

Sr Alma Cabassi rsj Golden Jubilee, 2022



Preparing Dinner for a Retreat at Mirringki. Photo by Maria Bec.



Sr Alma at Gordon Downs old Homestead. Photo: Br Berkeley

Sr Alma Cabassi this year celebrates 50 years of commitment as a Josephite Sister. For 25 of those years Sr Alma has lived in the East Kimberley, mainly in Halls Creek but also at Warmun as Principal of Ngalangangpum School, and at Ringer Soak, active at Birlirr Ngawiyiwu School.

Based in Halls Creek Sister provides Family Support and Pastoral Care across the East Kimberley and Kalumburu. From 2012 Sr Alma has provided Pastoral Care in Halls Creek and Ringer Soak and worked with

Christabel Chamarette as part of the **Make a Change Program** (Helping Families Heal, Healing the Cause of Violence). This Program in 2021 involved 4 road trips to Ringer Soak, 9 to Balgo and Mulan as well as meetings and support in Halls Creek.

With Christabel Chamarette at Mulan. Photo by Olive Johns



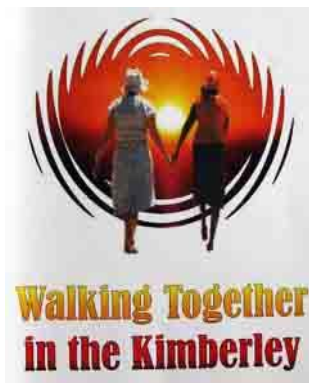
There is no Parish Priest residing in Halls Creek. Sister Alma also assists the Parish, caring for Church and Presbytery as well as with Church liturgies and parish visitation. She also assists with hospitality for Diocesan and other staff passing through Halls Creek. Sr Alma also when requested, assists the Diocese and Catholic Education with Retreats and Professional Development.

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Shirley Purdie conducting Smoking Ceremony to begin a Retreat. Photo by Maria Bec

Sr Alma, looking back on those years in the Kimberley, says:



“I love living in the East Kimberley and feel privileged in the opportunity of getting to know the people and their culture.

The land holds a history and wonder of thousands of years. The human history of these parts is interwoven with many sad and distressing events and yet the People rise up with courage.

I have felt stirred, drawn and stretched to respond to the pastoral needs of each day. Planning, preparing, and presenting workshops and retreats have been nourishing experiences”.

*Walking Together in the Kimberley, a Book about the Josephite Sisters' presence in the Kimberley.
Photo by Br Berkeley.*



Thanks, Sr Alma, for those many years spent bringing connection, love, comfort and healing to so many people in the Kimberley and among your Sisters and friends during your years of service and connection.

With Nora Maggi, Bonnie Deegan (Dec) and Rosie LaLa (Dec) in Halls Creek. Copyright: Caritas Australia.