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EDITORIAL

A time for useful conversations

Not long ago the Anglican Archbishop of Sydney, Peter Jensen, was a guest on the popular ABC television show Q & A. His appearance on the program was the prime reason some people tuned in that evening. Sadly it became obvious as the evening wore on that Q & A is fast becoming a poor substitute for intelligent debate. It is a slick and snappy production but lacking in depth and profundity. It does nothing to nourish well informed opinions, nor does it sit convincingly as a tasteful exercise in responsible broadcasting. In so many ways the program, in content and process, reflects the society in which we live.

Archbishop Peter Jensen kept making the point, rather to the annoyance of some on the panel it seemed, that we as a society need to have deep and useful conversations about the complex issues that worry and divide us. He suggested that we are afraid to have a serious debate or a mature conversation about those topics. Sadly, all too often in response, platitudes and thoughtless meanderings avoided the very questions he was challenging people to engage.

Our society in Australia is beset with division and conflict. As suggested by the good Archbishop it is about time we had some serious conversations about our challenges, our problems and difficulties. There is a host of pressing concerns the nation would do well to seriously grapple with as soon as possible.

On the issue of the boat people and welcoming refugees to our country much more needs to be said about our willingness to be part of the solution makes us think that the debate on same sex marriage is about equality? Isn’t marriage a commitment, a sacred bond between a man and a woman and isn’t it tied in some manner to the begetting of children? Clearly, the distribution of wealth among our citizens is remarkably inequitable and the rich are getting richer and the poor are getting poorer. Isn’t this an unjust state of affairs?

There needs to be a passion grown in our nation, among our people, for those things that are right and just. We need to get beyond accepting something as true simply because it is the easy way out, or because it suits an individual to regard it as such. We must judge the big questions according to moral and objective principles. We must recognize that there is such a thing as objective truth. To live by it means that sometimes we do not get our own way.

“We must judge the big questions in life according to moral and objective principles. We must recognize that there is such a thing as objective truth. To live by it means that sometimes we do not get our own way.”

(2 Co 13:13)

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Graced moments in life’s journey

Let us be frank and state the obvious. These are troubled times for the Church and for believers in general. In many ways we live in a post-Christian era where the values held in high regard by society bear little resemblance to the Gospels that we profess. And yet for all this, I am convinced that we are living in a graced moment of joyful purpose for which we should be grateful.

When John XXIII was elected Pope in 1958 a senior media person referred to him as “…a man without fame.” This man of humble origins, little known among the power brokers of the day, was inspired by the Holy Spirit to help breathe fresh air into the Church when he soon summoned the Fathers to attend the Second Vatican Council in Rome. This reforming Council called for a renewal in faith that challenges us still in our everyday complacency. Although the Council, which concluded some 50 years ago, set the Church on a new pathway in the service of the Lord, still there is much to be done to remove the credibility gap between who we are and who we say we are. Much of what was taught by the Council has still to effectively soak into the life of the Church and into the minds of the believers.

The invitation last Pentecost by the Bishops of Australia to our local Churches to live a Year of Grace, is a challenge to place Christ at the centre of our existence. I believe that this is a graced moment for our Church locally and nationally. It is an opportunity to be renewed in faith, to gather new energy to look carefully at the way we can live better lives. It is an invitation to improve our relationships with our fellow beings and it is a remarkable chance for us to put right our relationships with God. We are urged to ask constantly: Where is Christ in every aspect of our lives? How may we strive earnestly to live out the Gospels in what we say and do as Christ’s faithful disciples?

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God can transform the deadening chaos that the world is experiencing, enabling humanity to be more fully human. In the context of true humility, our deepening union with Christ empowers us to assume a sense of sacred purpose.

To carry out its vocation to be the Body of Christ, the Church of the faithful must never resile from reform and renewal. The Church must be more driven by love than legalism; more attuned to service than social order; more concerned to share than to gather; more inclined towards discipleship than privilege; more given to justice than judgment; more prepared to articulate prayer than precepts; more ready to serve our saviour than ourselves.

With Christ in our hearts, every moment in quiet prayer, every sacramental participation, every wholesome relationship, every action cloaked with justice, every response to serve the needs of our fellow human beings, are graced moments that we need to acknowledge and never let slip by unnoticed. What a magnificent accomplishment it would be if we could avoid the terrible disappointments or distractions of a busy life, to embrace the invitation to celebrate the Year of Grace, to set us on the pathway to be everything God has called us to be.

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Challenges that keep coming back

Social Justice Sunday fell on 30 September this year, and the title of this year’s Social Justice Statement from Australia’s Catholic Bishops is The Gift of Family in Difficult Times: The social and economic challenges facing families today.

The family has always been of enormous importance in Church teaching. One of the first of the Australian Bishops’ Social Justice Statements was published in 1944 and addressed the challenges families faced as World War II was ending. In 1993, in anticipation of the International Year of the Family, Australia’s Catholic Bishops issued a Statement titled Families, Our Hidden Treasure.

This year’s Statement re-emphasises the central role of families in society and discusses the challenges that they face – among them finding decent work, earning wages that will keep a family out of poverty, and getting access to affordable housing. In some ways these are the same challenges as in 1944 and 1993, but in different clothes.

Since 1993, Australia’s rate of casual employment has soared – possibly to about 25 per cent of the workforce. Stagnating wages and increasingly irregular and insecure work force many to look for more than one job to earn enough to pay the rent and feed a family. And both rents and mortgage payments are skyrocketing as pressure on affordable housing increases.

The Bishops focus on five groups that are particularly vulnerable to such pressures: Indigenous families; asylum seekers and refugees; families in poverty, especially those struggling on Newstart and similar allowances; homeless families; and families contending with disability on the part of one or more members.

Of those five groups, four have been in the news since the Bishops’ Statement was finalised. This year has seen the first steps towards a National Disability Insurance Scheme that would go some way to offering security to people with a disability and their families. That’s good.

But at the end of June, Parliament passed legislation that will place serious limitations on how Aboriginal people in the NT can spend money that comes to them as social security benefits – and could endanger those benefits if, for example, children aren’t at school. These measures could have a direct and serious effect on families.

Later the government, with the support of the Opposition, reinstated offshore processing for asylum seekers who arrive by boat. Just as in the days of the ‘Pacific solution’, asylum seekers will be held in another country, apparently indefinitely, as a warning to others equally desperate. The terrible effects on children and their parents are well-known, but apparently acceptable to both sides of politics.

And finally, a report from Catholic Social Services Australia and other church groups reminded us of the urgent need for an increase in the basic Newstart allowance and for realistic indexation, saying that such a low level made it harder, not easier, for people to find employment.

So it seems that the issues the Bishops raise in this year’s Statement will stay in the news. But in many cases, it’s not for happy reasons.

VATICAN DOSSIER

Pope: Mary Is Queen

Our Sister Who Helps Us, Loves Us
CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy, AUG. 22, 2012 [Zenit.org].

Benedict XVI dedicated the Wednesday audience to a reflection on today’s feast of the Queenship of Mary, considering what her queenship means and what it means for us.

After noting some of the history of the feast, the Pope explained how Mary’s queenship is due to her “unique association to her Son, both during her earthly journey as well as in heavenly glory.”

But is this queenship just a title, the Holy Father asked. “It is a consequence of her being united with her Son, of her being in heaven, i.e. in communion with God. She participates in God’s responsibilities over the world and in God’s love for the world,” he explained.

Power and riches are not the type of royalty belonging to Jesus and Mary, the Pontiff added.

Just as Jesus is king on the cross, so Mary is queen in service to humanity, he said.

“The kingship of Jesus has nothing to do with that which belongs to the powerful of the earth,” the Pope reflected. “He is a king who serves his servants; he showed this throughout his life. And the same is true for Mary. She is queen in God’s service to humanity. She is the queen of love, who lives out her gift of self to God in order to enter into His plan of salvation for man.”

Mary is a queen who helps us, Benedict affirmed. “She is queen precisely by loving us, by helping us in every one of our needs; she is our sister, a humble handmaid.”
**BRIEFLY SPEAKING**

**Canon George Browne**, from Warrington in England, has been visiting the Kimberley as a guest of Bishop Saunders. He found the climate enjoyable and a pleasant change from the meagre offerings of Summer warmth in England this year.

**Anneliese Rohr**, from Melbourne, has recently joined the staff of the Chancery in Broome. Anneliese previously spent time at Kalumburu where she was Manager of the Mission in that remote community.

**Fr Mark Freeman** is Vicar General of the Diocese of Hobart and Parish Priest of Launceston. Fr Mark was in Broome to direct the Annual Clergy Retreat.

**Stuart and Margaret Florence**, from Mooroorpa, Vic, are presently volunteering at St Vin’s Op Shop in Broome. Stu and Margie previously volunteered in Kalumburu and have also helped out in Broome on other occasions.

**Yves and Vicki Baudry**, from Wagga Wagga NSW, have returned to Broome for another term of volunteering. Yves is attending to property matters and Vicki is assisting in the Chancery.

**Marie Waddingham**, one time teacher at One Arm Point and Kalumburu, returned to the Kimberley recently on a jaunt down memory lane. She enjoyed catching up with old friends and acquaintances from her time in the Kimberley in the eighties.

**Sr Marie Masterson**, a Sister of Mercy, is from Cairns Diocese in Queensland. Sr Marie is at the Curtin Detention Centre, Derby, for a six week period where she carries out a pastoral role.

**St John of God Sister, Alice Dempsey**, has left the Kimberley where she has served for a total of thirty years (over two distinct periods) in various capacities. Most of her work was at Balgo where she took up an appointment in 1981. We wish her every good and blessings. Her generosity or service has been a powerful gift to the Church of the Broome Diocese and its people.
Cardinal Rodriguez: walks as one with Australia’s first people

CARITAS International president, Cardinal Rodriguez Maradiaga stood in solidarity with Australia’s first people when he visited Purple House, a unique medical service operating in Alice Springs and surrounding remote communities.

Cardinal Rodriguez and Caritas Australia CEO, Jack de Groot, engaged in conversations with dialysis patients and witnessed firsthand the Purple House renal facility, nutritional program and traditional bush medicine program – run by the Western Desert Nganampa Walytja Palyantjaku Tjutaku Aboriginal Corporation (WDNWPT).

Caritas Australia funds the WDNWPT’s Wellbeing Project which builds upon the dialysis services by offering meaningful employment and income for dialysis patients through the production and sale of bush balms.

At the same time the program contributes to the retention of traditional knowledge ensuring it will be passed on to the younger generations who learn all stages, from the harvesting, production, marketing and sale, of bush balms. And they learn valuable business management skills.

Cardinal Rodriguez also took a tour of the Purple Bus – an integral service where a colourful bus travels to remote communities across Western Australian and the Northern Territory. Purple Bus allows patients access to renal care and medical treatment by a nurse in their own communities, surrounded by family and friends.

Donate now to Caritas Kimberley, PO Box 76 Broome WA 6725 [08 91921060] or online at www.caritas.org.au/donate/online-donation.

WARMUN RETREAT CENTRE

Official opening of the cattle grid

The official opening of the Warmun Retreat Centre Cattle Grid took place on Sunday 5 August. It has been a long journey to this day from the first sighting of a grid in the back paddock, by previous volunteer Michael O’Callaghan, to actually being gifted a grid. The destruction by cattle of this beautiful property was disheartening for those working to maintain the grass and plants.

Our thanks to all involved in this project. Marinus Jans is particularly grateful to Murray River North and Chook. Without their assistance the grid would not be in place today.

RIGHT: The sign the animals could not read. Photo: M Jans

BELOW: Marinus at work on the cattle grid. Photo: T Morgan
World Mission Month October 2012

World Mission Day is celebrated every year in every country wherever there are Catholics committed to building a better world for all of God’s people, a world where everyone has all they need to live a dignified and fulfilling life. It is the day on which we reflect on the urgency to proclaim the Gospel in our times.

Missionary activity is a response to the love with which God loves us. God’s love is the spiritual energy that can make harmony; justice and communion grow among persons, races and peoples for which everyone is searching. It is God, who is Love, who leads the Church towards those farthest away and calls us to be renewed from the original source, Jesus Christ, from whose pierced heart flows the love of God.

The God of love is the source of care, tenderness, compassion, hospitality and interest in other people’s problems, for spreading Christ’s charity around the world. Catholic Mission around the world has the responsibility of promoting a dignified and fruitful celebration of World Mission Day.

The Church in China is surviving and growing

The Church in China has gone through great suffering in the last century, but is surviving and showing strength, Fr Jac Kuepers SVD, a Dutch missionary, told a gathering in Melbourne as part of the Divine Word Missionaries’ Mission Day celebrations.

Fr Jac said Pope Benedict XVI’s 2007 pastoral letter to the Catholics in China – the first of its kind – became the first direct contact between the Pope and the Catholics in China and provided guidelines for the life of the Church in China. “The people were very happy about it,” Fr Jac said. “It showed them the Pope really knew what was going on in China.”

One of the great challenges facing the Church is that thanks to the persecution of previous generations, there are no senior people in the Church. “The Church in China has gone through great suffering in the last century. Many priests, religious and lay people have given witness till death. Many have also lived a life under great psychological pressure, but the Church is surviving and shows strength.”

Chinese Children Dancing at Mission Day Mass

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On the occasion of the Jubilee of 2000, the Venerable John Paul II, at the beginning of a new millennium of the Christian era, reaffirmed forcefully the need to renew the commitment to take to all the proclamation of the Gospel with “the same enthusiasm of the Christians of the early times” (“Novo Millennio Ineunte,” No. 58).

It is the most precious service that the Church can give to humanity and to each person who seeks the profound reasons to live his existence fully. Because of this, this same invitation resounds every year in the celebration of World Mission Sunday.


‘I was a stranger and you made me welcome’
(Matt 25:25)

RESTORE HOPE, SHARE GRACE

This World Mission Month, we desperately need your help to enable missionaries like Sister Maureen Cejas provide spiritual, pastoral and practical care to families and communities like Jervin Aliling’s in the Philippines. Around the world, numerous families face utter hopelessness following crises, such as relentless typhoons in the Philippines.

Countless communities in distress and desperation in the Philippines and across the world urgently need you now.

To find out how you can help, visit: catholicmission.org.au/hope

This year World Mission Day is Sunday 21 October 2012

“As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”
John 20:21

Send your donation to Catholic Mission, PO Box 76, Broome WA 67255

Kimberley Community Profile October 2012
St Ignatius of Antioch

FEAST DAY: October 17
BORN: 50  DIED: 107

St Ignatius of Antioch was born in the Year 50 to a pagan family (people who do not believe in God). He later wanted to become a Christian and was converted.

Ignatius was the third bishop of Antioch. This is the city where St Peter laboured before he moved to Rome. It is also the city where followers of Jesus were first called Christians.

Ignatius was condemned to death by Emperor Trajan who hated the Christians. He was taken from Antioch to the amphitheatre in the centre of Rome.

Although St Ignatius travelled to Rome under military guard, he stopped in Smyrna and Tros. From each of those cities, he wrote letters to the Christian communities. He was the first writer to use the term “the Catholic Church.”

He told the churches that he was very happy to die for Jesus so they must not stop him. He asked them to pray that God would grant him his wish. In this way, like the great St Paul, he preached the Good News to the people.

When the beloved Ignatius arrived in Rome, he joined the brave Christians who waited in prisons. The day came when the bishop was pushed out into the amphitheatre. Two fierce lions devoured him.

He left the beautiful witness of a Christian life and his letters. St Ignatius died around 107.

Let us find courage in the witness and prayers of St Ignatius.

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New Manager Appointed

Michael King has joined the Centacare team in the role of Manager. Michael has over 16 years of experience in the social services sector and has occupied a wide variety of roles in not for profit, local government and state government organisations. Over the past 4 years Michael’s primary focus has been on managing homeless services in the South West of Western Australia. He brings a wealth of experience in delivering quality services to a vulnerable and disadvantaged group of people and looks forward to working with all parts of the Catholic Community to help build on the fantastic work that has been done to date.

Vicki and Damien Russell with Bishop Saunders at the Graduation ceremony held at Notre Dame Broome Campus on Friday 17 August. Damien had been the Manager of Centacare in Broome from January to August this year. The couple have now returned to live in Melbourne. Our thanks to both of them for their excellent contribution to Centacare.
Year of Grace Celebrations: Neocatechumenal Way Youth Pilgrimage 12-15 July 2012

By Matthew Hill and Elisabetta Gagliardo

This recount told by a Parish leader, at the conclusion of Mass at St John the Baptist at La Grange-Bidyadanga deeply moved 20 year old Elisabetta Gagliardo from Darwin, when she said, “In the same way that the wise men and the shepherds followed a star which led them to Christ, so too did our ancestors in the dreamtime follow a star across the desert which led them to Christ.”

As part of the Year of Grace celebrations, and at the invitation of Bishop Saunders, Elisabetta was in Broome as part of a youth pilgrimage organised by the Neocatechumenal Way for pilgrims from Perth and Darwin.

Young pilgrims came from communities of the “Way”, as well as Priests and seminarians from St Charles Diocesan Seminary and Redemtoris Mater Missionary Seminary in Perth and Darwin. The pilgrims travelled by road to Broome for the three days of mission, prayer and communion with parishes throughout the West Kimberley.

These groups of young people made an impact on many - singing, dancing and witnessing to the power of Jesus Christ in their lives to those that they met in most areas around town as well as sharing several celebrations and Masses with Parishioners. For the final day the pilgrims were divided into four teams which travelled to Lombadina and Beagle Bay, Derby, La Grange-Bidyadanga and Nilir Irbanjin, (One Mile), where the Broome Neocatechumenal Community have established a regular presence offering prayer and liturgies of the word for the residents.

Before leaving Broome early the following morning, Elisabetta reflected, “Heading back to Darwin we were sure that God held Broome and the Bidyadanga community in His hands. The pilgrimage truly brought joy and between us there was a communion that should never be taken for granted. This moment was rare and a different moment in all of our lives, because we weren’t making plans for ourselves, but we were going with what came our way. We were putting our lives in the hands of God and this gave us peace, joy and communion. We certainly were not disappointed!”

“IT IS NOT WRONG TO WANT TO LIVE BETTER; what is wrong is a style of life which is presumed to be better when it is directed toward ‘having’ rather than ‘being’.

(Centesimus Annus 36 – Pope John Paul II)

Throughout the Year of Grace try and cultivate a sense of gratefulness, taking a quiet moment each day to give thanks for the graces in your life.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge
August was a huge month for Garnduwa with many events, program and community visits. Garnduwa held a girls Football Carnival for high school girls and an Eagle Cup competition for primary aged boys and girls in early August. The East Kimberley staff have also made two trips to Kalumburu this term in addition to regular visits to their other 11 communities.

Garnduwa staff Ryan Campbell and Ernie Johnson travelled to the desert communities recently to deliver athletics programs in Billiluna, Balgo and Mulan.

There have also been athletics carnivals, football carnivals and finals and netball finals keeping everyone busy during the past month.

"AS CATHOLICS we can be busy about doing and not devoting enough time to consider our being. It is who we are that gives life and vitality to what we do. The Year of Grace is a time for us to pause and examine the quality of our life in God. It is an opportunity to deepen our relationship with God. It is a time to realize that our life as Catholics is a life of grace, that is, a life lived in and through the Holy Spirit."

Bishop Julian Porteous
Mistletoebird

*Genus: Dicaeum*  
*Species: hirundinaceum*

There would be few residents of Broome who haven’t heard the Mistletoebird. In fact, in certain neighbourhoods their double, high-pitched note and pretty warbling tune calls constantly throughout the day. It may come as a surprise then that few people have spotted this beautiful little bird.

Found commonly all over Australia, the male Mistletoebird has a glossy blue-black head, wings and back, a white belly with a central black streak, and a striking scarlet throat, chest and underparts of the tail. The female is a duller version of the male, with a grey body and lacking the scarlet breast. Despite their relative abundance, pretty song and striking beauty, the Mistletoebird’s small size and habit of flitting around in the canopy of the taller trees makes them a challenge to spot.

As their name suggests, Mistletoebirds have a very special relationship with Australian mistletoe, a group of small, parasitic plants commonly found on the branches of taller trees. The birds feed almost exclusively on mistletoe berries. The flesh of the berry is quickly digested, and the sticky seeds deposited on the branches of other trees. As such, the clever little Mistletoebird effectively spreads the seeds of the mistletoe plant, ensuring its future food source, and making the relationship mutually beneficial for both bird and plant.

Keep an eye (and ear) out for the Mistletoebird in your neighbourhood.  

By Kate Austen

Bean and Vegetable Hotpot

**Ingredients:**
- 1 leek, sliced
- 1 carrot, diced
- 1 zucchini, diced
- 1 sweet potato, diced
- 3 cups vegetable stock
- 1 can four bean mix
- 1 can diced tomato
- parsley to garnish

**Method:**

Sauté vegetables in a little oil for 3-4 mins. Add vegetable stock, and undrained 420g can Four Bean Mix and a 400g can of diced tomatoes. Cover and simmer for 20 mins. Sprinkle with chopped parsley.

Helen McNeill, sister of Janice from the Chancery, and her husband Ian were recently holidaying in Broome just prior to the Annual Retreat for Clergy of the Diocese. Helen generously offered to assist with the catering for the Retreat and prepared several soups for freezing. Amongst them was this Bean and Vegetable Hotpot, a delicious, nourishing and substantial meal in itself. Enjoy it with some warm crusty bread. MmMm good! And it is oh-so-easy!!

Photo: J Grimson

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I feel privileged contributing to Reconciliation and I am grateful for all of my past, current and future experiences which have helped me learn more about the meaning of Reconciliation. Working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people has enhanced my life and way of thinking and set me off on a life long journey during which time I have been fortunate in forming close and respectful friendships with many Aboriginal people.

My Reconciliation journey began after I permanently moved from Germany to Australia in 1990. Before taking this big step I spent two years travelling throughout Australia. I was instantly in love with the country, the vast and different landscape, the weather and most importantly with its people. Somehow I landed my first job as a tour guide and consequently travelled along the East Coast, through the Centre and then Western Australia. Along the way I began to learn about Aboriginal culture and soaked up any information I could get. I also began to learn about Australian history where I was shocked to learn of the treatment of Aboriginal people which culminated in creating a desire to be part of putting ‘things right’. This ‘putting things right’ is Reconciliation. My professional and academic development has been deeply influenced by learning about this history and the numerous contemporary issues that Aboriginal people face today. Throughout this learning journey I have experienced much that was positive while also experiencing difficult and challenging times. This emotional roller coaster has led to my active involvement in Reconciliation, in particular in the areas of training and education, the focus areas for my own studies and subsequent employment.

Learning about Aboriginal people, culture and Australian history through studies is very worthwhile. However, the learning is consolidated and extended when working with Aboriginal people out on country. This was reinforced for me recently when the Broome Campus Indigenous Community Liaison Officer and I returned from another Kimberley trip to visit the remote Indigenous communities of Looma, Jarlmadangah, Noonkanbah, Ngarlapita, Muludja and Bayulu. A large number of students from these communities are enrolled in courses on the Broome Campus. Seeing them graduate each year is a wonderful experience for the students, their families and staff, for educational achievement is life changing, sustainable and very much part of Reconciliation. The word Reconciliation is a powerful term and is interpreted in various ways by different people. My interpretation of Reconciliation, which also takes in my workplace The University of Notre Dame Australia Broome Campus (which is a Centre for Reconciliation), is based on the belief that good and positive words usually trigger good actions resulting in positive outcomes.

Despite many challenges it is simply wonderful to be a part of Reconciliation.

The University of Notre Dame Australia has once again received the highest accolade from its graduates in the latest results of an independent Australia-wide tertiary survey. The release of the 2013 edition of the Good Universities Guide to Australian Universities and Private Colleges has seen Notre Dame awarded five star ratings for the sixth year in a row in the categories of Graduate Satisfaction and Teaching Quality. The publication has also awarded Notre Dame five stars for Generic Skills and Entry Flexibility, acknowledging the strength of its application process.

Vice Chancellor, Professor Celia Hammond, said she was delighted with the consistent five star ratings Notre Dame had received from this highly influential publication.
Kimberley Immersion

Catholic Mission has been organizing immersions in the Kimberley for Catholic School teachers from NSW and others interested in the work of the apostolate in the Diocese of Broome. So far their immersions in remote areas are being hailed a huge success. This group hails from Wagga Wagga NSW.

Photo: J Grimson
Recently a small group of women from different local communities came to experience a retreat. The women participated in meditation, prayer, Gospel reflection and quiet time. The retreat was held at the Warmun Retreat Centre (Mirrilingki) where there was a warm welcome, nourishing meals and a genuine care and interest in the wellbeing of the participants. “I feel refreshed and stronger in spirit” and “Our sharing helped us understand each other and that we have the same things happening in our lives” were just two of the comments that supported the value of time for prayer and quiet.

This is what the judges had to say when making the Award:
I would like to award equal winners if this is allowed. These are both excellent publications though with slightly different strengths. It’s hard to pick between them!

Janice Grimson was pleased that the work of the Diocese of Broome and all its contributors was again acknowledged at the Awards. Photo: A Rohr

Camp Fire Retreat

Kimberley Community Profile (KCP) has once more taken out Best Regional Publication at the Australasian Catholic Press Association Awards. This time we were joint winners with Aurora of Maitland-Newcastle Diocese. Since 2003, KCP has consistently taken out Best Regional Publication, or Highly Commended, amongst several other awards.

KCP Consistent Winner

Kimberley Community Profile is an excellent publication, covering a wide range of subjects of interest to both the Diocese it represents and the broader Australian community. Blending insightful commentary and coverage of contemporary issues such as Native Title and the treatment of asylum seekers with Catholic education, Diocesan news, wildlife tips and recipes, the magazine educates, informs and entertains. What more could a reader expect?

Camp Fire retreat (L to R) Ruby Ungia, Rosemary Rosewood, Beryline Mung and Erica Bernard. Photo: Sr A Cabassi RSJ
Farewell Sr Alice Napanangka

It was with much sadness that we said farewell to Sr Alice Dempsey ssjg at the Heritage Centre on 30 August 2012.

Sr Alice arrived in Derby in 1980 as a volunteer Sister from the Irish Province. She relocated to Balgo in 1981 and thus began her long journey of love and relationship with the peoples of the desert. Several times she has moved back to Ireland but always the desert called her back for another project.

One such was the Wirrimanu Church History Project. This involved considerable research. She worked with the local church leaders and also contacted lay missionaries and others who had spent time there over the years. The result is a comprehensive record of the journey from desert to Old Mission and the relocation to the present Balgo/Wirrimanu. Part of this story is the birth of the Adult Centre/People’s Place in 1981 and the extensive activities associated with it, the establishment of Luurnpa Catholic School and the art centre (now Warlayirti Art Centre). Sr Alice personally played a key role in these ventures which are documented in the publication:


In Sr Alice’s recent years in Balgo as part of the BoysTown team she worked with senior women who were community leaders and church leaders providing support for them in their leadership roles through training and encouragement.

Together with a young Aboriginal woman she also ran the Playgroup for mums and babes from three months to three years. This group provided a support for the young mums, somewhere to come and help their babies learn through play, while at the same time gaining confidence and parenting skills. Sr Alice said: “...this little ministry was one of the most rewarding I have ever done.”

To quote from a paper Sr Alice wrote for her own Sisters: For me the search for “The face of God shows most clearly in the faces of the poor” (Joan Chittester: The Monastery of the Heart) I have found Christ in the people of this desert land. They have accompanied me into a deep spiritual journey of appreciation for the ordinary, the natural, the sacred and an uncluttered way of living.

Sr Alice’s contribution to the Heritage Centre has been enormous and is valued. She had a great love of history and was concerned that information about the past should not be lost. This was exemplified in her efforts working on the Wirrimanu Church History Project and the book A People’s Learning Place.

Generous to the last, on her final visit to Broome, she continued her work by helping Helen Martin identify old slides from the former Adult Centre at Balgo. Sr Alice will be missed by all who knew her — those in the Heritage Centre and especially those in the desert community of Wirrimanu where she lived and worked for much of the last 30 years.

By Sr Pat Rhatigan
Dr Pauline Morgan rsj led a group of 25 participants who gathered at the Warmun Retreat Centre (Mirrilingki) in an interactive seminar that revealed listening skills, how we give instructions, assumptions, values, different types of logic and how we make decisions to name some of the sessions. This was helpful as all participants were aware of the how being with people, from another culture, further compounds communication.

During the weekend there were times to reflect on the action of God in our lives and the graced moments. With the celebration of the Eucharist participants were drawn together and named with gratitude the life-giving words of the day.

The Warmun Retreat Centre volunteers happily welcomed participants and their generous hospitality provided an amazing environment for nourishment and well-being. In the tradition of the Centre (Mirrilingki), the participants experienced the peace and calmness of the surrounds and landscapes. There was joy in having time to be together, in the humorous moment, in connecting and developing friendships through spontaneous and invited sharing. The weekend was a time of insights, reflection and refreshment.

From left, Marion OKenny, Sr Kathleen McSweeney rsj, John Spark and Sr Anne Porter rsj. Photo: Sr A Cabassi RSJ

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Yesteryear
Images from our past

Medicine Man (Tchalglogor) – Beagle Bay.
Photo: Archives Diocese of Broome
Halls Creek

The Catholic Parish of Halls Creek recently welcomed visiting priest Fr Marcel Olebunne from Nigeria. Fr Marcel quickly became part of the community sharing meals, attending a retreat, visiting Warlawurru Catholic School (even attending a Bush Trip) and offering Mass each Sunday to a grateful community. Deacon Des Neagle, from Brisbane, was also welcomed. Deacon Des is the new Parish Administrator and has indicated his intention of wanting to meet as many members of the Catholic Community as possible. By Dean Savoia

Kalumburu

Dennis Bundamurra holding grandson Peter, with wife Betty looking to the heavens, at the Feast of the Assumption celebrations in Kalumburu in August.

Derby

They do everything big in Derby- that includes the cake for Confirmation. Nine young parishioners who were very well prepared, received the Sacrament at the Mass celebrated by Bishop Christopher Saunders on Sunday 16 September.

Willey and Verna Ishiguchi seen here celebrating Willie’s 80th birthday.
Senior students from Christ the King Catholic School, Lombadina, recently enjoyed a great camp experience travelling to two major cities. The boys travelled to Melbourne and were hosted by St Kevin’s and Trinity schools. Highlights included trips to the MCG, the Zoo and watching a training session with the Richmond Tigers; the most memorable moment being the day spent skiing in a blizzard at Mt Buller.

The girls travelled to Perth where they were hosted by La Salle College in Middle Swan. Highlights there included trips to the Zoo, Scitech, Old Fremantle Goal, the Australian Aquarium and visits to many of the city sights. La Salle hosted them at their boarding facilities where the girls enjoyed catching up with some of our past students.

We are very thankful for the generosity of host schools for assisting students with these wonderful learning experiences.

Lombadina-djarindjin

Bishop Christopher Saunders administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to ten young people of St Vincent Pallotti Parish Kununurra in early August, Fr Joel, Parish Priest, and Fr Frank assisted in the celebration.

Kununurra

Lombadina had a visit from former Collingwood Football Club player Leon Davis. L-R, Kazue Bin Jalil, Nathania Shadforth, Leon Davis, Tasha Victor, Shonelle O’Reeri.

Q: What do all these things have in common?

Anger issues
Broken relationships
Violence
Mental illness
Can’t hold a job
Substance abuse
Child abuse
Alcohol
Gunja/marijuana
Family dysfunction
Mood swings

A: Everything!
Broome

Students of St Mary’s College, Broome, celebrated Children’s Book Council Book Week in August.

The students from both campuses were involved in many reading, storytelling and book week programs. On the Primary Campus students dressed up as their favourite book character and participated in the annual Book Week Parade.  By J Cambridge

An Art Exhibition at Short Street Gallery Broome, by Warmun artists Betty Carrington and Patrick Mung Mung, was opened on Friday 3 September. Betty and Patrick were delighted to be joined at the Opening by their grandson Imran who is doing a Traineeship with Garnduwa Kimberley Youth Support and Recreation in Broome and other grandchildren who attend St Mary’s College, Broome.  By J Cambridge

Congratulations to Abbey Ford and Simon Hill, Year 10 students at St Mary’s College, Broome, for their recent success in the Australian Catholics Young Journalist Award. There were 650 entries Australia wide, 21 of these in the senior section. Abbey was awarded Winner and Simon, Runner Up in this section.  By J Cambridge

Derby

Distinguished guests, parents and friends attended the official opening of the Building the Education Revolution facilities which were completed at Holy Rosary School, Derby, in 2012. The official party included, Mr Robert Palladino (Principal), Mrs Carol Geurts (Regional Officer CEO), Senator Glenn Sterle, Monsignor Paul Boyers (Parish Priest) and Emma Medling (School Board Chair).

Senator Glenn Sterle unveiled the plaque to be installed at the front of the multi-purpose building. Ms Lena Fraser Buckle gave an Acknowledgment of Country and Mons Paul said the prayer and then blessed the facilities. By Lisa James

From left, Principal, Mr Michael Pepper, Abbey Ford, Simon Hill and English teacher, Miss Rani Middleton.  Photo: J Cambridge

From left: Glenn Serle, Lena Fraser Buckle, Robert Palladino, Mons Paul, Carol Geurts.  Photo: L James

Bishop Saunders blesses the new facility assisted by James Fong and Principal, Mr Michael Pepper.  Photo: A Mitchell
SCHOOL NEWS

Kununurra

Under the guidance of ex-teacher John Polglase, the Year 6/7 class created a banner for the Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley to be entered into the WA Local Government competition Banners in the Terrace. The competition proved very popular with schools around the state and St Joseph’s Kununurra was very pleased to have received a high commendation for their efforts from the organisers. Images used in the banner included:

- The Cockburn Ranges in the background - honouring the background of our place – the place which renews
- The waterfalls - water – an essence of life and growth - ever replenishing our rivers.
- The boabs – new growth from old seed. A symbol of new opportunity.
- The diamonds – from ancient ground comes a treasure upon which we build new industry and employment and prosperity.
- The barramundi – food for the future, care and replenish.
- The borders - new stories for an ancient people in partnership with new people.

After arriving in Kununurra, a group of six students and four teachers from Corpus Christi College, Perth, travelled to Mulan, arriving in time for Mass.

The wind was howling, the tin on the roof was banging and the dogs were in abundance. Welcome to Mulan! This was the beginning of what turned out to be a ‘life-changing’ week for these city kids!

The week was filled with working on the church (cleaning, painting and repairing the roof), assisting in the classrooms, taking the kids for sport and lots of other activities. A highlight was taking the group out to Kiji on Lake Gregory to get ‘muddied’ and have a swim. On Thursday evening there was a disco/face-painting, clothes sale and BBQ. Corpus Christi teacher Mr Ian Hagen, a former teacher at St Mary’s College Broome, made a presentation on behalf of Corpus Christi and Mulan presented the ‘Corpus Mob’ with two sculptured goannas and some bracelets made by Anne Ovi.

The week was a huge success and we hope that it will be the start of an annual event! By L Coyle, Principal.

Red-Hill - Wanalirri

Graham Lightning is Chairperson of Lunja Community, Red Hill, and an Aboriginal Teaching Assistant at Warlawurru Catholic School. He recently graduated from Notre Dame University in Broome with a Certificate III in Educational Support. With assistance from NDA lecturer Cathy Borthwick and his colleague and tutor at Red Hill School, Louise Pearce, Graham was able to complete the study which required completion of on-campus as well as external study components. Graham’s study was also proudly supported by his family. By D Savoia

At the beginning of Term 2 Birlirr Ngawiyiwu Catholic School, Ringer Soak, implemented five iPads into the Junior, Middle and Senior classes. The iPads have been accepted by the students across all learning areas and have been used extensively during Literacy and Numeracy Dedicated Times.

The use of a variety of apps has engaged students and enabled differentiation for students in groups as well as assisting personalised learning. The apps allow students to learn at their own developmental level and permit them to ‘pick up’ where they left off from a previous session. The iPads provide one to one opportunities on the devices which are closely facilitated by the class teachers and Aboriginal Teaching Assistants.

Students also share their knowledge with parents when visiting the classroom.

Graham Lightning graduates with Cert 3 in Ed Support. By D Savoia

Photo: T Davis
NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK

LEFT: Rebecca Concilli with her Aunty Karen and Uncle Derek. Photo: CAS

RIGHT: Alby Charles Bell... paid up Collingwood magpie nest member! Photo: P Bell

ABOVE: Ralph Nagomara with his mum Martina. Photo: CAS

BELOW: Liam Unghango and his mum Karen. Photo: CAS

RIGHT: Lequarn Williams with dad Marco. Photo: CAS

BELOW: Phillip Wilson with his mum Missy. Photo: CAS
When we listen to the Word of God each Sunday at Mass, we hear how Jesus wants us to live. We hear Jesus talking to his apostles and to the people about showing love to those around them by being compassionate. Over the coming weeks, look around and see who you could be kinder to, forgiving of, and more sharing with.

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

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

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. Find lines that you like to make your own Psalm.

In the heading above you are asked: Who are the people around you whom you ignore? Take special note of the picture.

Does it remind you of something happening in your life today?

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

A prayer for World Youth Day Rio 2013

God of Life
You continue to call your pilgrim people to share more deeply in your intimate love.
As we prepare for World Youth Day in Rio pour out your Spirit upon your young Australians that we may be the very sign and promise of your presence in the world.
Enflame us to know you more deeply and serve you more truly as we respond to your call to be your disciples and share that call to make disciples of all nations.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

If you plan on being at WYD2013 contact Erica Bernard on 0448 762 987, kwydyoung@broomediocese.org or see your local Parish Priest.

October is Mission Month

Sunday 21 October – Mission Sunday

God of love, you want life to the full for each and every one of us.
Your Spirit, the Spirit of Christ the anointed one, courses through us and with your Spirit living in us you want to transform this world, to evangelise it, to make it Good News for all.
Help us open our hearts and minds to hand over our lives so as to be Christ in the world, to go out to those who survive on the margins of life, and to commit ourselves as a community of faith in the Resurrection so that through us you can resurrect us all together.
Help us resist the temptation to exclude in the name of greed, power, fear and comfort so that we may bring in the marginalised and share your abundance with all.
Help us to accept, appreciate and love differences as blessings and riches created by you, to trust in people’s nobleness rather than our own wealth, power and might, and so make of this world a Good News planet of life for all.
And we ask you this through Christ your Son.
Amen.
ABOVE: Keonah Shadforth and Rohannee Sampi with Bishop Christopher Saunders following Confirmation at Christ the King, Lombadina, on Sunday 9 September.

LEFT: The sea is a store house of good food at Kalumburu, in the far north of the Kimberley. Gene James on an outing at the beach tucks into a cooked mudcrab after his oysters kilpatrick entree. Photo: CAS

ABOVE: At the opening of the Building the Education Revolution facilities in Holy Rosary School Derby, 3 August 2012. (L-R) Patrick Headlam, Senator Glenn Sterle, Chad Albert. Photo: L James

BELOW: (L-R) Broome Shire President Graeme Campbell with Teaching Assistant Renee Holmes, student Telsey Banks and Vice Principal Marie Barton, at the opening of the Special Education Centre in Broome. Photo: A Mitchell

ABOVE: Joshwyn Sturt is a happy student who likes to learn while at the Kutjungka Trade Training Centre, situated at Balgo, a community south of Halls Creek, off the Tanami Road. The Tanami is a major track, much of it dirt, which traverses the Great Sandy Desert and is nearly a thousand kilometres long. It links Halls Creek with Alice Springs and is a favourite with four wheel drive enthusiasts. Photo: CAS