Sydney was engulfed in an atmosphere of joy, love and kindness. That was a common description of World Youth Day and the accompanying week of celebrations. Some 400,000 young people from around the world gathered to share their love for Jesus Christ, to be empowered by the Holy Spirit, enabling them to deepen their relationship with God and in His name share with each other their faith in God’s love for us.

For the 120 pilgrims from the Kimberley who attended WYD it was a unique and powerful experience. Each Parish was represented among our pilgrims and their presence was a credit to themselves, their families and their faith communities.

This Diocese is indebted to the many people who supported our pilgrimage in so many different ways. The Parish of St Anthony’s in Clovelly, a seaside suburb of Sydney, and its school community, where we stayed during WYD week, were generous and hospitable hosts. The Parish Priest, the Principal, the teachers, the parishioners, the parents and even some of the students went out of their way to make our stay as comfortable as possible. I wish to offer special thanks to Fr George Connolly, the Parish Priest, and Ms Anne Sullivan, St Anthony’s School Principal. Their leadership was a marvellous witness to Christian love.

I thank the Leaders’ Team appointed from among the pilgrims. I make special note of Ms Erica Bernard, the Diocesan WYD Coordinator, whose efforts were beyond the limits of duty. Erica not only led, but she also witnessed continually to the spirit of WYD. On many occasions a word from her was sufficient to set the scene or to give an invaluable insight to what was taking place. John Purnell happily stepped up to the mark also and showed dedicated and welcome leadership when it was required. The Leaders’ Team worked hard to keep the pilgrims together in body and soul, enabling smooth movement and good management. For all of your valuable help, thank you! I make note too of the efforts of Fr Matt Digges and Ms Rachael Reeves of the WYD Office who often gave their time and some special assistance to our group. Thank you.

The residents of Xavier Terrace, a residential community in Lavender Bay, Sydney, led by the inimitable Marg Zucker and WYD aficionado, Parish Priest, Fr Tony Smith SJ, were most generous in their support of our pilgrims. Besides offering a welcoming morning tea they knit beanies and even trimmed our flagpoles. Marg negotiated lots of warm clothing from generous sources – Macquarie Bank and Lowes clothing store. Thank you. I must also add that kind support came from a host of private sources in Sydney, Perth and Melbourne; from companies and from various organizations like CCI, Catholic Education and KPMG. Thanks.

At home in the Kimberley Ms Janice Grimson was a source of constant support. Her organizational ability assisted the efforts of myself and others to get the pilgrimage in order and keep it that way. I also recognize the willing work of Mrs Mary Parnell and Ms Mary Martin from the Diocesan Finance Office, along with Mrs Merrilyn Purcell at the front desk. All contributed generously to the pilgrimage challenge. I add a word of thanks to Mr Pat Walton, from Melbourne, an ongoing task force in himself, who sourced tracksuits and many other things for us. I must mention also an item that came to be identified with our pilgrimage group – the Diocesan flags. Cauline Masuda worked with the design and spent long hours sewing the flags for us, all of them. All ten flags. What an effort!

What an experience! What a moment in our history as Catholics of this nation! Our faith response is “Thanks be to God.” And for His many blessings on this event and His gifts to us all, we say: Praise Him.

+ Christopher
Bishop of Broome

KEY MOMENTS IN THE LIFE OF JESUS

The Beloved Son

At the beginning of his ministry, Jesus was baptized in the River Jordan by his cousin John.

And just as he was coming out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. You are my son, the Beloved; with whom I am well pleased.’ Mark 1:9

[So You’re Working for the Catholic Church by Fr Tony Doherty.]
Briefly Speaking

**BISHOP JUSTIN BIANCHINI** of Geraldton visited the Kimberley and more particularly Kalumburu to celebrate 100 years of the Pago/Kalumburu Mission. Bishop Justin’s father was the stonemason who built the Monastery in 1936. Photo: CAS.

**MOYA AND JIM BRUCE.** from St John the Baptist Parish of Toodyay WA, have just completed their second term volunteering at Mirrilingki Centre, Warmun, caring for the grounds, preparing meals and looking after the needs of people doing courses at the Centre. They stayed a few days in Broome on their way home. Photo: J Crimson.

**FRANCIS KERONGO** is a seminarian for the Diocese of Broome on pastoral placement in the Kimberley. He comes from Kenya and with fellow seminarian John Purnell attended WYD, Confirmation in Kununurra and the 100th Anniversary of Pago/Kalumburu Mission. Photo: J Crimson.

**BISHOP HILTON DEAKIN** (retired) and Father Jack Brady (at right) of Melbourne were keen visitors to Kununrra, Kalumburu and Broome in August. Bishop Deakin had done field work for this anthropology doctorate some thirty years ago at Kalumburu. He was anxious to catch up with old friends during the centenary celebrations there. The Bishop also attended the inaugural Nulungu lecture at Notre Dame University, Broome. Photo: J Grimson.

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**JOHN PURNELL** assisted in places throughout the Diocese during his Summer leave from the Beda College in Rome, Italy, where he is a student for the priesthood for the Diocese of Broome. Photo: J Purnell.

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**DR MICHAEL QUINLAN** (left), New Notre Dame Australia (NDA) Chancellor, with newly appointed Vice-Chancellor, Professor Celia Hammond, at the Broome Graduation in August. Dr Quinlan, once a member of the Board of Governors, had been in an acting capacity as Chancellor for some time until the recent resignation from the post by Judge Neville Owen took effect. Professor Hammond was on the staff of the University before taking up her post in succession to the renowned Dr Peter Tannock. Photo: F Kerongo.
World Youth Day sets challenge for youth

World Youth Day was a stunning success by any account. The joy that swept Sydney and touched the lives of countless thousands was undeniable. Despite negative media campaigns and the jaundiced views of bigots and cynics, an enormously powerful voice for Christ was heard. From all over the world and from every corner of Australia young people reached out in a positive way for God and then in God’s love, for each other.

There is a challenge for youth and for all of us wrapped up in this wonderful joy and enthusiasm for the Spirit. It is the challenge to persevere in our calling, to remember that as Christians we are a new creation, part of a holy world in which God is not eclipsed or deemed irrelevant by a secularist ideology, as the Holy Father reminded us. We are called to persevere in witnessing to the magnificence of God’s love for us, to act justly in his name and to be agents of hope and peace. The Holy Father further reminded us that we should never be afraid to call Jesus our friend, that we should say ‘yes’ to Jesus and like Jesus we should grow to be a means of change for a desperate world.

At the de-briefing after World Youth Day our young people spoke of the need to carry this enabling power of the Spirit into our lives back home in the Kimberley. We agreed (1) there would be a Youth Council appointed for the Diocese; (2) that we would have a legacy Cross and Icon in the fashion of the WYD Cross and Icon and that these sacred symbols would travel around the Diocese on important occasions; (3) that there would be assemblies of young people in the East and West of the Diocese who would come together to share their faith and celebrate their beliefs.

I welcome any suggestions you may have about the next steps in the development of youth and faith in your parish and in the Diocese. Every good wish and blessing in your paths in the Kimberley. Every good wish and blessing in your youthful endeavours. Let us remember the Holy Father’s words that we should not be afraid to call Jesus our friend.

Innovative Scheme Immeres City Medical Students in Remote Area Life in the Kimberley

An innovative medical training scheme is about to immerse city students to the joys and challenges of remote area life and expose them to the issues of health care delivery to Australia’s remote regions.

The University of Notre Dame Australia’s Fremantle School of Medicine, is sending 94 second year students to the Kimberley towns of Derby and Fitzroy Crossing for a week.

“We don’t ‘featherbed’ our students”, explains the scheme’s creator, Professor Donna Mak, Professor of Population and Preventive Health at Notre Dame. “We’re sending them up to the Kimberley from Perth via a 3 hour plane ride and 3-5 hour bus trip so if they ever see a patient from the bush in the city they’ll know what it took to get them there!”

Professor Donna Mak. Photo: Courtesy UNDA Fremantle.

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Young Lives Being Destroyed in Kenya

The violence that rocked Kenya after the December 2007 elections may have abated though not before taking its toll, claiming about 1,000 lives, displacing 300,000 families and destroying countless numbers of properties. Major issues around education, family sustenance and health hazards have emerged. Of most concern is the terrible reality of child-prostitution. Listen to 14 year old Janet Kimani:

"Our family home and school were burnt to the ground during the violence. We went to stay at the Eldoret camp. I was starving and so were my parents and six siblings, wearing tattered clothes. I then noticed a friend, Nyambura having good food and clothes though she was in the camp like me. When I approached her, Nyambura told me that she was getting the cash by selling her body at the local pub and invited me to join her that night. I was reluctant but Nyambura convinced me that the men would pay us good money, besides what was left for us is death if we did not use the only available means to keep ourselves alive. I had never even had alcohol before, but I was desperate for money so I followed my friend. I was paid 1,000 Kenya shillings -- about $18 – for the night and I used the money to buy food for my parents and six siblings back at the camp. I told my family I have a job in town, but no one bothered to ask for the specifics. I have no hope of ever going to school again because my parents remain out of work, and so my wages have to feed the family. Now that I'm on the streets, on good days I get up to 2,000 Kenya shilling (nearly $40) after sleeping with five or six men.

This is a very sad situation that calls for our charity. It is our Christian call to help the needy even if we ourselves are in need. Remember, Jesus said that the widow who gave one coin gave more than the rich because she gave out of love. Besides giving a monetary donation, you may consider encouraging young people near you about the value of education. Let us all pray for world leaders.

St Therese of the Child Jesus

Feast Day October 1

Therese Martin was born in Alencon, France. After her mother’s death when Therese was just three years old, her family moved to Lisieux. When she was 15, she told her father of her desire to enter the Carmel of Lisieux, where her two oldest sisters had entered. He agreed, but the local Bishop and Carmelite authorities refused, saying she was too young. On a pilgrimage to Rome, she begged the Pope to allow her to become a Carmelite despite her age, and he replied that she would enter if it were God’s will. Months later, the Bishop granted her permission and she entered Carmel in April of 1888. St. Therese of the Child Jesus and of the Holy Face wrote her autobiography, The Story of a Soul, out of obedience; through it she continues to teach others her “little way” of spiritual childhood. She wrote: “I am a very little soul, who can only offer very little things to our Lord.” St. Therese’s autobiography shows such spiritual depth that in 1997 she was made the 33rd Doctor of the Church. St. Therese, who is called the Little Flower, died of tuberculosis at the age of 24. She is a patroness of all foreign missions.

REFLECTION:

"O Jesus, my love, my vocation, at last I have found it. My vocation is LOVE!"

NOVENA TO THE LITTLE FLOWER

Begin Novena September 23:

St. Therese, The Little Flower,
Please pick me a rose from the heavenly garden
And send it to me with a message of love
Ask God to grant me the favor I thee implore (name petition/thanksgiving)
And tell Him I will love Him each day more and more.

(The above prayer, plus - as St. Therese called them - pray five Pater’s (Our Father), five Ave’s (Hail Mary), and five Gloria’s)

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 for 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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Well may we say, “God save the Kimberley…”

Now that the dust has settled after the state election, there are some big issues to consider when it comes to the resource-rich Kimberley and the desires of both major parties to continue to exploit the reserves of minerals and gas that are off the coast and on the land.

This issue has brought together a number of unlikely groups who are not opposed to development per se, but are opposed to development that will destroy one of the last wilderness areas of the country and destroy the very attractions that bring so many people to this part of the world. At the same time as the Federal government is attempting to put in place a carbon trading system, it seems that the state of Western Australia wants to extract, process and export whatever it can from the natural resources of the Kimberley, not matter what the environmental cost.

While the initial proposals from the large exploration proponents seem relatively small given the overall size of the Kimberley, they have the potential to grow into significant industrial sites with extensive related supporting infrastructure. There are also related issues of worker recruitment, housing and associated needs. We have already seen on a recent national television program, the significant deleterious effects that a fly-in/fly-out workforce can have on resource towns and their residents. We have also seen first-hand what can happen when catering for tourists and speculative investors takes over from concern for local people; the social effects of large scale developments have the potential to be even worse. As one expert has warned:

I can appreciate the problem you are confronted with in trying to protect the pristine nature of the Kimberley Coast from the impacts of industrial development. The greatest threat is not necessarily from the initial LNG facilities but rather the longer term cumulative impacts of the associated developments. (David R. Klein, Professor Emeritus Institute of Arctic Biology, University of Alaska, Fairbanks, Alaska)

This fight is not just about one decision in relation to one gas processing plant. It is about what we want the Kimberley to be like for the generations to come. Eco-tourism, appropriate development, renewable energy sources, preservation of wilderness areas and their natural flora and fauna are not only good things for their own sake; we need them to ensure our own survival. While it is understandable that both Indigenous and non-Indigenous people wish to put in place some source of economic security for the future, there may be better options than those which will destroy the awe-inspiring beauty, the peace, the bio-diversity, and the ‘clean’ environment that has sustained the local people for centuries, and refreshed and inspired thousands of visitors.

Gerard Manley Hopkins’ claim that “The world is charged with the grandeur of God” could well have been written about the natural wonders of the Kimberley. They could never have been inspired by a gas processing plant or an open pit mine.

Letter to the Most Reverend Philip E Wilson, Archbishop of Adelaide

President of the Australian Catholic Bishops’ Conference

As I look back over my recent Pastoral Visit to Australia for World Youth Day, I wish once more to thank you and all the Bishops of Australia for the warm welcome and gracious hospitality which I, and those who accompanied me, received during my stay in your country.

At the beginning of my visit I said that young people appreciate the opportunity to come together to deepen their faith in Christ and to share with one another a joyful experience of communion in his Church. In the unfolding of the various events of World Youth Day 2008 – both catechetical and liturgical – we saw a vivid illustration that it is indeed so. I am confident that the young pilgrims will be strengthened in their commitment to the Lord and his Church and feature prominently in contemporary debate. Aware of the commitment of time and energy made by so many individuals and groups across Australia I ask you to thank once again, on my behalf, the parish and school communities together with the host families who so generously welcomed pilgrims into their homes. May the Lord bless them all for their kindness and goodness!

Finally, I wish to assure you of my great affection and my continuing prayers for young Australians! May the catechetical initiatives which I know you are now assiduously promoting bear much spiritual fruit, and may all the clergy, religious and laity entrusted to your pastoral care be renewed by the Holy Spirit. To all of you I cordially impart my Apostolic Blessing as a pledge of lasting joy and peace in the Risen Christ.

From the Vatican, 25 July 2008.

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“Good luck with this one!!! Every time I try it’s a new creation and the paella is never the same as on previous occasions. It would be better to use seafood like prawns, calamari and mussels but I am allergic to them and, anyway, they are hard to find in the desert.”

Fr Eugene Zurias, who is from Venezuela, is Parish Priest of the Balgo Kutjungka Parish. He is well known in the desert communities for his culinary skills.

**Paella**

*(as seen on SBS Pilgrims Walkabout)*

**Ingredients:**
- Extra virgin olive oil
- 1 large onion diced
- 2 large cups of rice
- 1 can of diced tomato
- 3 garlic cloves
- Saffron for colour
- 150gr frozen green peas
- A few drops of lemon juice
- Salt to taste
- 4 cups of fish stock
- ½ red capsicum
- 3 chorizo sausages, thickly sliced
- 200 gr small chicken drumsticks
- 200gr of pork ribs
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**Method:**

In a large frying pan with a little olive oil cook the chicken, pork and the chorizos until ready and set aside.

In the same frying pan sauté the onion until cooked. Add the garlic and the capsicum and continue cooking for 5 minutes then add the tomato and some water and continue cooking, stirring occasionally. Then add the rice stirring for 1 minute then the fish stock and saffron as well as all the meat and the peas. Lower the heat and cook slowly adding additional water if necessary until the rice is ready.

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**Exploring the Kimberley up close**

The tree was neither as big nor as spectacular in shape as the evening light had led me to believe, but I took a photo of it anyway, silhouetted against the rising sun. The Kimberley is famous for the boab tree and of all the specimens I have seen the best are in the country around Tableland Station. Up away from the right, believing it would prove the shorter route as the lay of the land seemed to suggest that the river must swing in that direction. There is very little to report from my morning walk. By my calculations I should have passed the mouth of the Traine River by mid morning. I was hoping to spot this joining of the river a beautiful cool breeze was playing through the tops of the grass and the butcher birds and a magpie were doing themselves proud with their distinctive calls. I headed back to collect my pack and get the day’s journey underway.

Compared to yesterday the walking seemed easier. Within a short distance from my camp, however, the river ran out onto flat ground and the aspect changed dramatically, becoming a dreary expanse of stunted bush, spinifex mounds and rocks. My mood began to match the mordant nature of my surroundings. During the Wet the river in this area spreads across a broad expanse of ground, forging paths through the surrounding bush exposing thousands, no millions, of rocks. The water course again swung away to the left and flood channels veered significantly away to my right. Assuming that they must converge again I took the channel water courses as a matter of interest, as the Traine is the water source for the land which was provided to Beverley’s family as an excision by one of the last non-Indigenous owners of Tableland Station. Though they now own the station a small community on the banks of the Traine, which the family still maintains, has also been a wonderful source of enjoyment for our family over the years. I am confident I walked further than I needed to reach this landmark and can only assume it was off out of sight, probably disguised and hidden amongst the nondescript surroundings. The sameness of the Australian bush can be depressing and, as I failed to identify the mouth of a significant waterway, I feel some trepidation about failing to identify future ‘sign posts’ if they too are hidden amongst mundane surroundings.

[Ed. To be continued next issue]
Benedictine Sisters Leave Kalumburu

By Bill Worth

After 77 years at Pago/Kalumburu, the Missionary Benedictine Sisters, originally founded from Spain and New Norcia, have left the remote Mission in the far north of Western Australia (19 August 2008). Theirs was a simple and dedicated life carried out in service of the Church and the Aboriginal people. The early days were about survival. Their work entailed caring for babies, children and expectant mothers and nursing the sick. Without a doubt the Aboriginal people would not have survived the various illnesses and contagions in the area had the Sisters not played their part in nursing and nurturing the struggling population in the early days. They began the first school at Kalumburu, child care services and a health clinic as well as running a bakery and a public kitchen.

Sister Visitation and Sister Catalina were the last Sisters to be assigned there after the death of Sister Scholastica in December 2007. Sister Catalina was ministering at the Mission for six years and Sister Visitation had arrived there in 1960 serving a total of 48 years. Sister Catalina has gone to the Philippines while Sister Visitation has returned to Spain, to the convent in Madrid.

Bishop Saunders, one-time Parish Priest of Kalumburu, presided at a Mass in the Sisters’ honour on 18 August 2008. During the Mass he praised their selfless work and dedication over the years. “My own personal experience of the Sisters has led me to an appreciation of their prayer-filled lives poured out in the love and care for the people of Kalumburu. I am sure God will bless them abundantly for their magnificent apostolic work faithfully committed in His name.”

Obituary

Fr Michael Anthony McMahon sac

27.01.1939 – 05.07.2008

By Fr Ray Hevern sac

Born in Victoria, Michael was destined to exercise virtually all of his priestly ministry in Western Australia and thus, not surprisingly, elected to be buried there.

The last of eight children, Michael was born while his parents still lived in the Melbourne suburb of Footscray. He was enfolded into a family of rabid Western Bulldogs football supporters, whose passion he picked up and retained throughout his life.

Michael graduated from St Kilda CBC secondary school in 1955, equal dux with fellow student Allan Mithen, together with whom he was to enter the novitiate of the Pallottines in Sydney the following year. He was professed as a member of the institute two years later, then ordained a priest on 20 July 1963 having attained a Licentiate of Theology along the way.

Following a brief appointment as assistant in the Melbourne parish of Bentleigh, Michael was transferred to and remained in the West. After short sojourns in La Grange (Bidyadanga), Derby, then Balgo he became parish priest of Broome in January 1967, a community in which he would remain for 25 years. Elected Regional Leader in 1993, then again in 1996 and 1999, he focused his service on his own community for the next 9 years. Subsequently he chose to remain in WA accepting the post to Chaplain to Trinity College, Perth. Discovered to have extensive cancer following a simple medical procedure he returned to his God after a relatively short period of suffering.

His time in Broome, at the peak of his energy and enthusiasm, brought him into contact with a world that was both colourful and very multicultural. He seemed to fit perfectly and evolved into what some labeled a ‘legend’. In this small town environment his total involvement made him a very significant figure, exercising his ministry on many fronts – including football! His acute sense of social justice and equality saw him immersed in and supporting the often disadvantaged aboriginal community whom he grew to know and love, and whose mutual respect he enjoyed. In the Gospel spirit he maintained an open and welcoming home to all, went out to those who were sick and in prison, helped develop a cooperative store and funeral service, and generally through his good humour and generosity became a widespread and positive influence for good.

The sheer numbers of visitors trying to reach out to Michael during the final days of his illness and the overwhelming tributes received after his death certainly suggest that he occupied a special and honoured part in the lives of many. In his coping with the final stage of life, and its pain which the drugs could not deaden, he witnessed a deep closeness to God and loving acceptance of His call to Himself. Many commented that they felt the better for having known him and been touched by him.

Like a good wine Michael seemed to mature, spiritually, with age. He became wiser, more sensitive, more tolerant, more forgiving, more embracing. In his life he found increasing space to be with his God, to deepen his understanding through reading, and his love through silence and reflection.

We pray that he rests now in peace with that God.
Catholic Mission
Fr Daniel Chama, Diocesan Director

Supporting Literacy for Indigenous Australians

Catholic Mission is supporting projects in Australia where Indigenous Australians are taught more than just the three “R’s”.

Pauline Jack is an Aboriginal woman from the Ringer Soak Community more than 100 kilometres from Halls Creek in the Broome Diocese. She is a teacher of Religious Education, English, Local language called Jaru, Cultural Dance and Lore, hunting & gathering bush tucker.

Pauline makes learning interesting, showing her students bush medicine and poisonous plants.

Pauline has seen the influence her study has had on her community. More students are coming to school now and are attending more regularly because she is able to instruct them in Religious Education and pass on a greater knowledge of English to them.

Pauline had a dream in which Jesus asked her to study at Nungalinya College in Darwin. Catholic Mission subsidises the College to assist the students in their learning.

The students of Nungalinya say that studying at the college, in English, improves their own English speaking and writing abilities. This improved ability is then passed on to their communities once they return there, through their bible instruction and sharing in English.

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Dear Friends,

“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you” (Acts 1:8). We have seen this promise fulfilled! On the day of Pentecost, as we heard in the first reading, the Risen Lord, seated at the right hand of the Father, sent the Spirit upon the disciples gathered in the Upper Room. In the power of that Spirit, Peter and the Apostles went forth to preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth. In every age, and in every language, the Church throughout the world continues to proclaim the marvels of God and to call all nations and peoples to faith, hope and new life in Christ.

The world needs this renewal! In so many of our societies, side by side with material prosperity, a spiritual desert is spreading: an interior emptiness, an unnamed fear, a quiet sense of despair. How many of our contemporaries have built broken and empty cisterns (cf. Jer 2:13) in a desperate search for meaning – the ultimate meaning that only love can give? This is the great and liberating gift which the Gospel brings: it reveals our dignity as men and women created in the image and likeness of God. It reveals humanity’s sublime calling, which is to find fulfilment in love. It discloses the truth about man and the truth about life.

The Church also needs this renewal! She needs your faith, your idealism and your generosity, so that she can always be young in the Spirit (cf. Lumen Gentium, 4)! In today’s second reading, the Apostle Paul reminds us that each and every Christian has received a gift meant for building up the Body of Christ. The Church especially needs the gifts of young people, all young people. She needs to grow in the power of the Spirit who even now gives joy to your youth and inspires you to serve the Lord with gladness. Open your hearts to that power! I address this plea in a special way to those of you whom the Lord is calling to the priesthood and the consecrated life. Do not be afraid to say “yes” to Jesus, to find your joy in doing his will, giving yourself completely to the pursuit of holiness, and using all your talents in the service of others!

Pope Benedict XVI

World Youth Day – Receive the Holy Spirit

By John Purnell

Pilgrims from the Kimberley, along with 400,000 others, joined the celebrations in Sydney in July. It was an exciting experience for all who attended. For many it was a once in a lifetime event.

As a group we received welcome support in Sydney. From St Anthony’s Clovelly we received not only lodging but food and friendship. In addition to this the Parish organized a boat trip around Sydney Harbour. What a treat!

Easy parts of our journey included a trip to Taronga Park Zoo and to Canberra, the Nation’s capital. There were harder moments of pilgrimage like sleeping overnight at Randwick Racecourse but we were pilgrims, not tourists!

The pilgrims will recall many highlights – the time of quiet reflection at the tomb of Mary McKillop; the walk across Sydney Harbour Bridge to the stirring, colourful opening Mass on the water’s edge at Barangaroo; the inspired teaching (catechesis) offered by Bishops over three mornings; the arrival by boat of the Holy Father; and especially the final Mass on Sunday morning. Meeting young people from over 100 different countries was an opportunity to make new friends and share our faith.

The Stations of the Cross would have to be the most moving drama ever staged in Sydney. The Seventh Station, where Simon takes up the Cross of Jesus, and which used Kimberley people as participants, was a striking cameo that cast silence over the vast crowd and touched the hearts of many watching on television around the world.

Roll on World Youth Day, Madrid, Spain 2011.
"In these days I too have come, as the Successor of Saint Peter, to this magnificent land of Australia. I have come to confirm you, my young brothers and sisters, in your faith and to encourage you to open your hearts to the power of Christ’s Spirit and the richness of his gifts. I pray that this great assembly, which unites young people “from every nation under heaven” (cf. Acts 2:5), will be a new Upper Room. May the fire of God’s love descend to fill your hearts, unite you ever more fully to the Lord and his Church, and send you forth, a new generation of apostles, to bring the world to Christ!"

Pope Benedict XVI
“But what is this “power” of the Holy Spirit? It is the power of God’s life! It is the power of the same Spirit who hovered over the waters at the dawn of creation and who, in the fullness of time, raised Jesus from the dead. It is the power which points us, and our world, towards the coming of the Kingdom of God. In today’s Gospel, Jesus proclaims that a new age has begun, in which the Holy Spirit will be poured out upon all humanity (cf. Lk 4:21). He himself, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary, came among us to bring us that Spirit. As the source of our new life in Christ, the Holy Spirit is also, in a very real way, the soul of the Church, the love which binds us to the Lord and one another, and the light which opens our eyes to see all around us the wonders of God’s grace.”

Pope Benedict XVI
“Here in Australia, this “great south land of the Holy Spirit”, all of us have had an unforgettable experience of the Spirit’s presence and power in the beauty of nature. Our eyes have been opened to see the world around us as it truly is: “charged”, as the poet says, “with the grandeur of God”, filled with the glory of his creative love. Here too, in this great assembly of young Christians from all over the world, we have had a vivid experience of the Spirit’s presence and power in the life of the Church. We have seen the Church for what she truly is: the Body of Christ, a living community of love, embracing people of every race, nation and tongue, of every time and place, in the unity born of our faith in the Risen Lord.”

Pope Benedict XVI
“The power of the Spirit never ceases to fill the Church with life! Through the grace of the Church’s sacraments, that power also flows deep within us, like an underground river which nourishes our spirit and draws us ever nearer to the source of our true life, which is Christ. Saint Ignatius of Antioch, who died a martyr in Rome at the beginning of the second century, has left us a splendid description of the Spirit’s power dwelling within us. He spoke of the Spirit as a fountain of living water springing up within his heart and whispering: “Come, come to the Father” (cf. Ad Rom., 6:1-9).”

Pope Benedict XVI
“Yet this power, the grace of the Spirit, is not something we can merit or achieve, but only receive as pure gift. God’s love can only unleash its power when it is allowed to change us from within. We have to let it break through the hard crust of our indifference, our spiritual weariness, our blind conformity to the spirit of this age. Only then can we let it ignite our imagination and shape our deepest desires. That is why prayer is so important: daily prayer, private prayer in the quiet of our hearts and before the Blessed Sacrament, and liturgical prayer in the heart of the Church. Prayer is pure receptivity to God’s grace, love in action, communion with the Spirit who dwells within us, leading us, through Jesus, in the Church, to our heavenly Father. In the power of his Spirit, Jesus is always present in our hearts, quietly waiting for us to be still with him, to hear his voice, to abide in his love, and to receive “power from on high”, enabling us to be salt and light for our world.”

Pope Benedict XVI
“Dear young people, let me now ask you a question. What will you leave to the next generation? Are you building your lives on firm foundations, building something that will endure? Are you living your lives in a way that opens up space for the Spirit in the midst of a world that wants to forget God, or even rejects him in the name of a falsely-conceived freedom? How are you using the gifts you have been given, the “power” which the Holy Spirit is even now prepared to release within you? What legacy will you leave to young people yet to come? What difference will you make?”

Pope Benedict XVI
“Empowered by the Spirit, and drawing upon faith’s rich vision, a new generation of Christians is being called to help build a world in which God’s gift of life is welcomed, respected and cherished – not rejected, feared as a threat and destroyed. A new age in which love is not greedy or self-seeking, but pure, faithful and genuinely free, open to others, respectful of their dignity, seeking their good, radiating joy and beauty. A new age in which hope liberates us from the shallowness, apathy and self-absorption which deaden our souls and poison our relationships. Dear young friends, the Lord is asking you to be prophets of this new age, messengers of his love, drawing people to the Father and building a future of hope for all humanity.”

Pope Benedict XVI
"Through the loving intercession of Mary, Mother of the Church, may this Twenty-third World Youth Day be experienced as a new Upper Room, from which all of us, burning with the fire and love of the Holy Spirit, go forth to proclaim the Risen Christ and to draw every heart to him! Amen."

Pope Benedict XVI
One Stop Cop Shop in Broome

Like a number of remote Kimberley communities Broome has a new police station, opened by WA Police Minister Hon John Kobelke and blessed by Bishop Christopher Saunders. The new structure is easy on the eye and cost a cool $13 million. It speaks clearly of its role as a regional hub with operation rooms, sophisticated radio facilities and safe cells for overnight stayers. Station Sergeant Rob Neesham welcomed the new building as an important part of modern policing practices. “The vastly improved work place will allow us to better serve the community and its needs as the town and region continues to grow”, he said.

One Stop Cop Shop in Broome

From right, Bishop Christopher Saunders, Hon Carol Martin MLA, Hon John Kobelke, Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Sergeant Rob Neesham of Broome and Assistant Commissioner of Police, Graeme Lienert.

Thank you for sharing yourself

I take this opportunity to say ‘thank you’ to everyone who has made my job as Kimberley World Youth Day Coordinator enjoyable.

As I reflect over my journey for the past year or so I have been blessed to be in a position where I had the opportunity to work with some warm generous people within our Diocese. I would like to take the opportunity to thank Bishop Saunders for his guidance.

I can truly say that I did not know what was ahead of me in my job as the Kimberley World Youth Day coordinator and that I could only put my trust in God to lead me. There were many occasions that I have asked myself whether I was doing the right thing and whenever I was in doubt I would pray and ask God and Mary our Mother for their guidance. With the power of prayer and without failure everything fell into place. World Youth Day in Sydney gathered thousands of young people from around the globe with the Holy Father. We all walked together as one mob.

The generosity of people we met was overwhelming. I have witnessed many examples of Jesus alive in our young people, through helping another pilgrim in carrying their bags to offering food to the homeless people in the streets of Sydney. Each and every person within our group shared something of themselves. There were those leading the rosary and reading a passage from the bible, giving testimonies at Catechesis, taking part in the masses or just having a kind word to say to a fellow pilgrim. It was evident that God has challenged us to give something of ourselves. The generosity of St Anthony’s parish school community for accommodating us and making our stay comfortable was overwhelming. The warm clothes that were collected for us by Marg Zucker, the Bishop’s mum and others were very much appreciated, and I never heard anyone complain that they were cold. To Fr Matt and his family and the WYD Team for making sure that we were looked after.

I had a real privilege journeying with our World Youth Day pilgrims to Sydney for the XXIII World Youth Day. Thank you to every single one of you for sharing something of yourself and I pray that the Holy Spirit is ever present in your lives. See you in Madrid.

See our website for more photos

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KALUMBURU

Kalumburu – 100 Years

By Bill Worth

The Feast of Our Lady of the Assumption, August 15th 2008, marked the 100th Anniversary of Pago/Kalumburu Mission, known originally as Drysdale River Mission.

The Mission was founded by Abbot Torres OSB from Subiaco with the help of the missionary Father Nicholas Emo. The Mission grew slowly at Pago, its first site, and then moved in 1936 to Kalumburu beside a lagoon of fresh water, on the King Edward River.

The 100th Anniversary drew a varied crowd of ex lay missionaries, priests, bishops, volunteers and their associated family members. Other happy well-wishers joined the throng of visitors and locals. Holy Mass, a corroboree and a re-enactment of the landing at Pago led by Abbot Placid Spearritt OSB were major parts of the celebration.

Parish Priest, Father Anscar McPhee OSB, inspired by his own genius for the imaginative and Administrator Bogdan Zieba’s determination to succeed through sheer effort, has every right to be happy with the well organized event.

Father Anscar and Bogdan had combined to collaborate on a masterful project, the Fr Thomas Gil Museum, which opened on the Feast Day. With the help of a host of others their efforts have produced a superb building that tells a magnificent story of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal history in the region. Indeed the Museum spans continents and centuries and eons. It joins an eclectic display in an engaging experience that leaves the visitor breathless and filled with wonder. When you go to Kalumburu, don’t miss the museum tour. Well done staff, volunteers and friends – your hospitality over the feast days was outstanding.
**West Kimberley Football Academy**

**Clontarf Northern Carnival in Kununurra**

*By Gavin Greaves*

Two teams from the Broome Academy travelled to Kununurra for the Clontarf Northern Football Carnival recently. Broome was the only Academy location to take two teams for the two-day competition, involving teams from Darwin (Sanderson and Palmerston), Alice Springs, Katherine, Kununurra and Halls Creek.

In the evening the Academies came together for a barbecue and a breakdance competition. The students mixed well and created for themselves a great atmosphere.

In a fantastic display of raw skills our Broome 1 boys went down to a very attacking Katherine outfit. Broome 2 were very competitive against Sanderson in the next game but were defeated. Alice Springs and Palmerston played off for the grand final. Great skills were displayed and Alice won the final for the second year in a row.

The East Kimberley Academy is to be congratulated for running such an efficient and enjoyable carnival. We all felt very welcome and were extremely comfortable during our stay.

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*By Karen Prevett*

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Campus Represented at International Conference

Broome Campus’ Core Curriculum and Theology coordinator, Sr Carmel Posa sgs, has gained valuable academic experience through attending the International Medieval Conference at the University of Leeds. The conference is the biggest of its kind in Europe and brought together 1500 medieval scholars from around the world. Sr Carmel was one of those to present a paper during the conference.

Her paper, titled: ‘Discretio: An Embodied Reading of the Rule of Benedict in the “Letters of Heloise of the Paraclete”’, was one of three presented at a session titled: Gender, Nature and Religious Tradition. The session was moderated by Professor Constant J Mews, a world expert on Sr Carmel’s area of study.

Sr Carmel is currently in the final stages of completing her PhD thesis and chose to attend the conference after being awarded a travel bursary by the Melbourne College of Divinity where she studies.

Graduands Travel from Interstate and Across the Kimberley

The Broome Campus hosted the graduation of its 2008 class on August 22nd.

Thirty-nine students graduated from Higher Education and Vocational Education and Training (VET) courses in the disciplines of Nursing, Education, Arts and Sciences and Business. More than 300 guests attended the traditional outdoor ceremony, with many graduands travelling from interstate and throughout the Kimberley to be part of the celebration. The graduands included the Campus’ inaugural enrolled nursing student, Cindy Murray, and former Notre Dame staff members, Clare Scanlon and Veronica Parker.

The Broome Graduation was the first official engagement on the Broome Campus for newly appointed UNDA Vice Chancellor, Professor Celia Hammond. Professor Hammond succeeded Dr Peter Tannock, who retired on July 31 from the position he held for 16 years. Dr Tannock travelled to Broome to deliver the Occasional Address.

New Beginning as Indigenous Research Centre Officially Opened

The Broome Campus hosted the official opening of Notre Dame’s Centre for Indigenous Studies on 21st of August. The Most Rev, Christopher Saunders, Bishop of Broome, blessed the work of the Centre which was then launched by the University Chancellor, Dr Michael Quinlan.

Following the blessing and opening, Adjunct Professor Patrick Dodson delivered the inaugural Reconciliation Lecture in the campus’ Graduation Square.

The Centre for Indigenous Studies focuses on teaching, research, cultural outreach and cultural training and aims to invest in Indigenous skills and knowledge at the individual, community and regional level. Based in Broome the Centre will promote and integrate the Broome Campus mission of Reconciliation across the University’s Fremantle and Sydney campuses, and aims to create educational pathways for people in the Kimberley and beyond.

The Centre has been operating since the end of 2007 and has already seen new partnerships develop between the University and the community. It is hoped these partnerships, created through research, will assist in establishing positive outcomes for Indigenous people.

Adjunct Professor Patrick Dodson delivers the Reconciliation Lecture. To the left is University Chancellor, Dr Michael Quinlan. Photo: M Doyle.
**Medal Winners**

Junior Ronald Wilson/Padoon (left) and Tiana Woodhouse show off their medals won at the Sports Carnival held at Kururrungku Catholic Education Centre Billiluna at the end of Term II. Photo: K Sanders.

**Preschool for Artists**

These tiny ‘students’ have fun experimenting with paint and with different kinds of brushes at their new preschool class in Mulan, East Kimberley.

**Mary MacKillop Day**

*By Sr Alma Cabassi rsj*

Blessed Mary MacKillop Day at Ngalangangpum School Warmun began with a paraliturgy. Rhiana Cherrabun read the Scripture reading. After the prayer, in the spirit of the feast, children were awarded certificates and prizes for their efforts in the first three weeks of the term.

From left, Taliah Smith, Katelyn Cann, Alison Malgil and Gordon Churchill who each won a book supplied by “Books in the Home” program, with their teacher Lorraine Reid who is very proud of her students. Photo: N Webber

**Billiluna**

**Crocodiles are Winners**

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St Mary’s College Broome celebrated 100 years during the last week of July with a variety of events and activities. Photos: J Cambridge.

Left: Stephen 'Bamba' Albert (left) and Jimmy Edgar were among those who entertained the crowds gathered for the Centenary Celebrations.

Below: Sophie Kelly raises the incense as Sr Helen Brabender RNDM, a past teacher of St Mary’s, presents the Book of the Gospels to Bishop Christopher Saunders at the Centenary Mass held in the grounds of the Fr Nicholas Emo Centre on July 26.

Above: These children put all their energy and smiles into the tug-o-war at the Family Picnic held at Town Beach during celebrations.

Right: Mariah Tolentino and Rowan Albert bring forward the new time capsule to Principal, Mr Tony Treacy (far left). The capsule was then buried under the flagpoles on the Primary Campus of St Mary’s College.
College hosts Taiji Visitors

By Jennifer Cambridge

Principal, Mr Shiomi, of Taiji Junior High School in Taiji, Japan, along with two of his staff members and six students, visited St Mary’s College during the College’s Centenary celebrations held at the end of July. The students were hosted in Broome by Secondary School students and their families.

The program generated much interest from the Taiji school students, with around 150 students expressing an interest in the 6 available places. The local council in Taiji provided financial support to enable the exchange to take place.

A reception was given by the Broome Shire to welcome the visitors to the town of Broome.

Remembering Mary MacKillop

Students of Warlawurru Catholic School, Red Hill, participated in a special time of prayer to remember the Feast Day of Mary MacKillop on August 8th. A song recalling the life of the founder of the Josephite Sisters was practised throughout the week and performed on the day for parents who attended.

Prayers to mark the Feast of Assumption

From left, Hosanna Butt, Della Lightning, Jordan Long and Robby Eura performing a movement to singing of Ave Maria during a time of prayer in Warlawurru Catholic School Red Hill (East Kimberley) to mark the Feast of the Assumption on 15 August.
How does the Reading of Matthew’s Gospel 20: 1-15 make you feel?
What might Jesus be telling you in this parable?
For this month, let’s look at:

He pays the same wage to both the first worker and last one.

How generous he was! What would you have wanted to do?

The landowner was generous to his workers.
God is even more generous to you when you do things for him. He promises that you will live in heaven with him. How wonderful is that!

Over the next few weeks, what is something special you can do for God to show your love for him … something you don’t usually do?

Tidy your bedroom?
Set the table immediately?
What might you do for God?

On the next lines, write a small Prayer of Thanks to God for all his love for you.

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How well did you listen?

1. Where did the man who owned the vineyard go to hire day workers?

2. The landowner went out five times to hire workers. At what time did he go?
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3. How did he pay his workers?

4. What did the workers who were hired first do when paid?

5. How did the owner respond?

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- Are you too old to “stand idle”, that is, unemployed in work for your church?

- What are some ways you could be working for your church?

- What might God be calling you to do in your church group?

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“Generosity to others brings Peace and Love to them and to you.”

The above picture says more than the statement below it.
Looking at both the picture and its words, and the statement, what does it say for you?
Right: Congratulations to Dean Savoia, Principal of Warlawurru Catholic School, Red Hill and to Michelle Soans, married in St Mary’s Church, Halls Creek (06.07.08) at a celebration shared with family and friends. Photo: T Lean.

Below: Simona Manson with Sammy the camel. All students from Kunurrungku Catholic Education Centre in Billiluna had the opportunity to meet the eleven camels and four camel trekkers who are travelling across Australia to raise money for sick children from overseas. Photo: L Thorpe.

Below: Parish Priest, Fr George Connolly (second from right) of Clovelly, with St Anthony’s parishioners and Kimberley pilgrims on board the ferry on Sydney Harbour. 130708

Above: Bishop Hilton Deakin (centre), of Melbourne, concelebrating with Bishop Christopher Saunders (right) who presided at the Liturgy for Kalumburu’s one hundred years. Seminarian, Francis Kerrong (left), served the Mass. 150808 Photo: KC.