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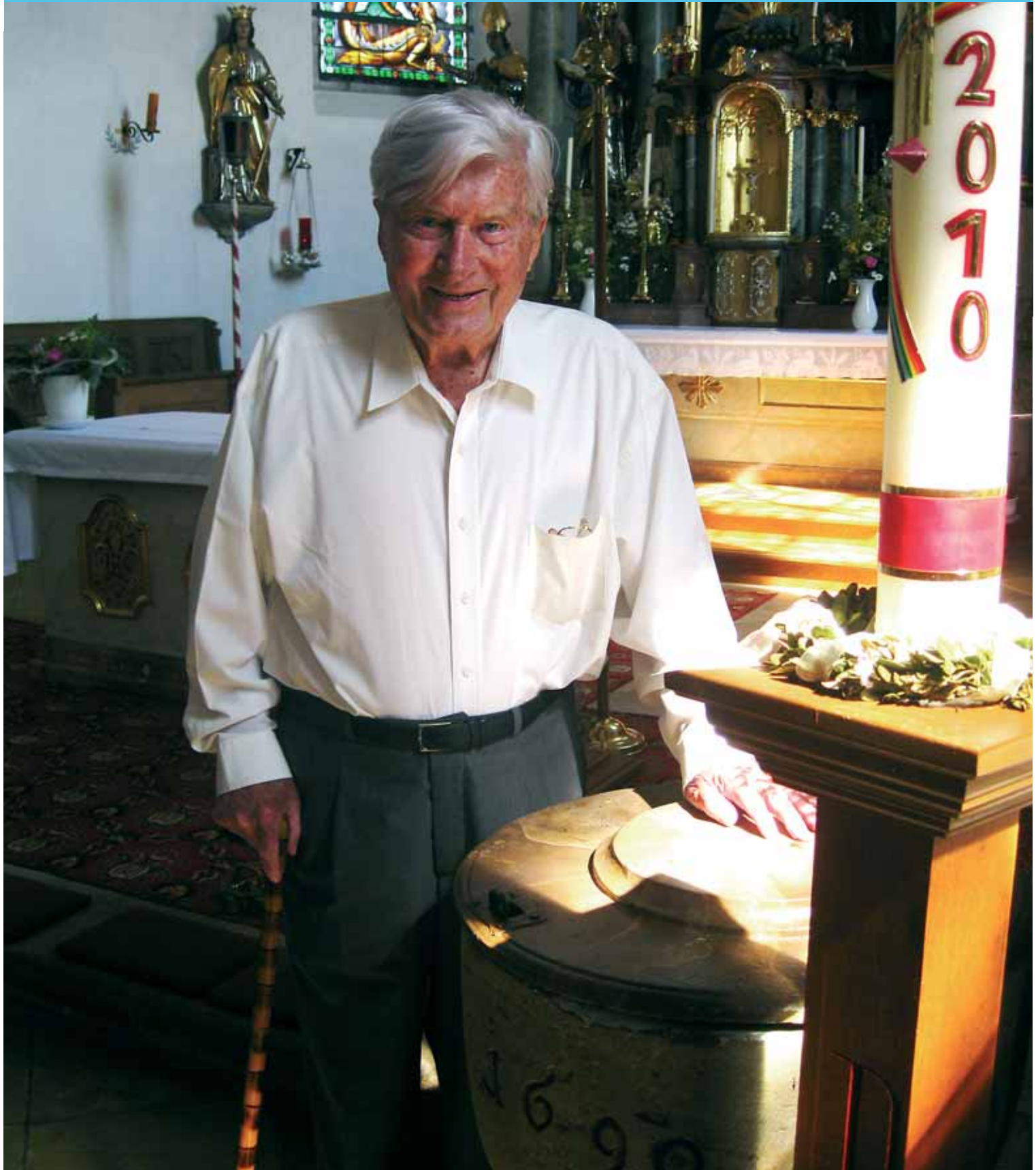
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For their own good...again

Why is it that successive governments think it is necessary to show the public that they can get tough on the poor and marginalized? During the Howard Government regime, under the auspices of Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough (rhymes with tough), negative reports about Indigenous people in the NT flooded into the comfortable south of the country - reports of child abuse, abysmal health standards, poor achievement at school and an above average consumption of alcohol. The Federal Government's response was the so-called Northern Territory Intervention.

In a media hype that itself should have been nominated for an Emmy, television reports showed military vehicles containing an abundance of army uniforms cruising into remote desert Aboriginal communities while bewildered local peoples looked on. For those down south this radical action was portrayed as the cavalry coming to the rescue, but to the locals it was just another invasion.

It is well known now that this ham-fisted occupation achieved very little, and in fact some of the statistics that were being bandied around to justify the incursion now indicate a state of affairs existing today that is worse than it was before. Clearly, this was an action more about headlines than real gains for Indigenous Australians.

One aspect of the intervention that has received much attention is the quarantining of income. Originally this was aimed specifically at Indigenous people, a single racial group, which

necessitated the suspension of the Racial Discrimination Act - a move that was met with many objections from international human rights observers. The then Opposition railed against it and one particular future Minister is on record as saying: "this all will change when we get into Government". Since then little has changed. No wonder people are cynical about politicians.

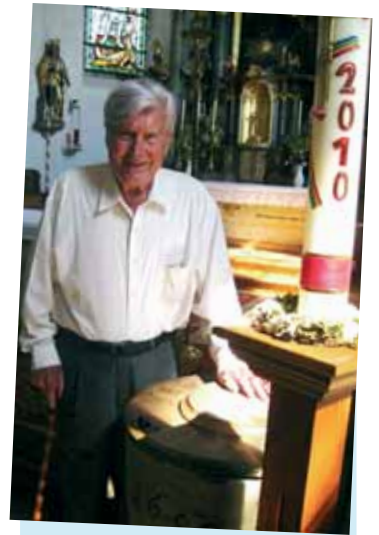
Recently the Senate voted on a Bill regarding Compulsory Income Management under the Northern Territory Emergency Response. The measures introduced will apply to 'disengaged youth', 'long term welfare payment recipients' and 'persons assessed as vulnerable'. The effect of the legislation is to now widen the application of income management to non-Indigenous Australians on welfare in the Territory and any 'declared Income Management Area'. It will most certainly apply to some parts of the Kimberley. The poor and marginalized, irrespective of race, will be snared into this compulsory income management net and for this reason it is now not necessary for the Government to suspend the Racial Discrimination Act. However, since most welfare recipients in the Territory are Indigenous people, this must be viewed as a cynical move to achieve the same objectives as before without any uncomfortable international human rights protests. This is one more instance, like the Stolen Generation, of legislating against Indigenous people 'for their own good'. Once again public servants, from Centrelink this time, unqualified as they are, are

given wide powers to decide who exactly among the poor will be put on income management.

This Bill in fact quarantines the poor and marginalized and does nothing to address the cause of their poverty and marginalization. This Bill relegates poor people to a system of living whereby they no longer have control over their funds and expenditure - a right held in high regard by other, better off Australians. Defining the Income Management Area carefully will ensure it doesn't affect marginal seats or southern parts where Australians might be more sensitive about such rampant government invasiveness.

It is not good enough that the huge amounts of wealth generated in the north are spent mainly in the comfortable south. And it is not good enough that Indigenous people continue to live in a state of poverty in a wealthy nation. We need poverty removal and not merely poverty management in the Territory and in the Kimberley. Compulsory Income Management does not stop people being poor. It merely manages their meagre means and quarantines their rights.

In areas such as in northern Australia, where there are not the ready possibilities for employment, special attention needs to be given to raising standards of living and opportunity. Useful policies driven by social inclusion, if pursued, will involve affirmative action to address the root causes of poverty. Social Inclusion is not punitive. True Social Inclusion will do more for the welfare of the marginalized than all the interventions from Canberra.



Bishop John Jobst, Emeritus Bishop of Broome, in the Church of his Baptism, St Ruperts, Brennborg, Bavaria, Germany at the time of the festivities for his 60th Anniversary as a Priest. The Bishop was ordained a Priest on 9 July 1950. This year he also celebrates his 90th birthday and 51 years as a Bishop. Photo: CAS

Such is the richness of the grace which He has showered on us in all wisdom and insight.

Eph 1:8



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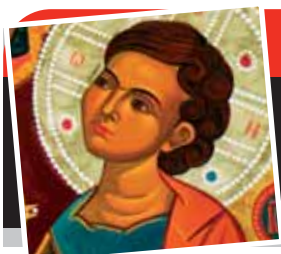
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Ten steps towards being witnesses to the Gospel

STEP 6: DEVELOP A MORE ETHICAL LIFESTYLE

As we integrate our response to one another, to our world and to the environment, we will develop a more ethical lifestyle.

[Australian Catholic Social Justice Council]

Briefly Speaking



SR JOHANNA KLEP of The Sisters of St John of God visited the Sisters in Broome recently to assist with the opening of their Archive and Research Centre. At the invitation of the local ladies, Sr Johanna also visited the community of La Grange where she had previously spent many years.

Photo: J Grimson



Photo: J Grimson

MARY RETEL, Deputy Director of Education WA, has been in Broome at the Catholic Education Office holding the fort for Carol Geurts, Principals' Support Officer, who has been on long service leave.



Photo: J Grimson

DAVID PIGRAM of Broome was recognized for his generous work in the community recently when he was named as the Kullari NAIDOC Person of the Year. This prestigious award was bestowed during the NAIDOC evening held at Goolarri Media.



Photo: S Starc

MARTIN COLGAN, his wife Dot (L) along with artist Jenna Wade (R), from Perth, are now in Beagle Bay to restore, to their former glory, the side altars of the Sacred Heart Church.



Photo: J Grimson

ROBERT DANN, one of two NATSICC nominated delegates from the Diocese of Broome, is going to Rome for the canonization of Blessed Mary MacKillop in October. Accompanying him will be Mary O'Reeri of Beagle Bay/Billard.



Photo: CAS

WAYNE MARTIN, the State Chief Justice, was in Broome during June serving on the bench for Western Australia District Court. Mr Martin has been at the forefront of encouraging reform of the State's criminal justice system during a period when the prison population has grown exponentially and facilities are clearly overcrowded. Of particular concern is the extremely high incarceration rate for Indigenous people.



Photo: S Starc

PROFESSOR MATTHEW OGILVIE heads the Theology faculty at Notre Dame University, Fremantle. He visited Broome in June to familiarize himself with the Kimberley Campus and the work of the University in the region.



Photo: Archives of Broome

FR KEVIN MCKELSON, a Pallottine Priest, celebrated 60 years of Ordination as a Priest on 2 July 2010. Fr McKelson, spent most of his years as a Priest ministering in the Diocese of Broome. He is now retired to Melbourne. Congratulations Fr Kevin.



Photo: CAS

DONNELLY MCKENZIE, one of Broome's favourite sons, turned 70 in July and celebrated the event with his family and a host of friends at Nirrumbuk Resource Centre.

Mimbi Caves-don't miss it!

Girloorloo Tours run a very special exploration of Mimbi Caves, 90km east of Fitzroy Crossing on the Great Northern Highway, going towards Halls Creek.

Spokesperson and one of the guides, Ronnie Jimbidie has an inclusive charm about him that makes all visitors feel very comfortable as he relates the geological and cultural history of the caves. The easily traversed tunnels run through old limestone reefs from the Devonian period. Inside are rock paintings and charming pools of crystal clear water lit by small openings in the ceiling of the caves.

Jolene Gordon and Delwyn Surprise also work very hard to see to it that people enjoy themselves and have a safe and memorable exploration of this fascinating area. Information on bush tucker and bush medicine from the region is passed on by Jolene in a confident and friendly manner that confirms the adage that nothing beats being in the hands of a local, especially one who is anxious that you learn as much as possible about their country.

As the tour makes its way through the long water-formed tunnels Delwyn is careful that senior people make their way along the path indicative of a business that cares about its customers.

Tours to Mimbi Caves can be arranged by ringing Girloorloo Tours on (08) 9191 5355.



ABOVE: A billy of bush tea and some damper are very welcome after exploration of the one of the many caves at the Mimbi complex. Photo: CAS

RIGHT: Delwyn Surprise (L) and Jolene Gordon are guides who work with Girloorloo tours at Mimbi caves. Photo: CAS



RIGHT: Ronnie Jimbidie, a leading guide at Mimbi Caves, props next to some fossils in limestone country. The extraordinary limestone caves are part of a Devonian reef some 360 million years old. Photo: CAS



Australia's First Saint

Blessed Mary MacKillop was a woman of great faith. What was it about this little Australian nun that has led her to be a giant in the eyes of the Catholic Church around the world? To find out more about the Catholic faith, contact *The Catholic Enquiry Centre*:

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Turf Club facility blessed and opened

When the Broome Turf Club built a stunning new stand in its racing complex at Gantheaume Point, Bishop Saunders, the Course Chaplain, was asked to bless and open the facility at the first race meeting of the year.



Photo: M Bell

Caritas Australia Closing the Gap in the Kimberley

Throughout Australia, Caritas Australia is supporting Indigenous-led local partners to help bridge the massive socio-economic and health divide between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.



UFGA President Ernie Bridge with local Broome health worker Arlene Manado. Photo: J Smith

Of the twelve Indigenous projects Caritas Australia supports, the Unity of First People's of Australia (UFGA), working in the Kimberley region, is one program seeking to address the prevalence of preventable illness in Indigenous communities.

Working with the Noonkanbah, Looma, Warmun, Djugerari, Lombadina, Djarindjin and Mowanjum communities, UFGA's Diabetes Management and Care Program combines a medical approach to Indigenous health with a community development focus.

UFGA President Ernie Bridge said, "The program provides health and eye assessments and antenatal education, promotes healthy behaviours and lifestyle choices, offers nutritional and culinary education, and integrates exercise and sports programs into communities that need it most.

Caritas Australia is committed to working in close collaboration with Indigenous communities to ensure equity is achieved through real community ownership and management.



A time for questions

The deadline for this column comes at a confused and uncertain moment. We have a new Prime Minister; we don't yet have a date for an election but could have one soon; and on a range of policies, we can only wait and see.

From the point of view of social justice in Australia, what would we as Christians like to see following this election? The Australian Catholic Social Justice Council is focusing on five issues: Indigenous communities; workers on minimum wages; those most disadvantaged in our society; asylum seekers; and climate and the environment. Neither side of politics, I suggest, has a wholehearted and courageous approach to any of these topics.

Both, for example, are committed to continuing and even extending the policy of income quarantining that was introduced under the Northern Territory Emergency Response. This scheme is deeply disempowering for those it affects: it robs them of dignity and assumes the worst about the way they handle the little money available to them. As ACSJC Chairman Bishop Saunders said in a recent media release: 'a policy that implies that "we know what is best" or "it is all for their own good" risks adopting the kind of attitude that gave rise to policies behind the Stolen Generations.'

The recent decision by Fair Work Australia to increase the Federal Minimum Wage to \$569.90 per week – an increase of \$26 per week or \$15 per hour – seems generous. But that increase has to be seen in the light of previous decisions that have left workers on minimum rates well behind the inflation rate. As the Australian Catholic Council for Employment Relations (ACCER) points out, if you look at increases in the federal minimum over the past decade, the wage would have to be \$610 per week to have kept pace with average wages.

With regard to asylum seekers, both sides seem to take particularly unconstructive lines. Both say that detention of boat arrivals will deter desperate people; both in various ways demonise asylum seekers; and both regard people smuggling as a crucial element, perhaps even the cause, of the perceived problem of asylum seekers. Neither side admits that people smuggling is only a response (however terrible) to a worldwide challenge, and that 'stopping the boats', if that were possible, would leave tens of thousands stranded in countries far less able to deal with them than we are.

The record of the Rudd Labor government on climate change and the environment has been the subject of great controversy and, reportedly, a reason for Kevin Rudd's loss of the leadership. As this is being written, it is unclear what policy either Labor or the Coalition would now adopt on this issue.

Celebrating 60 years a Priest

Bishop Jobst's 60th Anniversary of Priesthood was a celebrated event that will long be remembered by all those who attended.

The Emeritus Bishop of Broome, +Johannes Jobst, returned to the town of his Baptism, Brennbereg, in the beautiful State of Bavaria in southern Germany, to share the joy of the occasion.

Bishop Jobst was raised on a farm near Brennbereg before joining the Pallottine Fathers. After compulsory military service during World War II, +Johannes Jobst returned to the seminary and was ordained a priest on 9 July 1950. Appointed to Australia together with Fr John Lenmann, a priest well known to many Kimberley people, the young Fr Jobst began his ministry at Beagle Bay. Later he went to the Pallottine Australian House of Studies as Spiritual Director. It was from there, in Sydney, that he was named as Bishop of the Vicariate of the Kimberley and, later, he became the first Bishop of the Diocese of Broome in 1965.

Many of Bishop Jobst's family were in attendance including his sister, Amanda, a Pallottine Sister with many years experience in South Africa where she worked with orphans of AIDS victims.

Bishop Manfred Muller, Emeritus Bishop of Regensburg, concelebrated the Mass with Bishop Christopher Saunders of Broome and eleven other priests. Bishop Muller gave the homily at the Mass and spoke of Bishop Jobst's faith and vocation inspired by his parents, his family and his parish. He drew attention to Bishop Jobst's heroic work in the Kimberley region of Northern Western Australia in the area of education and of his efforts to establish a healthy pastoral network of care among the Kimberley people.

Adding to the solemnity of the occasion was the attendance of Princess Gloria, of the House of von Thurn und Taxis, who brought a Broome touch to the proceedings by wearing a significantly beautiful necklace of pearls.

The day began with Bishop Jobst riding in a horse drawn carriage up a steep hill to the ruins of Brennbereg Castle followed by a procession of forty servers in red or black soutanes and white



Bishop John Jobst (R) and Bishop Christopher Saunders enjoy the proceedings.
Photo: Mittelbayerische



Bishop John Jobst (R) in a highly decorated horse drawn carriage on the way to the festivities in Brennbereg. Photo: Mittelbayerische

surplices, a uniformed brass band, and a throng of people carrying banners and dressed in traditional Bavarian costumes including the famous lederhosen, or leather pants, still worn on culturally public occasions. A horn band called everyone to attention giving the moment just one more memorable touch. The parish priest, Fr Adolf Scholbe, did a magnificent job of pulling it all together and organizing such a wonderful day. The Burgermeister (Mayoress), Ms Irmgard Sauerer, welcomed everyone there and generously made everyone feel part of the Bishop's superb achievement of sixty years a presbyter in the service of the Lord.

No festival is complete without some refreshments and a meal of roast meat or sausage and potatoe salad and green salad was shared by several hundred parishioners and guests, and then washed down by a good Bavarian beer.

The oom-pah-pah Brass Band played tirelessly, after more fitting testimonies to the Bishop, while a very large number of well wishers approached Bishop Jobst to greet him and personally congratulate him on the greatness of the occasion.

The diocese of Broome joins with the people of Brennbereg in wishing Bishop Jobst god's choicest blessings on the occasion of his diamond jubilee as a priest. *Ad multos annos.*



Bishop John receives a greeting from Princess Gloria von Thurn und Taxis.
Photo: Mittelbayerische



Bishop Jobst is congratulated on the occasion of his Diamond Jubilee of Priesthood by his Grandnephew Christoph. Photo: CAS



ABOVE: Emeritus Bishop of Broome, Bishop John Jobst (centre), Bishop Manfred Muller, Emeritus Bishop of Regensburg (R), and, Bishop of Broome, Bishop Christopher Saunders at the Mass of Thanksgiving.



RIGHT: True Bavarian hospitality was made available with a delightful meal for everyone while local music on the hillside set the festive mood of the day.
Photos: Mittelbayerische

Sr Carmel returns to Fremantle

By Nicola Kalmar

Change, for most of us, is not always the easiest thing to accept in our lives. But challenges are all too familiar in the life of Sister Carmel Posa sgs, and she is not afraid to embrace her latest mission. After eight years of service in the Kimberley, Carmel bids a poignant farewell as she returns to familiar soil.

Her time in the Kimberley has been nothing short of remarkable from the many lives she has touched throughout her different roles; notably as a theologian, lecturer, colleague and sister to all. But after years of nurturing students in her academic role at Notre Dame, Sr Carmel is returning to the university's Fremantle campus to resume teaching.

"I will be very sad to leave the Kimberley, but it will be nice to be back with my old colleagues," she says.

Sr Carmel arrived in the Kimberley with the Good Samaritan Sisters to minister as a lecturer at Notre Dame's Broome campus, and teach the core curriculum. Along the way, she

has relished the challenges of teaching Indigenous and non-Indigenous students about Christianity.

"As a lecturer, my aim is to expose students to a credible way of thinking about Christianity and faith.

"The curriculum is designed to ground students as professionals, and enable them to explore different ways of thinking, and to respect that difference."

Sr Carmel's contextual approach includes an introduction to theology and reconciliation to help students find a sense of place and examine what it is to be a human being. In that regard, she hopes individuals have gained as much fulfillment from the studies as she has in teaching them.

"It's very rewarding to be an academic. Philosophically, it's about learning and putting it into authentic practice," she says.

Throughout her journey, she recalls many definitive moments including her accomplishments as a lecturer.

"It's most fulfilling when students who are antagonistic towards faith are able to come to a deeper appreciation and understanding of it in the world today."

"I've faced cultural challenges, and learned to be a listener and appreciate difference," she says.

Sr Carmel hopes her eight years in the Kimberley have enabled her to contribute to her mission at Notre Dame's Broome campus by leaving behind a developed understanding of theology.

Sr Carmel's passion to do the Lord's work has maintained her optimistic outlook of the future.

"I am hopeful for the future. I believe in humankind and the movement of the Spirit which we cannot control. Life is so short, and one must face the truth. If we seek the truth, we can obtain a hopeful vision of life, and its hope that drives us as Christians".



Photo: N Kalmar

As she bids an emotional farewell to the Kimberley, Sr Carmel says she will fondly remember Broome for many reasons.

"It's the colours, complexity and variety in Broome that I will miss, especially the people. They are resilient and wondrous individuals."

Undoubtedly, as students, friends, colleagues and fellow brothers and sisters in Christ, we thank Sr Carmel for her eight years of service to our community, and cherish the legacy she leaves behind.

Diver safety

When Mick Burton talks about his work at the hyperbaric chamber at Broome Hospital his enthusiasm for the subject is totally engaging and is only matched by his deep commitment to the safety and welfare of divers in the Kimberley pearl industry.

His own experience of approximately 12,000 hours as a diver formed him well for his position as the Safety and Training Officer for the Pearl Producers Association where he is driven by the demands of the Association's code of practice. In that capacity he is on call twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, in case anybody with the bends needs treatment. These days safety is of paramount importance in the pearl industry but it wasn't always that way. In 1914 with some four hundred divers working in the area it was reported that one hundred of them had experienced that danger in their work, called 'the bends', when bubbles of nitrogen form in the bloodstream as a result of



Photo: CAS

being in the water too long and too deep with too quick an ascent to the surface. These days the solid steel decompression chamber with its air-tight doors enables the injured diver to be treated in a pressurized atmosphere. Then oxygen is administered to help dissipate the nitrogen bubbles and assist the body to expel them.

"In my young days, I used to sway from the safety rules a bit when I was diving," says Mick with a tinge of regret in his voice.

"We all did it or at least too many of us. We abused the tables set down for us that demand certain times of decompression at certain levels over a set time. Minor cases of the bends we put up with, swallowed a couple of panadol and got back in the water the next day. Crazy! But now the entire industry is committed to making sure young divers abide by the rules. That's why I am employed to act as an independent point of contact for divers while doing diver inductions along with site tests and vessel inspections." He takes on a very determined look when he adds that thankfully it is all designed to help the industry maintain an acceptable standard of diver safety since that public commitment was made in the late

eighties and this chamber was purchased in 1992 by the Pearl Producers Association.

Mick cannot find enough praise for the specially trained nurses from Broome Hospital who have to accompany the occasional patient into the decompression chamber. "Theirs is a big call," Mick says. "They have to be there for hours, for as long as it takes, to monitor the person being treated. And that requires dedication."

One of two purposefully trained doctors is also part of the team when the chamber is at work and on site while Mick himself is at the console monitoring the technical aspects of its operation, always caring for the welfare of the diver being treated and ever contributing to safety as the primary goal.



Photo: CAS

Saint News

Blessed Mary MacKillop

1842 – 1909

Feastday: August 8

The first native Australian to be beatified. Born Mary Helen MacKillop in Melbourne, she was of Scottish ancestry. Concerned with the poor and suffering, Mary founded the Sisters of St. Joseph and of the Sacred Heart. These sisters were dedicated to educating children. In 1873, she became Mary of the Cross, and two years later was elected Mother General of her congregation. After many difficulties, Mother MacKillop received papal approval of her work in 1888 from Pope Leo XIII. When she died on August 8, 1909, in Sydney, there were one thousand women in her congregation. Pope John Paul II beatified her on January 19, 1995 in Sydney.

Blessed Mary MacKillop will be canonized a Saint by Pope Benedict XVII on October 17, 2010 in Rome.



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Media Notes

New leader for CRA

In the year of the canonisation of Mary MacKillop, Catholic Religious Australia (CRA) has elected the current leader of her order as its new president.



Sister Anne Derwin RSJ (R), Congregational Leader of the Sisters of St Joseph was elected president of the peak body for Religious Institutes and Societies in Australia at the group's national assembly in Hobart last week.

Sister Anne takes over from Good Samaritan Sister Clare Condon SGS (L), who held the position for the past two years.

At the assembly Sister Anne paid tribute to Sister Clare thanking her for her outstanding leadership of Catholic religious throughout Australia.

Sister Clare said it was very appropriate that in the year of Australia's first canonisation that the new president of CRA was a Sister of St Joseph.



A Faithful Life - Surviving the Tough Times

On a long plane journey recently I browsed through a book that is most surely tailored for this era of economic downturn. The title is engaging: *Selling in Tough Times – Secrets to Selling When Nobody’s Buying*. The publication was written by someone who is obviously an optimist, determined and able to sell his book despite the enduring financial gloom.

In like manner, it occurred to me that we would do well to reflect upon the reality that we are living in an era of religious and spiritual downturn. It would appear that no matter what we say or do, at least in the western world, it is near impossible to convey to the general populace what value there is in them accepting faith in God and developing a relationship with Christ in his worshipping community. Modern living in the fast lane has rendered peoples’ lives simply too cluttered, too disjointed, direction-less, convoluted and confounding to let the light of belief shine in.

Over the past thirty-five years or so, certain changes in patterns of belief and practice that are a cause for considerable worry have developed in Australia: numbers of people participating in the life of the Church are still declining; there is an apparent unwillingness among the baptized to adhere to professed Doctrine and Morals; there is an impoverished sense of ecclesiology among a significant number of those still claiming religious affiliation; there are growing numbers of unbaptized people in our midst and a notable increase among those sporting God-less views. Even our new Prime Minister is a self-confessed atheist and she doesn’t mind who knows it!

Many Christian parents express often enough their frustration at being unable to pass on to their children important religious values, including what worth there is in practising their faith in communion with the Church. The Good News is spoken but it is falling on deaf ears. In our time the secular, the obscene, the banal and the mediocre are in the ascendancy while the richness that faith holds for those who are

led into God’s wonderful light goes largely unnoticed. So, what can we do?

Simply by recognizing that we live in a period that is an overwhelmingly secular age is a good beginning to formulating a strategy or at least coping with the situation. It helps us to understand much of the prejudice and the ignorance regarding religion that we encounter daily. Secondly, a steadfast patience in our dealings with secular people is of paramount importance. No amount of ear-bashing on our part will steer those who live in error away from their hollow philosophy. Be content to witness by what you do and say and be prepared to forgive and be forgiven. This is foundational to an authentic Christian vocation. Maintaining personal holiness as a prerequisite to a life well lived is essential if we are to avoid the pitfalls of secularism ourselves. We need to understand that pursuing a prayer-filled love for Christ is the most constructive response towards unbelief of which we are capable. Thirdly, with regard to the challenges we face, don’t blame yourself nor others for that matter. Post-Modern man in his confusion has hatched a storm of secularist ideology and we just have to sit it out. In the words of Mother Therese we are not called to be successful but rather to be faithful. Being faithful means, among other things, living peacefully with that which we cannot change.

The Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, has fine-tuned his efforts in recent times to the re-evangelization of Europe. To this end he has established a Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelisation which will endeavour “to find the appropriate means to propose again the perennial truth of the Gospel of Christ.” Without a doubt, both there in Europe and here in Australia, much remains to be done. These are tough times but it is no time for gloom. That is best left to those without faith while the Christians remain patient, prayerful and hopeful – ever content to leave much of what needs to be done to God.



Bishop Christopher Saunders with the State Minister for Education, the Hon Elizabeth Constable, and the Director of Catholic Education, Mr Ron Dullard, met in Broome in June at the Catholic Education Office.



Notre Dame Kimberley

Amanda McCubbin,
Assistant Dean of the School of Education

The mission of Notre Dame

The mission of the University of Notre Dame Broome Campus is to promote the process of reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples, particularly those who live in the Kimberley region. One of the many ways that the University endeavours to achieve this goal is to provide educational programs for those whose access to the University may be reduced for a variety of reasons including distance, weather, time constraints, the physical environment and family commitments.

In an attempt to overcome these barriers, the School of Education successfully applied for an Access Grant through the Department of Education and Training. This funding has enabled lecturers and support staff to regularly fly to Wirrimanu (Balgo) to deliver the Vocational Education and Training Certificate III Education Support program to all Aboriginal Teacher Assistants (ATA) at Luurnpa Catholic School.

In conjunction with the Principal of Luurnpa School, Brother Rick Gaffney and volunteers Kerri and Gary Hamer, a number of units that form the Certificate III have been delivered to the Aboriginal Teacher Assistants in Wirrimanu over the past term. Delivering on site has enabled all Aboriginal Teacher Assistants to participate in the course and has eliminated many of the access and equity issues associated with remote communities.

All lecturing staff in the School of Education, along with support staff, has visited Wirrimanu. These visits have facilitated a greater understanding of the difficulties and hardships faced by students who live in

remote locations and have enhanced each lecturer's own knowledge in regards to Aboriginal society, identity and culture.

Through visiting the community and discussing issues with the Aboriginal Teacher Assistants, including listening to their stories, learning about cultural differences and the challenges faced on a daily basis, there has been a renewal of the relationship between the University and Luurnpa School. This relationship has been built over many years and is based on trust and respect between the visiting Notre Dame staff and the Aboriginal Teacher Assistants.

The fostering and maintaining of relationships, based around furthering the educational opportunities of Indigenous students, is vital to the reconciliation process and is an affirmative example where the staff of the University of Notre Dame Broome Campus

demonstrate their commitment to reconciliation, particularly among the peoples of the Kimberley.



Vatican Dossier

Pontiff: Be More Radical in Following Christ

Calls Saying Yes to God a "Beautiful Experience"

VATICAN CITY, JUNE 27, 2010 [Zenit.org]

On the last Sunday of June dedicated to the Sacred Heart, Benedict XVI invited the faithful to be more willing and radical in responding to a call from Christ.

The Pope made these comments in a short address before praying the midday Angelus with crowds gathered in St Peter's Square, which he dedicated to the theme of "Christ's call and its demands."

"Whoever has the fortune to know a young man or young woman who leaves their family, their studies or work to consecrate himself or herself to God [...] has before him a living example of radical response to the divine calling," the Holy Father began.

He called the affirmative response to God's call "one of the most beautiful experiences that one has in the Church," in which one sees "the Lord's action in people's lives, touch[es] it with one's hand; experience[es] that God is not an abstract entity, but a Reality so great and powerful that he can fill man's heart in a super-abundant way. He is a Person who is alive and near, who loves us and asks us to love him."

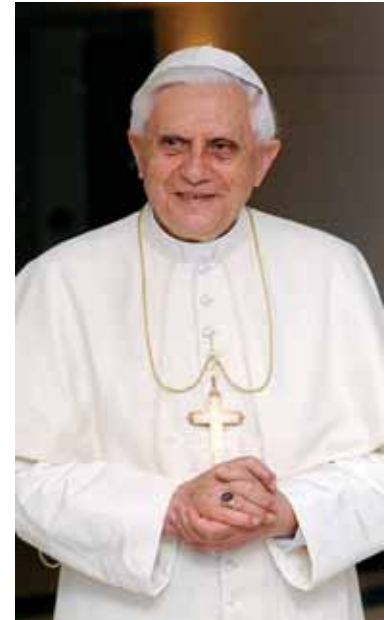
The Holy Father reflected on several passages from the Gospel in which Christ is "very demanding" with several disciples who express their desire to follow him. Christ informs the would-be disciples that "whoever chooses to work with him in God's field cannot change his mind," and must "completely sever his familial bonds."

"These demands might appear too harsh," Benedict XVI continued, "but in reality they express the newness and absolute priority of the Kingdom of God that is made present in the Person himself of Jesus Christ. In the final analysis it is the radicality that is owed to the Love of God, whom Jesus is the first to obey."

The Pontiff continued: "Whoever renounces everything, even himself, to follow Jesus, enters into a new dimension of freedom that St Paul defines as 'walking according to the Spirit.'"

"'Christ has freed us for freedom!' the Apostle writes, and explains that this new form of freedom acquired for us by Christ consists in being 'in the service of each other.'"

"Freedom and love coincide! Obeying one's own egoism, on the contrary, leads to rivalry and conflict."



You're invited to take part in crucial education debate

The Catholic education community in Western Australia needs to make their voice heard in the debate about school funding in this country. This is particularly vital for Catholic schools in the Kimberley whose location, isolation and special educational needs mean that they require considerable additional funding.

The Federal Government has announced a sweeping review of the way that it funds government and non-government schools. This review is sure to prompt vigorous public debate on all aspects of school funding in Australia.

Catholic education is well placed to take a leading role in that debate: we are the second largest provider of education in Australia – schools from one end of the country to another have been providing a quality education for over 180 years. Today there are 1700 Catholic schools nationally, educating almost 704,000 students – that's one in five Australian school students.



Ron Dullard, Director,
Catholic Education WA.
Photo: Catholic Education
Office, Perth

Catholic schools do more with less

We often hear the myth that Catholic schools get more funding than Government schools. This is transparently wrong.

When all forms of Government funding (both federal and state) are considered, Catholic school students receive less than half the funding per student that is received by Government school students.

As parents, teachers, students and friends of the Catholic education sector, you are aware that some of this gap is made up by contributions from parents and parishes through fees and levies and that, in the case of Catholic schools in the Kimberley, considerable financial assistance is received from other Catholic schools in WA.

Catholic schools strive to keep fees low so that they remain accessible to all. No child is ever denied a Catholic education because of their family's financial situation.

We need you – as parents, teachers, students, parishioners, friends and supporters, to join us in helping to ensure that our schools are funded fairly. Over the coming weeks and months our Kimberley schools will provide you with a series of information briefs that will highlight the essential facts and figures of Catholic education, the important place of Catholic education and some of the funding principles which will underpin our approach to the upcoming funding review.

We hope that, armed with this knowledge, you will feel confident to become Catholic education advocates and take an active part in the education funding debate in your local area.

ATA Seminar 2010

Aboriginal Teacher Assistants (ATA) met during Term 2 at the Catholic Education Office, Broome. Pictured are Shirley Quaresimin (second from right), School Community Consultant from CEO Broome, with ATA's from St Mary's College Broome, (L-R) Rose Bin Swani, Helen Howard and Carlene Smith.



Photo: E Cox

Principals' Retreat

By Dean Savoia, Principal Warlawurru Catholic School Red Hill

Catholic School Principals from across the Kimberley gathered at Parry Creek Farm, East Kimberley, on the June long-weekend for a retreat. Led by Sr Alma Cabassi RSJ, the time of reflection and renewal focussed on the life of Blessed Mary MacKillop. A number of East Kimberley landmarks, including the King River prison tree, the Bastion, Parry's Lagoon Bird Sanctuary and the Moolchalabra art site, were included in a bus tour that provoked thought and prayer on the action of God in our lives, as expressed in Mary MacKillop's writings. The weekend culminated in the celebration of Mass by Fr Raphael, Assistant Priest in Kununurra, atop Telegraph Hill.



Fr Raphael with Parry Creek Lagoon in the background.
Photo: D Savoia



Religious Women in Zambia

Australian-born Sister Marie Bourke a member of the Franciscan Missionaries of the Divine Motherhood has been working with the sick and dying in remote areas of northern Zambia for 15 years.

She works with Nigerian sisters, Sr Rogita Bonaventure and Sr Anna Gochin, in bringing nursing care to more than 90 villages where people are infected with HIV/AIDS.

"We are keeping people alive who would otherwise die. We try to witness to people that they matter," says Sr Marie of the home-based, clinical and palliative care for HIV/AIDS sufferers. It is a ministry that has dramatically reduced the mortality rate, especially among children.



Sr Marie (Centre) with Nigerian Sisters Sr Rogita (L) and Sr Anna (R).
Photo: Catholic Mission Australia

For the Zambian people whose lives they touch the Franciscans' mission is the affirmation of a compassionate, loving God in their lives. Their devotion to caring in Christ's name has inspired many local women to want to follow them into religious life.

In answering this call the Franciscans are now in the later stages of preparing to build a formation house where aspirants can discern their vocation. Here local women will deepen their Christian education. Those who choose to stay will go on to profess their vows as religious women.

The Sisters recently accepted a quotation of AUD \$327,800 for the building of the new formation house. The two storey building will be simply finished in concrete throughout, with tiling in the bathrooms and laundry. With AUD \$219,618 already raised towards these costs, there is a shortfall of AUD \$108,182 before they can bring the new formation house into reality.

"This formation house builds directly on the legacy of missionary work the Franciscans Sisters have given in remote Zambia. It speaks of a living faith which is putting down deep roots for the future of the Catholic Church in Africa", said Catholic Mission's National Director, Martin Teulan.

"Through our donors, Catholic Mission is assisting Sister Marie to bring this worthy enterprise to completion,"

Trinity boys in Broome

Eight students of Trinity College Perth, along with two staff members, outside Our Lady Queen of Peace Cathedral with Bishop Saunders and Trinity College old boy, David Pigrim (L-Front Row) following the mass on Aboriginal Sunday, 2 July. The students spent ten days in Broome and on the Dampier Peninsula involving themselves in community and NAIDOC events.



Photo: S Starc

Kimberley Wild

Northern Brushtail Possum

Trichosurus Amhemensis

The Northern Brushtail Possum is quite common in the Kimberley and inhabits large areas that have trees and shrubs. Its fur is grey in colour with a white underbelly and pink skin, although a reddish copper fur colour is also well known. Strangely, given the name, it does not have a brushy tail. It is common around Broome and on the Dampier Peninsula as well as in the North of the Kimberley in wooded areas.

The possum breeds all year round with a gestation period of about 18 days followed by 4-5 months in a pouch. This marsupial generally gives birth to only one offspring at a time and this individual can live for up to fifteen years.

The Northern Brushtail prefers to live in hollows in trees and in caves, but seems just at home in the roofs of houses and in backyard sheds. The body length of the adult Northern Brushtail is usually between 35cm and 55cm.



Photo: CAS

Kimberley Kitchen

Chisiol - Pancake

This is a family recipe from Sr Alma Cabassi RSJ, and is known as *peasant or poor people's* food. Sr Alma's family is from the North of Italy. Sr Alma is the Family Support Worker for the Diocese of Broome in the East Kimberley.

Ingredients

6 tablespoons of buckwheat flour
4 tablespoons of SR flour
butter (and or oil)
water and salt
sliced cheese

Method

Mix flours with enough cold water to make a runny batter, (like liquid cream). Add salt and stir well.

Heat 40g butter (and/or oil), in frying pan until turning brown. Pour batter into pan. Cover with sliced cheese (be generous with cheese), press slices of cheese into the cooking batter. Cook until solid or bubbles appear then flip pancake.

(Shuffle/wiggle pan to keep mixture from sticking to pan).

Cook until crisp and sounds hollow when tapped.

Variations: Grate cheese into the mixture. Make small circular pancakes like pikelets.



Photo: Sr A Porter RSJ

New Kids on the block

Molly Bell is a charmer from way back for whom some things in life are simply black and white. She is a joy to her parents, Meredith and Paul, who are adamant that life for her will be 'a cakewalk'.



Photo: P Bell

Justice Matters

By Shane J. Wood cfc



Part 2: Law & Order versus Erosion of Rights

This edition's column follows on from the last. Another area of law and order that impacts upon the Kimberley region more than other parts of the state, and one that has received some attention in the past, has been raised again recently by the community elders in the Northern Territory community of Lajamanu, and featured on a recent edition of Message Stick.

The program made a strong case for a reconsideration of the incorporation of at least some parts of tribal law into the process of treating offenders from traditional Indigenous communities. Again there is a need for a balance to be struck, but the elders were making a very cogent argument for allowing local elders to deal with 'tribal business' before the state legal system takes over. The reasons given included comments not unrelated to what Antoinette Kennedy was suggesting in her interview on Stateline mentioned in the column in the last edition.

The elders made the point that placing somebody in gaol does not necessarily satisfy the need for justice to be served for all those affected by the commission of a crime, including the perpetrator. As one elder said, there needs to be a balance. 'We're not going to kill that man, spear him through the heart or spear him through the neck or whatever to get rid of him, eye for an eye - no, that's not the case.' A careful supervision of the process would be needed. As a result of the punishment, the community is satisfied that justice has been done. As one elder put it, '[we say] sorry to each other. That's the last bit. Hug each other and shake hands or whatever that needs to take place. Then it's finished - not to be carried on. We're back to square one again. Then we can give them to the [state] law.'

There is something to be said for having this Indigenous form of Restorative Justice looked at more seriously by our legal system. It just might restore a sense of law and order in our remote communities by restoring respect for the elders and the community as a whole. We allow schools, associations and businesses by and large to run their own codes of conduct and forms of discipline for breaking them. The broader community steps in when more serious offenses are committed. As a society we have moved beyond allowing the administration of corporal punishment either publicly or privately, so perhaps tribal law might have to be modified in this respect also.

Having perpetrators and victims facing each other in a supervised community conference has been tried and has worked in schools and other settings. Why not in remote Indigenous communities where it was the norm before colonisation? As some elders have said, it may serve to restore respect for elders, for law and order, decrease unregulated violence associated with 'payback', and decrease the numbers of Indigenous young men (in particular) in our prison system.

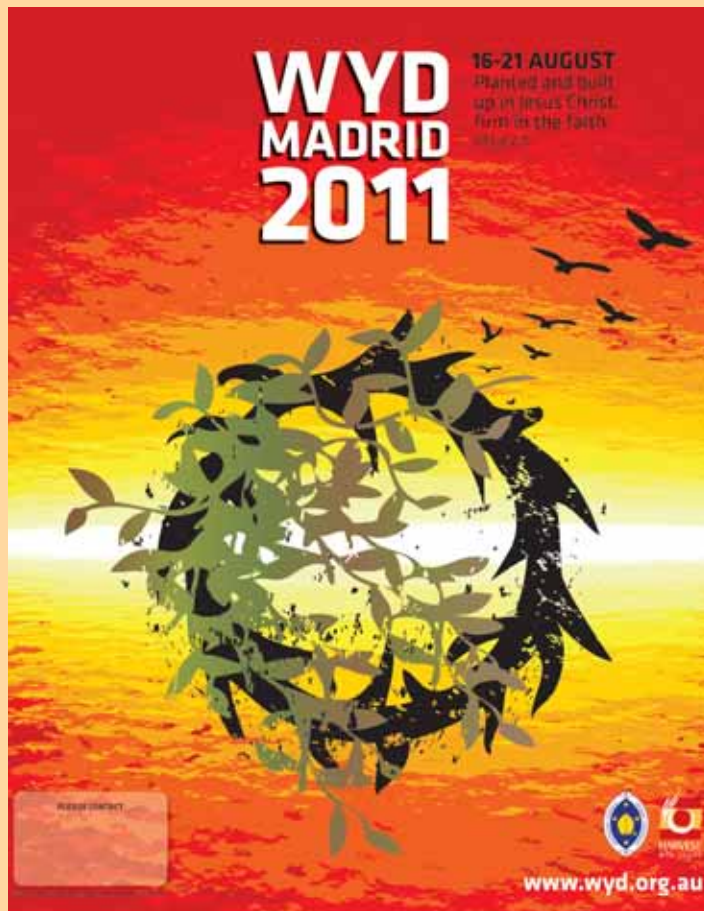


Benedict XVI is first signed up for '11 Youth Day

MADRID, JULY 1, 2010 (Zenit.org).-

Registrations opened today for the 2011 World Youth Day in Madrid, with Benedict XVI being the first participant signed up.

Registration includes accident insurance, public transport during the WYD week, the backpack – with shirt, cap, Guide to Madrid, book for the ceremonies and other useful items – free entrance to cultural activities and priority access, and reserved areas in the principal events.



Benedict XVI: Youth Days not just big events

Calls them "privileged occasions" to find Christ

VATICAN CITY, JULY 2, 2010 (Zenit.org)

World Youth Day isn't just another big event, says Benedict XVI, but rather a "privileged occasion" for youth to encounter the love of Christ.

The Pope said this upon receiving in audience a delegation of the sponsors of the next international World Youth Day, which is set to take place 16-21 August, 2011, in Madrid, Spain.

"There are many young people who have their eyes fixed on that beautiful city, with the joy of being able to meet there in a few months to hear together the Word of Christ, which is always young, and to be able to share the faith that unites us and the desire they have of building a better world, inspired in the values of the Gospel," the Pontiff said.

"I invite you all to continue to collaborate generously in this beautiful initiative," he continued, "which is not a simple multitudinous meeting, but a privileged occasion for the young people of your country and of the whole world to let themselves be conquered by the love of Christ Jesus, Son of God and of Mary, the faithful friend, the conqueror of sin and death."

"Whoever trusts in Him is never disappointed, but finds the necessary strength to choose the right path in life," he added.

More than 600,000 registered for World Youth Day 2011

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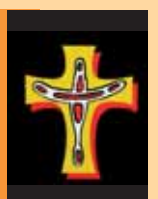
More than 600,000 pilgrims from outside Spain have registered for the World Youth Day 2011 celebration in Madrid, organisers said.

A 10 Euro contribution from each pilgrim's registration fee will be set aside in a "solidarity fund" which will help pay the cost of the trip and their stay for those who would not otherwise be able to afford it, the report adds.

World Youth Day "is not for the rich, but rather for everyone, for those who come from Madagascar and from the south of Latin America," said Bishop Cesar Franco, an auxiliary Bishop in Madrid.

Registration this year is taking place online at www.madrid11.com

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Kimberley Volunteers

By Vicki Baudry, Volunteer Co-ordinator

There is never a quiet moment in our Kimberley Catholic Volunteer Service!

One of the reasons is that this month our little Stephan family, Anna, Tomasz and baby Jakub, now aged eight months, packed their bags after nearly two years of managing our Mirringki Spirituality Centre. They have returned to their home country of Poland, and our sincere good wishes for their future go with them, as well as our sincere thanks for all of their hard work and devotion to the Centre.

Other volunteers are returning home.

At Kalumburu Mission Cristina Centenera has returned to her family in South Australia. For over six months Cristina has been a wonderful support to Lilibeth, Administrator of Kalumburu Mission.

At La Grange-Bidyadanga Parish regular volunteers Laurie and Helen Short, are also packing their bags! This marvellous and generous couple have been Kimberley volunteers for over five years now, offering more than six months each year, AND they are keen to return again in 2011!

Back at Mirringki for more service and hard work, are Di and John McMahon from Goolwa, SA. They arrived in time for the June Drug and Alcohol



LEFT: John and Diane McMahon returned to the Centre to offer their help again during the busy part of the year. Photo: T Stephan

BELOW: Multi-talented Mirringki volunteer Carmen Ortiz applies her hairdressing skills to Betty Carrington, of Warmun, thereby making a rose even more beautiful. Photo: B Farrelly



Program, which is always a very busy, yet rewarding, time at the Centre. We welcome them back and thank them for their readiness to help.

Sincere thanks to all for your ongoing generosity, and may God bless you for your commitment, and your families for their acceptance of your absence from their midst.

The Stephan family with Bishop Saunders.

**WANTED:
Volunteer
Workers**
Kimberley Catholic
Volunteer Service



The Diocese of Broome, Western Australia, urgently requires volunteers – couples and singles – to serve within the Diocese. Duties may include any of the following: cooking, working in stores, building and vehicle maintenance, housekeeping, book-keeping, transport and grounds maintenance. In return for being part of the team we offer accommodation, living expenses and an allowance.

Placements are preferred for a period of twelve months plus but a reduced time would be considered. For further details and an application form please contact:

Mrs Vicki Baudry: Phone: 08 9192 1060 or email: admin@broomedioocese.org
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Parish News

Kalumburu

First Holy Communion was celebrated at the Vigil Mass, held in Our Lady of the Assumption Church Kalumburu on 19 June.



Fr Anscar with (L to R) Maria Maraltadj, Heidy Clement and Coolio Bundamurra.
Photo: Sr M Scanlon SGS

A festival of food, art, religious goods and op shop clothing took place in Kalumburu Mission grounds on the weekend 4/5 July to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander week (NAIDOC). Children had enormous fun as they dressed up in the 'deadly' clothing and the girls couldn't resist the perfumes, soaps, ear rings, beads and bangles.

All age groups bought up big!



From left, Danielle Djanghara, Tegan Djanghara and baby Kimberley Nulgit with their baubles and beads. Photo: Sr M Scanlon SGS

Garnduwa News

Eagles Cup 2010



Students of the combined St Joseph's Wyndham and Wyndham District High School team (pictured), won all their qualifying games in the football, but Kununurra District High School was too strong in the final. Photo: R Clyne

Kununurra hosted the Eagles Cup on Friday the 18th of June. Teams from around the Kimberley came to compete in netball and football. The under 12's school carnival organised by Garnduwa ran successfully with teams competing from Oombi, Wyndham, Halls Creek, Kununurra and Warmun. The boys had a spirited football competition with the Kununurra Falcons having a convincing victory over the combined Wyndham/Oombi side in the grand final. The Wyndham girls were the most competitive sides during the netball carnival, with St Joseph's Wyndham winning in a tight contest with Wyndham District High School. Congratulations to all players and schools for participating in an enjoyable and competitive atmosphere.

Broome

Don's Party

Pictured here with his children, at his 70th birthday, Donnelly McKenzie has much to celebrate. Don's sporting prowess at football, basketball and darts were recalled in a bevy of testimonies wonderfully delivered by his children, family members and others. His commitment to the community at large, through his work as a prison visitor, is widely known and appreciated. So too is his extraordinarily loving relationship with his now deceased wife, Mary Anne, whom he referred to as 'the love of my life'. Don spoke with deep emotion of his feelings for his family and Mary Anne. His party was a remarkable remembrance that paid tribute to a remarkable man.



Photo: CAS

Parish News

Halls Creek



Photo: D Savoia

St Mary's Church, Halls Creek, is sporting a fresh and distinctive new coat of paint. The new paint is courtesy of the very generous donations of parishes of the Diocese of Ballarat, Victoria. Parishioners were asked to consider colours and designs and chose earthy browns and reds that reflect the iron-rich rocks and soils of the Kimberley.



Devaughn Lightning, Anton Seela and Zhianne, Coburn, Markelle and Bradrick Minga were baptised into the Catholic Church during the celebration of the Sunday Mass in St Mary's Catholic Church Halls Creek on 13 June by Parish Priest Fr Denis Dennehy.

Fr Denis pours the water of Baptism over Zhianne Minga. Photo: D Savoia

It is not the magnitude of our actions but the amount of love that is put into them that matters.

Mother Teresa

Sr Alma Cabassi RSJ, Family Support Worker for the East Kimberly in the Diocese of Broome, was in Yaruman/Ringer Soak recently to conduct a Seasons for Growth Program on grief and loss.

"Working through this program has refreshed me like this picture of the wave. It has washed over me." was the comment by one of the group of young mothers and grannies who gathered with Sr Alma.

Sr Alma, as Companion, worked through the adult section of this program with the women who committed themselves to four sessions.

"I didn't know there was so much to learn. It has been helpful. I was like a closed flower now I feel the flower is open." said another of those participating.



Participants: back row (L to R) Pauline Jack, Serina Gordon, Sr Alma Cabassi RSJ and Christine Tchooga and in front, Nida Tchooga and Clare Gordon.

Photo: C Lord

Beagle Bay

Climbing the bell tower, to give the statue of the Sacred Heart a much needed clean, is Fr Bill Christy, Parish Priest of Dampier Peninsula. Fr Bill was back in Beagle Bay while on semester break from his studies at Notre Dame Fremantle.



Photo: T Sarah

Parish News

Kununurra

By Deb Pearce

It was 11 degrees at 5am on a June morning when an excited bunch of pink-shirted women gathered at Celebrity Tree Park in Kununurra to venture on a 4-day journey that would build a solidarity which would further bind an amazing community.

Twelve months earlier, on a charity fundraiser, a child was accidentally killed. Kununurra rallied, as communities do, to support her family, and we became aware that the Kununurra District Hospital did not have a Chapel for quiet reflection and grief. Community efforts united, and the 100 Women Walk emerged.

100 women would walk 100 kilometres to raise \$100,000 for a non-denominational Chapel at the hospital. The Rotary Club of Kununurra took up the challenge, local businesses rallied with donations, local (and some interstate!) women quickly found their \$1000 sponsorship, and the great walk began.

Women from Kununurra's St Vincent Pallotti Parish, including our organist, Regula Waser, as well as Libuse Dessert-McGee, Elisabeth Dessert-Stewart, Estrelia Diaz, Jacquie Henggeler and myself all donned the sneakers and set off for Carlton Hill Station. Supported by



Being cheered across the finish line with their trusty steeds, are (from left) Jacquie Henggeler, Regula Waser and Ute Diederichsen. Photo: P Stubbs

a number of other community members, including parishioners Di Challen (The Amazing Queen of the Blisters), Marion O'Kenny and Sally Thomas, the walkers were fed, washed and nurtured over a wonderful weekend.

In the end, only 76 women walked, but '76 women walk' doesn't have the same ring to it, does it?! And through the generosity of the Kununurra community, a total of \$117,000 was raised!

The challenge now is to raise the remainder of the money for the chapel – estimated at 3 to 4 times what has already been raised. The community has, quite literally, put in the 'hard yards' and we will use this to leverage the rest.

Congratulations to all who walked, and thank you to all of those who helped us walk and helped build an even stronger Kununurra community.

Warmun



Photo: CAS

Gabriel Nodia, well known Warmun artist, is exhibiting at the beautiful local gallery again - along with a host of other painters many of whom have produced works that are now to be found in major art collections throughout the world. Gabriel is rightfully proud of his achievement and that of his fellow community members from Warmun.



Photo: P Hayley

Anne Murray and Stephen Craig were married in St Vincent Pallotti Church, Kununurra in mid June. Bishop Saunders celebrated the marriage for Anne and Steve who live on Mistake Creek, south of Kununurra.



School News

Broome



Imran Paddy, a Year 11 student at St Mary's College Broome, was awarded runner-up for the *Most Valuable Player* in the Kimberley Cup held during Term 2. Imran also made the 'All Stars Basketball Team' - well done!

Photo: J Cambridge



Deputy Director of Catholic Education in WA, Mrs Mary Retel, visited St Mary's College Broome and attended the Term 2 Awards Assembly. Mrs Retel addressed the Assembly and presented awards to students, including the Curtin University Engineering Award to Year 11 student Torey Rickerby.

Photo: J Cambridge

Lombadina-Djarindjin

All students enjoyed the interschool athletics carnival held recently at Sacred Heart School, Beagle Bay on the Dampier Peninsula. Congratulations to La Grange-Bidyadanga on taking out the team shield for the first time.



Gathered at the end of the day are trophy winners from Lombadina Djarindjin Catholic School. Photo: C Howie

Congratulations to Georgia Deguara from Year 9 of St Mary's College, Broome who won the 'Banners in the Terrace' Competition! This competition is run by the Shire of Broome and the Year 8 & 9 Art students designed and painted their ideas on how to best represent Broome, in a colourful and simple way. All schools in Broome were invited to enter, however there is only one winner. Georgia painted her design on to a banner over 3m long and it will be hung in St George's Terrace in Perth during Local Government Week later this year.



Georgia Deguara with her winning banner.

Photo: J Cambridge

Beagle Bay



The candidates (L-R) Shanni-Lee Cox, Kasey Councillor, Levenia Shadforth and Mahalia Koster cutting their First Communion cake. Photo: K Bin Jalil

Sacred Heart School Beagle Bay, on the Dampier Peninsula, celebrated its Feast Day on Friday 11 June. Following in the tradition of the past, the Sacrament of First Holy Communion was also celebrated on that day. The Mass combined the modern and the old with community elders singing church hymns while the school sung more modern songs. Community members and several visitors came to support the four girls, each beautifully dressed in their best, and followed the celebration with a wonderful morning tea.

School News

Kununurra



Edwina and Kassidy, who are both happy to come to school to learn, are pictured with St Joseph's School's NAIDOC display. Photo: T Fyfe

NAIDOC Week, celebrated this year in the first week of the school holidays, kicked off at St Joseph's School in Kununurra with a short prayer. As a school, St Joseph's will hold NAIDOC celebrations in Term 3. The theme of *Unsung Heroes ~ closing the gap by leading the way* is a timely reminder of the importance of role modelling to our kids about the importance of attending school regularly if they want a successful future with higher education studies and employment. This year's poster displays this clearly with a mum (an unsung hero) leading her children to the open doors of education, employment and success.



Chandalene, looking a little shy, astride the motor bike with Ben and Lee. Photo: D Aspinall

St Joseph's School Kununurra was lucky to have two expert motocross riders drop in on a wet and cool June morning to show off their racing bike and safety accessories. Students enjoyed sitting on the powerful bike, a Honda 450. Ben and Lee reminded children of the importance of safety gear when riding their own bikes around the streets of Kununurra.

Four children of St Joseph's School, Kununurra made their First Reconciliation in mid June. In a special symbolic gesture the Sacrament was linked with their Baptism through the washing of their hands in the baptismal font (symbolising the washing away of sin) and lighting their baptismal candle from the Paschal Candle (symbolising the Light of Christ).



Gathered with Parish Priest, Fr Jes Katru (back right) are, from left, Emily, Georgia, Jake and Connor with teacher Mrs Ison (back left). Photo: T Fyfe

Ringer Soak

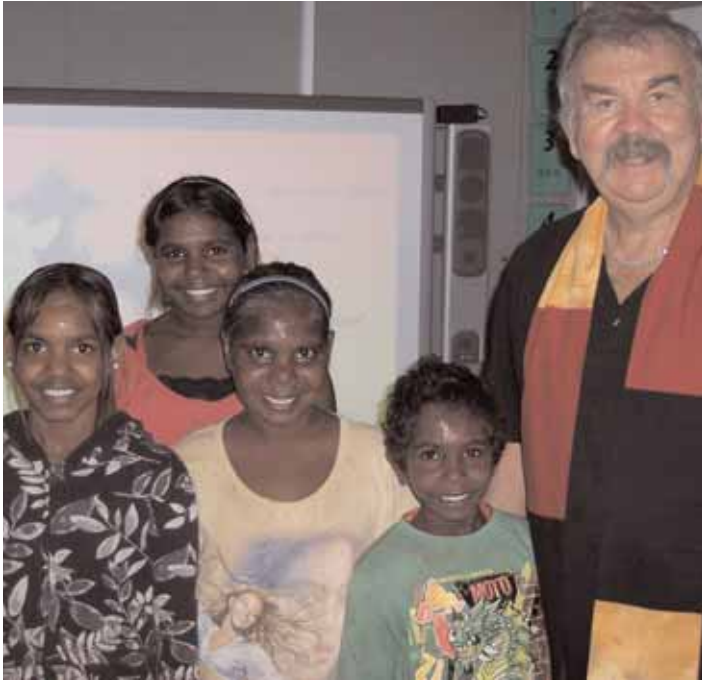
Recently, new shade sails were erected at Birlirr Ngawiyiwu School in Ringer Soak-Yaruman, East Kimberley. Senior students took advantage of the shade when they were shown tracks and traditional symbols by local Elder Rosie La La (pictured with the children). Prior to this, Judy Tchooga, Sheila Gordon and Tamara Seela told the students about the early beginnings of Yaruman-Ringer Soak and the first years of schooling at Birlirr Ngawiyiwu, which is currently celebrating 25 years of Catholic Education.



Photo: C Lord

School News

Red Hill



From left, Richelle Sturt, Zhianne, Markelle and Coburn Minga with Parish Priest Fr Denis. Photo: D Savoia

The Sacrament of Reconciliation was celebrated at Warlawurru Catholic School Red Hill, Halls Creek, on Friday 18 June. Children who received the Sacrament for the first time had prepared throughout Second Term. Their classmates were present at the celebration which included the Jaru junba (song) 'Gunag Wanduli' which speaks of the New Hope that Jesus brings to our lives. These same children received the Sacrament of First Communion on Friday 25 June at the Mass which celebrated the start of NAIDOC Week.

Derby

Year 2 students, assisted by their teachers, have created a vegetable garden and worm farm together with other recycling initiatives at Holy Rosary School in Derby. The ultimate goal is to learn about the importance of reusing products that are normally thrown out: newspapers, food scraps and so on.



Photo: A Buckle

Mulan

It is always a productive and busy time at John Pujajangka-Piyirn School in Mulan! On 24 June the school celebrated its Feast Day, St John the Baptist, in a very special way starting with BluEarth activities. The Sports Carnival had the Yellow Eagles, Blue Pelicans and Red Dingoes all competing enthusiastically. Mass celebrated by Fr Antony was followed by a sausage sizzle for lunch and then by more races including a mothers' race.



The Red Dingoes won the competition and will have 'bragging rights' for the next 12 months! Photo: L Coyle

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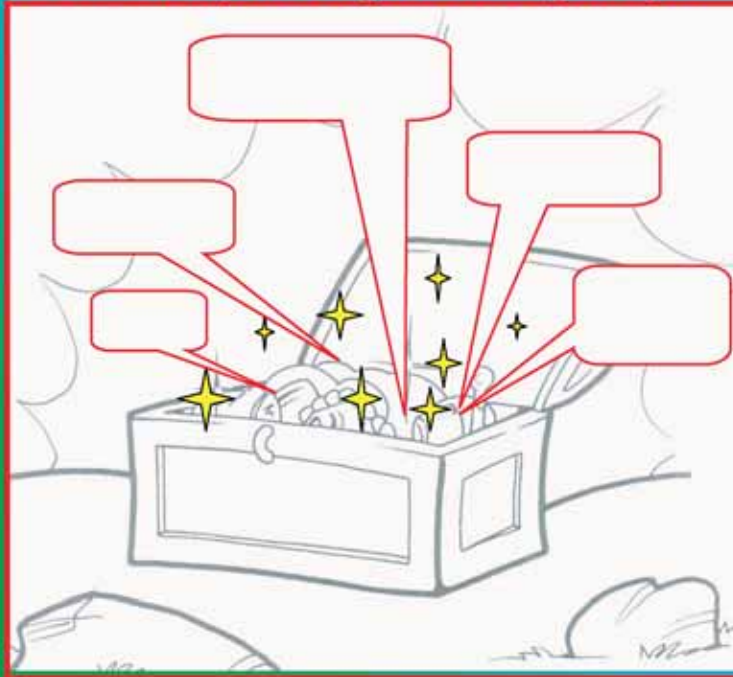
Unborn child at 19 weeks



Jesus told his disciples: "It has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom."
 Luke 12: 32

Jesus is telling you also that your Father in heaven is pleased to give you the greatest treasure of all ... a place with him in HEAVEN! He has given you many gifts to be able to receive that great treasure. When you use those gifts, you are making sure you will have your place in HEAVEN. So, what are your gifts? Find some in the activities, and discover new ones by asking your family what your special gifts are.

Jesus said your Father in Heaven has given you many gifts so you can live with him in Heaven. Every time you use your gifts to show love to others, you grow closer to him in Heaven. In each bubble, write a gift God has given you.



Now, colour the picture as brightly as you can.



Don has heard the message that God has given him many gifts so he can come to his Father in heaven. He knows that each time he uses his gifts he grows closer to God's love.

Show Don, when he uses those gifts, what kind of a boy he will be on his way to his Father in heaven. Write them on the lines below.

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IMPORTANT QUESTIONS to THINK ABOUT!

1. What is the most valuable possession you own?

2. What are some ways that you show that you value that special possession?

3. Who gave you this special possession?

4. What is the most important possession that God has given you?

5. What are some ways that you show that you value this special possession?

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In the Gospel Reading is another very important message from Jesus to us, his apostles.

*"For where your treasure is,
 there your heart will be also."
 (NRSV, Luke 12:34)*

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School News

Warmun

Students from Genazzano College in Melbourne and Mount St Joseph's in Sydney participated in cross cultural visits to Ngalangangpum School and the Warmun Community in the East Kimberley during Term 2.

Genazzano students spent four days visiting classrooms, the art centre and volunteering their time at the aged care centre. They were also involved in soccer activities, inspired by the World Cup. A great time was had by all, as students demonstrated their talents with a soccer ball.

Mount St Joseph's students were involved in a variety of activities, both in and outside the school during their two weeks in the community. These included attending a Corroboree at Bow River and an overnight trip to Crocodile Hole. Students helped out at the Sports Carnival helping out and participating in events on the day and teaching the students a range of team chants.



Micki Tanna (centre wearing blue cap), of Genazzano, with soccer enthusiasts, from left, Sally Churchill, Tanya Gallagher, Sevanna Carrington, Cassius Nulgit, Mazanne Churchill and Divina Malgil. Photo: L Hodge

Community Liaison Officer, Leanne Mosquito, organised a morning tea for parents and carers at Ngalangangpum School, Warmun, recently. It was an opportunity for parents and carers to come to the school and share stories with each other about their kids. It was a lovely morning which involved jewellery making and plenty of yarning!



Richard Thomas proudly displays his string of beads. Photo: Sr M McDonnell RSJ



Catherine Mosquito was amongst those who enjoyed making beautiful music. Photo: Sr M McDonnell RSJ

Ngalangangpum School in Warmun was treated once again with a visit from music teacher Judy Hill. For the second year in a row, Judy kindly donated her valuable time to visit the community and teach students a variety of music skills. This year Judy had the opportunity to build on skills she had worked on in the previous year. End of term assembly allowed students the opportunity to perform pieces they had practised over the two weeks - a wonderful performance!



There was plenty of action in the Intermediate Boys sprint. Photo: R Sheridan

On Friday 2 July, students from Ngalangangpum School in Warmun, East Kimberley, participated in the first part of their annual Sports Carnival. Such days bring out the spirit of the Kija people who are gracious both in victory and defeat; they also know how to have a really good time! The day was a huge success! Everyone participated with enthusiasm, and showed great sportsmanship throughout the day. The community watched with amusement and cheered on their family members and house teams. Victory went to the Red team which only just out ran Gold and Blue.



■ ABOVE:
Shirley Quaresimin, who resigned after thirty years in Catholic Education, was honored at Mass at the Cathedral recently with the blessing song – a small way to say thank you for a more than big contribution to Catholic Education. Photo: M Retel

■ RIGHT:
Di Peters (R) and Wendy Hansen were hard at work during the Saint Vin's special racing day sale where there were bargains galore for everyone. Photo: S Starc



■ ABOVE:
Sr Dorothy Fuller, of the Sisters of The Handmaid of Our Lord, recently returned to Kununurra to visit her family. She was warmly welcomed by her brother, Button Jones, and many other family members who were eager to introduce their children and grandchildren to her. She has now returned to her work in Melville Island. Photo: Sr A Porter RSJ

■ BELOW:
Navarone Galova James (L) from Balgo and Andrew Chan (R) from La Salle College, Middle Swan WA, enjoy a cool dip at the dam near Balgo. The La Salle students were on a placement at the Luurnpa Catholic School in the Kutjungka region; part of an important immersion program for them and for Balgo. Photo: D Prevett



■ LEFT:
Children from Ngalangangpu m Catholic School at Warmun, took the opportunity to sit behind the wheel of a selection of classic cars when the Matso's Car Run paid the East Kimberley settlement a visit in June.

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