.

MARINATE for 12 to 24 hrs – the longer the better.

WASH off lemon juice under running water – idea is not to taste lemon.

POUR coconut milk over fish, gently squeeze to absorb but do not squish. The texture should be a bit sloppy.

MIX through chopped onion and capsicum for colour & flavour.

Allow to stand for at least an hour before eating.

SERVE sprinkle diced capsicum.

ENJOY… yummo.

This article is from Tony Treacy, Principal of St. Mary’s College Broome who undertook a trek through the wilds of the Kimberley during his long service leave in 2006.

The clear ground under the tree was too inviting to pass by so I decided that this was to be the first place I would lay my weary bones for the night.

I made a fire and answering the call of the river stripped off and collapsed into the nearest pool. The water had been colder on this trip than any time I can remember, but the cool felt wonderful on some aching muscles. After a swim it was time to set up camp and get my cooking done before the light failed. As I prepared coals on which to place my fish, a kangaroo emerged from the scrub high on the rocky bank on the opposite side of the river. I was down wind from her and knew she hadn’t seen me so I grabbed the camera and hid behind a tree. She came down over the rocks to the edge of the water, stepping deliberately over her front paws and drank from the pool directly opposite my camp. As I moved to attempt to capture a photo she sensed my presence and stood and looked in my direction vigorously sniffing the air. After a minute she seemed to decide that no danger existed and moved away as casually as she had come.

As I settled for the night my thoughts turned to family again and I prayed that they had arrived safely back in Broome after a trouble free 9 to 10 hour journey.

I rose to stir my fire to life about 30 minutes before sunrise, dragged the billy through the stream beside my swag and settled it into the centre of the fire to boil.

I finished the remains of my evening meal of nuts and fish and ate a couple of apricots.

I tried to settle to some quiet meditation after packing most of my gear but the urge to get moving before the sun rose too high was a mighty distraction.

I took some shots of my camp site and headed up along the creek to look around a boab I had seen the previous evening.

[Ed. To be continued next issue]
Long Serving Magistrate Stands Down [1999–2008]

By Bill Worth

They say that behind every good man is a good woman and Tony Bloemen, the now retired and renowned Kimberley magistrate, was quick to say as much about his wife Anne on the occasion of his retirement. In late May (30th) a large crowd crushed in to the Broome Court House to hear Mr Bloemen’s final speech from the bench which was preceded by several testimonies praising his good work for justice in towns and communities throughout the Kimberley.

Tony and Anne intend to stay in Broome to remain part of the Kimberley family. Both are contributors to the quality of life in the region and both are most appreciated by a large and varied group of Kimberley residents. Mr Bloemen will be remembered for his efforts from the bench to assist Indigenous people and give them ‘a fair go’. His initiatives at promoting justice for those who came to stand before him were creative and sometimes unusual. He brought a life to the court that had a Kimberley flavour which promoted positive outcomes.

Many thanks to you – Anne and Tony. You are a great team.

First Residential College Opens in Broome

Education and Training Minister Mark McGowan opened the first residential college for public and private students in the Kimberley on Tuesday 24 June 2008. Mr McGowan said the Broome Residential College was the result of the first partnership of its kind between the State Government and Catholic Education in Western Australia.

“This innovative partnership has transformed education for secondary school students in the Kimberley,” he said.

Bishop Christopher Saunders blessed the College and during his speech to the gathering made a presentation of a painting of young people by Balgo artist, Joan Nagomara.
Father Seraphim Sanz de Galdeano
28 October 1913 - 3 June 2008
By Fr David Barry

Seraphim (Serafin) was born in Villatuerta, Navarre (Spain) on 28 October 1913, to the very devout couple Francisco Sanz de Galdeano and Valentina Malfer Laseras. He was the eighth of ten children, two of whom died before he was born. Two older sisters joined religious congregations; one of them, Luisa, spent years in Venezuela nursing lepers. His brother Ramón, three years his senior, joined the Benedictines in the monastery of El Pueyo in the early 1920s and was killed by the Communists with the other eighteen monks of the community in 1936.

It was while visiting his brother in El Pueyo that Seraphim first ‘caught the bug’ of monastic vocation. He was admitted there as an aspirant to do his secondary studies in 1924. The next ‘bug’ was the missionary one, which he caught when Abbot Catalan of New Norcia visited El Pueyo to call on the several youngsters there already recruited for New Norcia and in the hope of adding to their number. Seraphim fell in love with the idea of being a missionary-monk and volunteered for New Norcia.

On 29 April 1931, Dom Seraphim arrived in Fremantle with Abbot Catalan and seven others, including two young Spanish women who were coming to join the Benedictine Sisters in New Norcia. He was ordained to the presbyterate by Archbishop Gilroy, Co-adjutor Archbishop of Sydney, on 30 November 1938.

A few months later, Fr Seraphim was on his way to the real missionary work he had so much looked forward to since his early years. He was assigned to the Benedictine Mission at Kalumburu, where he spent from March 1939 to October 1949.

His name is associated with the rescue of the passengers and crew of the state ship Koolama when it was bombed by the Japanese in 1942. His services to Australian Army and RAAF personnel when they were located at or near the Mission from 1942 to war’s end in 1945 were much appreciated.

In 1949 he was recalled to New Norcia and was stationed at Wyening ‘Mission’ most of the time before returning to Kalumburu as Superior in May 1955. There followed years of intense and sustained activity in which he was inspired and inspired others to build the Mission into a model self-supporting community. Houses were built, trial crops planted, the fruit and vegetable garden expanded considerably, cattle raising and horse breeding introduced, and water and electricity supply greatly enhanced.

Fr Seraphim retired to New Norcia in 1981 and fitted in perfectly to life in the Monastery as though he had never left. He subsequently lived for two years in Spain, 1998-2001, and after some time again at New Norcia went to Kalumburu in 2004, with the intention to publish his work on the Pela language. In 2007, however, after an ongoing illness, he retired first to new Norcia and then Perth where he took up residence at the Little Sisters of the Poor home for the aged.

Fr Seraphim’s end came more quickly than anticipated. In the morning of Monday 2 June 2008 he had a severe attack of the asthma that he had suffered from for many years. Later in the day there followed a severe heart attack that required his admission to Royal Perth Hospital. It was there that he died the following day at 11.30pm after another heart attack.

Fr Seraphim was very devoted to the Blessed Sacrament and the Mass, to Our Lady and the Rosary, and led a very disciplined priestly and monastic life. He was sometimes hard on himself and could be hard on others, setting himself very high standards of consistency and perseverance. Fortunately he was not lacking in a sense of humour, and could be said to have mellowed in his later years. From boyhood he had an extraordinary way with birds, animals and even reptiles like snakes and crocodiles. He was a very keen observer of their behaviour, and from Kalumburu sent a number of bird specimens and reports of sightings to the West Australian Museum.

He was awarded the MBE in 1970 and the OAM in 1995 for his outstanding services to the Aborigines of Kalumburu. May he rest in peace.

Year of St Paul: 2008-2009

Pope Benedict XVI has declared June 2008 – June 2009 the Year of St Paul in celebration of the 2000th anniversary of the apostle’s birth. In his extraordinary life Paul turned from arch-enemy of the church to its foremost advocate, spreading the message far and wide. The Holy Father explained that:

The Apostle of the Gentiles, who dedicated himself to the spreading of the good news to all peoples, spent himself for the unity and harmony of all Christians. May he guide us and protect us in this bimillenary celebration, helping us to advance in the humble and sincere search for the full unity of all the members of the mystical body of Christ.

Paul’s life and letters hold immense wisdom for us in the twenty-first century.

Volunteer to Serve the Church in the Kimberley, WA

The Diocese of Broome is in need of volunteers to undertake various positions throughout the Diocese. We are looking for people prepared to be hands-on with practical help places in need: experience in shop work, cooking, housekeeping, general handyman skills, building, vehicle and/or grounds maintenance to name just a few. In return for being part of the team we offer accommodation, living expenses and an allowance.

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Academic Agreement to Assist Broome’s Brightest Students

An Academic extension program aimed at assisting Year 11 and 12 students from Broome’s two high schools will now begin after a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between the Broome Campus, the Catholic Education Office and the Western Australian State Government.

Education and Training Minister, Mr Mark McGowan, visited the Broome Campus on June 24 to sign off on the agreement and officially announce the beginning of the 18 month trial.

The project will provide high achieving students from Broome Senior High School and St Mary’s Secondary College, Broome, with additional academic training. The students will have access to workshops and curriculum experts in the areas of career and academic counselling, English, science and mathematics. The Broome Campus will host many of the activities scheduled and Mr McGowan said the link with the Campus would provide a ‘rigorous academic influence’ to the program.

Assistant Dean of Education, Broome, Ms Amanda McCubbin, will represent the University on the management committee. The committee will also include representatives from the Catholic Education Office and the Department of Education and Training.

“This project is a significant development that offers opportunity and incentive for promising Broome secondary students. We are pleased to collaborate in this exciting joint venture,” said Deputy Vice Chancellor, Broome, Sr Sonia Wagner.sgs.

Sr Sonia Wagner sgs.

Notre Dame Announces Appointment of New Vice Chancellor

The Acting Chancellor of The University of Notre Dame Australia, Dr Michael Quinlan, has announced the appointment of Professor Celia Hammond as its third Vice Chancellor.

Professor Celia Hammond succeeds Dr Peter Tannock, who retires on 31 July 2008 after 16 years in the position. She has been appointed for an initial term of five years. Professor Hammond previously held the position of Deputy Vice Chancellor at Notre Dame with direct responsibility for managing and overseeing the University’s 6,000 student Fremantle Campus.

Professor Hammond is a legal practitioner with experience in private practice in Western Australia. She has held senior leadership, management and teaching positions at Notre Dame, where she has been a staff member for over ten years. She was Head of the University’s School of Law, and served as the University’s General Counsel, Executive Director of the Vice Chancellery, and Assistant Provost.

Photo: Courtesy UNDA

Book Launched in Broome

Kullari Youth of the Year Award

Tristan Sarah, of Beagle Bay Community on the Dampier Peninsula, is a deserving winner of the 2008 Kullari NAIDOC WEEK Youth of the Year Award. Tristan is a very wise young man who is respected throughout the community. He is active in organising many community events and is often the first person people turn to for assistance. Tristan, who is the Administration Assistant at Sacred Heart School, in Beagle Bay, is the Deputy Chair of Catholic Education Aboriginal Committee (CEAC), organised five pilgrims to attend World Youth Day 2008 and is an active member of the steering committee for Beagle Bay Community.

Tristan Sarah.

Fr Brian McCoy SJ of Melbourne with (L) Robert McKay and George Lee (R) of Billiluna and Balgo were in Broome recently for the launch of Father McCoy’s book, ‘Holding Men’, a published view on men’s health and well-being in Indigenous communities.

Photo: J. Grimson.

Holding Men
By Brian McCoy SJ
Aboriginal Studies Press
A Tale of Two Trailers

At Port Hedland the WYD trailer from the East met the WYD trailer from the Kimberley. The Cross and Icon were loaded onto the Kimberley trailer and the trailer from the East went home.

It all appears simple enough but in fact a great deal of complicated and detailed work went into the Kimberley designed and built trailer that carried the Cross over 3000 kms of Kimberley territory to twelve (12) remote communities and towns.

Because the Eastern built vehicle and trailer were too light for the task, Bishop Christopher Saunders was faced with the job of providing adequate transport for the Cross and Icon and the JCI Team. Stan Bayliss of Kununurra readied a car trailer mostly used to cart melons. He fixed the springs, painted the trailer and did much needed repairs. In Broome Trevor Parnell managed the trailer project building walls and a carry frame inside the trailer. BK Signs did all the signage and Tropical Upholstery made a moveable roof cover for the trainer. The end result was excellent. And the Cross and Icon travelled the Kimberley safely in the new trailer pulled along by a suitably signed 4WD.

Bishop Saunders would like to thank all involved particularly Stan Bayliss of Kununurra and Trevor Parnell of Broome. It was a superb effort by all involved.

Our thanks to BK at BK Signs and Loi Odore at Tropical Upholstery.

Kururrungku Welcomes Cross and Icon

The students of Kururrungku Catholic Education Centre, Billiluna, were very excited as they waited for the visit of the World Youth Day Cross and Icon. On Tuesday 24 June Mary Darkie presented the school with a beautiful piece of artwork (pictured) which she had painted in honour of the visit. The whole community turned out to walk the Cross, Icon and painting down to the school and shared in some readings, song and prayer which was followed by a shared meal.

Family Day Celebrates Parish Feast Day

A Family Day was held in the grounds of the Fr Nicholas Emo Centre, Broome, on Sunday 26 May to celebrate the Parish Feast Day. Mary Help of Christians is also the Patroness of the Diocese of Broome.

Many parishioners were on hand to enjoy the delights of a BBQ and all kinds of good food as well as fun and games for all.

All that running on the football field was to the advantage of Fr Richard Tomelty and his young partner in the ‘3 legged race’.

Photo: CAS

The ‘bouncy castle’ was a favourite with many of the children. Photo: E Davie.

Parish News
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BEAGLE BAY

WYD Cross and Icon in Beagle Bay
By Tristan Sarah

What a great turnout we had in Beagle Bay! The JCI Team with the Cross and Icon were welcomed at the Community Office where lunch was provided. Our special visitors were treated to crabs and turtle meat before the official service began. Mr Steven Victor gave a Welcome to NyulNyul country while his grandson Fareen O’Reeri accepted the WYD Message Stick.

Fr Chris and Bernadette, from the Journey of the Cross and Icon (JCI) Team, talked about the Message Stick and the Cross and Icon before the community procession began. The first leg took place down the middle street of Beagle Bay leading to the Cemetery where Community elders Mr Paul Cox, Mrs Olive Dann and Mrs Celine Howard led the community in the rosary.

The second leg took us down past the Bobieding Road and around onto the oval where we finished in the School grounds. There was a quick break for some photos, before the final procession into the Church where we celebrated Mass. The students sang beautifully while elders also sang several traditional church hymns. The service ended with a blessing of the new classroom crosses by the Bishop before we all had a chance to venerate the Cross and Icon.

Sacraments and Feast Day Celebrations in Beagle Bay

Gathered around the beautifully decorated cake with Parish Priest, Fr Bill Christy CSSp, are those who received First Eucharist: (L to R) Angelica Augustine, Joshua Cox, Sinella Akune, Zavena Cox, Malcolm Dann, D’Andre Howard, Zyhannah Bin Jalil and Kaena Cox. Photo: T Sarah.

The Community of Beagle Bay celebrated the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Feast Day of the School and Parish, on Friday 30 May. Then June 23 was the celebration of First Reconciliation.

LA GRANGE-BIDYADANGA

First Stop on Kimberley Journey of Cross and Icon

This group of youngsters was part of the enthusiastic greeting for the World Youth Day Cross and Icon in La Grange-Bidyadanga – the first stop on the Journey of the Cross and Icon (JCI) through the Diocese of Broome and Kimberley.
DERBY

Cross and Icon Visits Locations in Derby

By Frank Birrell

On Saturday 21 June Holy Rosary parishioners visited several key locations around Derby with the Cross and Icon. These were places which have had a major influence on Derby’s history. The first stop was at the ‘Dinner Tree’, a giant boab where the drovers stopped for meals before loading cattle and sheep on ships at the port. Lena Fraser welcomed us to country and we spent a short time in prayer.

From the ‘Dinner Tree’, we all travelled in procession, under police escort, to the Derby jetty, where we prayerfully remembered all those who have arrived or departed from Derby.

Then at Derby Hospital Bishop Christopher Saunders, Fr Paul Boyers and a small group gave the patients the opportunity to see the Icon and to receive a blessing from the Bishop.

At the school the Cross and Icon were placed in the school grounds and the Derby community joined in a celebration of the Eucharist. The school choir which sang during Mass has been formed especially for the arrival of the WYD Cross and Icon by Deidre Lawlor, a teacher at Holy Rosary School.

At the conclusion of Mass, Lesley Hodges, a previous WYD participant, presented her sister Natalie, and Steve Hart, with their WYD crosses and, on behalf of the Derby community, wished them a safe trip to the World Youth Day in Sydney.

After Mass on Sunday morning the WYD Cross and Icon left Derby for Halls Creek. As the procession of vehicles moved out of the town, it paused for a time of reflection at the old jail, where many Aboriginal people were held in very inhumane conditions.

The whole visit by the WYD Cross and Icon was something that has enriched the Parish of Holy Rosary and has helped to focus the people’s attention on the love that God has for each one of us.
School News

BEAGLE BAY

Olympics Basketballer Visits Sacred Heart

Monday, 5 May, students at Sacred Heart School, Beagle Bay, were treated to a visit from CJ Bruton and his brother Austin, sons of the legendary Cal ‘the black pearl’ Bruton.

CJ is a member of the Australian Basketball Team set to go to the Beijing Olympics this year and his brother Austin plays State Basketball for Cockburne Cougars. CJ showed his 2006 Commonwealth Games gold medal to the students before running drills with them.

BROOME

The Crowning of Mary

St Mary’s College, Broome, celebrated its Feast Day on 23rd May with a Mass which was celebrated by Bishop Christopher Saunders, assisted by Fr Daniel and Fr Richard.

In this Centennial Year it was a significant occasion to gather as one community and give thanks for the blessings bestowed on the College. Bishop Christopher reminded those present that there is a need to constantly pray to our Mother Mary.

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Eagle Cup Champions Line Up Trophies

Proudly displaying their trophies from the recent Eagle Cup for the Kutjungka Region are, from left, Winston Manson, Jerome Manson, Jnr Donald Padoon, Heidi Darkie, Quentin Palmer and Erica Wilson.

Xavier Students in Broome and Lombadina

Four students from Xavier College Melbourne, from left Ryan Morath, Benedict Guest-Marinis, Michael Buckelman and Matthew Wrosnop spent time at St Mary’s College Broome recently as part of an Immersion Program. The students also travelled to Lombadina. When in Broome the students visited Bishop Christopher Saunders and were accompanied by Fr Michael Ryan SJ (back, right), also of Xavier College.
Students Celebrate School Feast Day

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“Second Hand” Raises Funds for World Youth Day

John Pujjiangka-Piyirn School in Mulan, East Kimberley, was transformed into an emporium during May when Miss Kylie’s 4/5 classroom was turned into a busy ‘second hand’ store. Students were able to make a purchase of their own before shopping with their families.

Then the school held a sale of second hand clothes and blankets, raising enough money to cover the freight and make a $500 donation to the parish for WYD.

Wendy Wise, front, is amongst the busy shoppers at the clothing sale. Photo: P Cowan.

Sydney Students Share Cultural Experience

by Neisha Dumesny

Six Year 11 students and their teachers from Mount Saint Joseph’s School in Milperra, Sydney visited Ngalangangpum School, Warmun, for a cross cultural experience. They helped out in the classrooms, sang songs at playtime with the students and enjoyed a bush trip. In addition they organised a successful school disco the night before they had to go home to the ‘big smoke’.

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Yesteryear...

On 15 August 1908, after weeks of sailing and searching for a suitable site to start a mission settlement, Bishop Torres celebrated Mass near a creek mouth on Napier Broome Bay. What we now know as Kalumburu Mission had its beginnings in this spot.

Bishop Christopher Saunders, along with Fr Anscar McPhee OSB, Parish Priest of Kalumburu, celebrated a special Mass on 15 August 2008, as the highlight of Kalumburu Mission’s Centenary celebrations.

Dom Fulgentius Torres OSB, second Abbot of New Norcia and founder of Drysdale River Mission, in country near the original Mission site. Photo: Kalumburu Museum.
The Gospel of Matthew 15:21-28 gives two very important messages: Firstly, the apostles begged Jesus to answer the plea of the woman from Canaan, a race of people who were supposed to be ignored by Jesus and Jewish people. Secondly, Jesus realized how strong the woman’s faith in him was. He had compassion on her. He rewarded her faith by healing her daughter.

Who are the people around you that you ignore? How might you show compassion to them during the next few weeks?

Look carefully at the picture, and then answer these questions:
- Who is not showing love to the dog?  
  Woman/Boy
- Who is showing compassion to the dog?  
  Woman/Boy
- How is compassion being shown?

Do you think animals need to be given compassion? Yes/No
If you have a pet, think how you can show it more compassion while you colour in the picture.

David, a holy man of the Old Testament, wrote many psalms and hymns about God and his faithfulness, love and compassion shown to his people. They are to be found in the Book of Psalms. Scan through the psalms, and write a couple of lines that remind you of God’s love and compassion towards you, his child. Then write your own.

Compassion needs to be shown
... within the whole world
... within you
... with those around you
... with all living people and animals.
What is one way in which you can be more compassionate to:
- yourself
- those close to you
- those around you

Name a people within the world who need to be treated more compassionately.

What can you yourself or your family do to be more compassionate towards them?

In the heading above you are asked: Who are the people around you whom you ignore? Take special note of the picture. What does it remind you of happening in your life?

How might you show compassion in that situation over the coming weeks?

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Visit Helps to Promote VET at Notre Dame

Three Broome Campus representatives visited the Yungngora Community to participate in a Careers Awareness Festival. VET manager Terri Hughes, nursing lecturer Sandy Williams and second-year nursing student Elise Kerr journeyed to the community to promote careers in health and education to students from schools across the Fitzroy Valley.

The Broome Campus group discussed the VET programs available at the Campus and Ms Williams and Ms Kerr used their nursing backgrounds to give the children some practical hints on health and helped students listen to their heart beat.

Many of the students recognised family members in the graduation photographs on display and it is hoped some of the students who participated in the festival will one day follow in their relative’s footsteps and study at Broome Campus.

Barney Hunting on the Fitzroy Trip

On the 5th June the WKFA Junior team ventured off to Fitzroy Crossing to participate in the Smarter than Smoking Cup.

The 7.00am departure of ensured that the boys could fit a lot into the day. They travelled the Gibb River Road and on the way to Windjana Gorge spotted a large barney on the side of the road. Alphonse Cox gave chase with a pillow in one hand and a stick in the other and was successful in his chase.

The travellers set up camp near Tunnel Creek at a place called 6 Mile Creek. They all collected wood while young Leighton Bilgin cut up the barney. Once the fire had died down the barney was cooked on the coals and a great meal was enjoyed by all.

After the meal the game plan for the Carnival was discussed.

The first game the next day was against Fitzroy and it was a really close and exciting match with WKFA boys winning by 1 point. The second was against a combined Fitzroy Valley team who were victorious in a close contest. The third game saw the boys easily defeated by a bigger, stronger and older Halls Creek Academy team.

World Youth Day Cross and Icon Welcomed

Staff and student representatives were joined by Broome parishioners to welcome the World Youth Day Cross and Icon to the Broome Campus of Notre Dame University on Friday 20 June 2008. To celebrate their presence, the Broome Campus held Morning Prayer of the Triumph of the Holy Cross in the Campus grounds.

The gathering of more than 60 people was welcomed by Deacon of Reconciliation the service combined elements of Indigenous life along with the ancient tradition of the church’s Morning Prayer.

A coolamon - a wooden vessel used for carrying babies, food and water - once used by the Bidyadanga community, located 200km south of Broome, was used to hold the burning coals on which those gathered were invited to place incense. Holding the coolaman aloft, Education lecturer, Ms Panda Gardner, honoured the Cross.

After the singing of the Psalms and prayer for our world, the service concluded with the lighting of the Mary candle and singing of a Marian hymn.

Some of the WKFA Team with the unlucky ‘barney’...
Above:
These lads formed a very good guard-of-honour for Fr Sanz' funeral at Kalumburu in June 2008.
Photo: CAS. 090608

Above:
The Icon of Our Lady was well received at Warmun when the Cross and Icon team visited on June 25, 2008. Photo: M Bruce. 250608

Right:
The WYD Cross was carried through the streets by members of Wyndham Community during the visit of the Cross and Icon to their town on Thursday 26 June 2008. Photo: CAS. 260608

Above:
Team member, Zarima Darkie, of John Pujajangka-Pyirr School Mulan, shoots for goal at the Eagle Cup held recently in Mulan. Teams from the schools of the Kutjungka region contested the Cup in both football and netball. Photo: P Cowan.

Right:
The Aboriginal Sunday Mass in the Cathedral was celebrated on the first Sunday in July. Elizika Puertollano presents the bread at offertory time to Principal celebrant Bishop Christopher Saunders. Present: (L) Yves Cox and Rowan Albert. (R) Fr Daniel Chama. Photo: C Pioli. 060708.