

## Mission Call for the Plight of Pakistan



In the midst of the chaos in the tent cities of Pakistan, lack of nutrition and fresh water are cause of grave fears of the next disaster – Cholera.

Pakistan National Director of Catholic Mission, Fr Mario Rodrigues sent an update on the situation in Pakistan as Bishops call for unity and prayer. “The Catholic Bishops conference of Pakistan (CBCP) has called for a day of prayer for the victims of the flood on August 24, 2010.”

Locally the Bishops sent out a pastoral letter “inviting all Christians to donate generously. In the Archdiocese of Karachi the Catholic Board of Education has asked teachers to donate one day’s salary for the flood affected victims.”

Meanwhile it is an urgent need of the people to obtain fresh drinking water and food.

Fr Mario Rodrigues, says “Here the flood have covered a vast extent of the country the fear is that Cholera will become an epidemic among the flood effected people. I too had a very bad stomach upset I am not too sure the reason but thank God it was not Cholera.

“The situation is not good as it is spreading right now, Kotri is in high flood and it may over flow the banks and effect the neighbouring villages, which have been evacuated but there too there is fear of property and other valuables left behind may be robbed.”

Australian National Director of Catholic Mission, Mr Martin Teulan says a day of prayer and real support “*Let us join in prayer with our neighbours in Pakistan as they hold a special day of prayer today. Let us pray for those actively involved in the relief effort that they will retain good health to be able to continue to help people in need.*”



“It is our responsibility to act and assist where we can. Please say a prayer for everyone affected in Pakistan.”

If you would like more information on the situation in Pakistan you can email a prayer to [prayers@catholicmission.org.au](mailto:prayers@catholicmission.org.au). You can download a factsheet on Pakistan from our website at [www.catholicmission.org.au](http://www.catholicmission.org.au), or call 1800 257 296. For more information contact Catholic Mission’s Media Officers on (02) 9919 7800

### Support the People of Pakistan

Catholic Mission’s National Director Martin Teulan has appealed for prayers for the people of Pakistan in this time of national crisis.

“The people of Pakistan are faced with a great tragedy. After suffering so much in their daily lives with internal conflict violence and acts of terrorism, they now face an even greater national emergency. The people, their homes and loved ones, have been unbelievably devastated through rising flood waters.

“The Indus River which is the symbol of life in their country is now a vast unstoppable flood plain ravaging all before it. In its wake, communities and food crops are being destroyed. Disease is sure to follow. Millions are homeless. Even as I write, the worst of this disaster is not known as the monsoonal rains are still falling and the river is still rising.





“As Christian people we need to do all we can to help the people of Pakistan. They are our neighbours as much as the people of the Haiti or the Philippines and Samoa are. Catholic Mission has supported people on the ground for decades. Now they need our support and prayers to reach out to all, regardless of race or religion, to meet their present urgent needs and those in the future.

“Catholic Mission has been working in Pakistan for numerous years

supporting the fledging Church. Catholics make up only 1 per cent of the population. This is a day when Muslim, Hindu and Christians are all challenged. We pray for the people of Pakistan that this crisis will pass quickly.”

Last year, Catholic Mission supported the Church in Pakistan with \$666,657 (AUD) in works with children, communities and church leaders. A further \$111,453 (AUD) is today funding 28 projects specifically for children in the area of health and nutrition; primary school education scholarships, especially favouring keeping young girls in school; boarding homes to provide education for children from rural areas; orphanages and work with street-children;

and special homes for children with disabilities, helping a total of over 4,225 children.

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### ***... and from the United Nations Health Agency***

Providing health services to millions of people affected by the massive flooding in Pakistan remains a priority for humanitarian agencies, as a large numbers of those affected by the disaster continue to seek treatment for diseases such as diarrhoea, skin infections, respiratory problems and malaria, the United Nations health agency says.

Medical needs have been rising even as assessments indicate that some 400 of the more than 1,000 health facilities in flood-affected districts have been damaged or destroyed by floodwater, the UN World Health Organisation (WHO) reported in an update released yesterday.

According to the latest epidemiological data, some 3.7 million people are reported to have received some form of medical treatment between 29 July and 23 August. Of those, 500,000 were cases of acute diarrhoea, 517,000 involved acute respiratory infections, there were 693,000 cases of skin infections and 94,000 suspected cases of malaria.

The number of suspected malaria cases is rising in Balochistan and Sindh provinces, compared to Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Punjab, according to WHO.

UN spokesperson Martin Nesirky told reporters in New York that it could take months before the clinics and health centres, schools and other public infrastructure destroyed by the massive floods can be restored.

Most of those affected are also not expected to regain their capacity to support themselves any time soon, Mr. Nesirky added.





# The Bishop Writes



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To use Our Lord's own analogy in the Gospel, you have to nourish the seeds to maturity, to be a labourer in a harvest that is the Lord's, not your own, totally dependent on the Lord to give the increase.

We priests do not labour for long in our ministry before we find ourselves submitting entirely to the truth of Our Lord's words to his Apostles at the Last Supper: "apart from Me you can do nothing." We discover that results do not come from our ability to act, or to plan, or by working ourselves to a standstill trying to meet the many expectations placed upon us: concern about parish plant and finances, engaging the struggle with the modern mentality of apathy to religion, today's ingrained moral relativism and all the rest. We become convinced of the truth of Our Lord's preceding words in that same discourse: "He who abides in Me and I in him, will bear much fruit."

To put it simply, the closer we are to Christ the more effective we will be as His instruments. The Lord of the harvest will do the rest. By prayer, with the Divine Office as its daily core, by steeping our minds in the Word of God and by humbly relying

upon divine grace working through an intensely sacramental life, we are able to place in the Lord's hands the best possible instrument for His use.

Central to what is being accomplished in the celebration of this sacrament tonight is the indelible marking, the anointing, of the soul of the new priest with the Priesthood of Jesus Christ. He is thus empowered to offer sacrifice to God, accomplished in the celebration of Mass. Ordination also empowers the priest to absolve from sin in the sacrament of Penance.

You are being ordained, Deacon Peter, above all for the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. You are called to form and lead a Eucharistic community, its members typically assembled at the altar of their parish church. However, configured as you will be to Christ and acting in His Person you will be uniquely identified with him as Priest and Victim. For this reason your daily celebration or concelebration of the Lord's sacrifice, normally with a congregation but even without one when necessary, is intended by the Church to be the cornerstone of your spiritual life. Resolve right from the beginning never to let a day go by, unless hindered by illness, travel or other unavoidable cause, when you do not stand at the altar of God, clothed in the vestments of your sacred office, to perform what you are essentially being ordained to do. While you may well take a day off from other things, nothing but the most serious cause should be allowed to interrupt your daily prayer in the name of the Church and your daily offering of the Mass. Every Mass that you

offer, from tonight to the end of your life, bears fruit for the Church, for you, for the assembly, for the universal Church and the world, for the living and the dead.

Dear Peter, the people of the Diocese welcome you as our newest priest. They are also looking forward to the continuing ordinations of your seminarian friends. Your priestly friends, within and beyond our Lismore presbyterium welcome you, across our generations from Father Nicolas Maurice who preceded you, to Father Leo Donnelly who this year celebrates sixty years as a priest. You join us in the leadership of a vast and challenging enterprise of evangelisation, reaching out to seek and to save, at the heart of which is the courageous teaching of the truth of Jesus Christ and the celebration of the Sacraments which charge us with His life. So we shepherd a holy people, those called out, chosen by God to be His very own. We shepherd them along the way of His salvation, empowering their baptismal gifts and activating their Christian energies.

May Mary, the Mother of Christ, watch over you, Peter. Seek her intercession and cherish her silent presence day by day to help you grow in the wisdom and grace and seek from her Immaculate Heart the virtues and the holiness of a true priest.

✠ Geoffrey H. Jarrett  
Bishop of Lismore

*(Readings: Numbers 11:11-12, 14-17, 24-25; II Corinthians 4:1-2, 5-7; St Matthew 9:35-37).*

## From Surf City to City on the Amazon



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own language of Quechua. "It is a wild place where one had to cross mountain rivers and traverse gorges to reach the people," he says. "There hadn't been a priest there for 20 years."

Later Fr John relocated to the city of Iquitos in the Vicariate of Inquitos, in the heart of the Amazon Basin. Iquitos is the largest city in the Peruvian rainforest, located on the banks of the Amazon River.

You can support the work of Australian missionaries like Father John Andersen by donating to one of Catholic Mission's projects. Our ministries for Children, Communities and Church Leaders deal directly with communities in need. Our work is both Faith and Action in the world, as our projects support the spiritual and human needs of people in over 160 countries, including Peru.

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## St. Carthage's Primary, Lismore Celebrating Naidoc Week



There were clap-sticks tapping and didgeridoos humming in the lead up to Naidoc Week.

Aboriginal performers Mirii Yulugi – Star Dancers visited St. Carthage's and shared stories of culture and tradition through storytelling, music, dance and artefacts.

With the theme 'Justice and Peace for all' St Carthage's was joined by Uncle Mick Roberts for a prayer celebration that acknowledged, promoted and celebrated the cultural diversity of peoples across the nation.

Later in the week our Indigenous students assisted by our Aboriginal Assistant Mr Craig Condie created their own actions to traditional songs and performed for the entire school.



## Art Show for Talaya St Francis Xavier School, Ballina

St Francis Xavier School, Ballina recently held an Art Show Fundraiser to support the Help Talaya Appeal. Talaya is in Year 2 at the school and has recently undergone successful surgery to remove a brain tumor.

The art show featured canvases created by each class in the school. The students collaborated with art teacher, Mrs Margie Fitz-Bugden to design and create each individual canvas.

The evening took place in the new library and COLA facilities at the school and included live music, prizes and the auction of each artwork. Bidding was lively and resulted in \$3535.60 being raised on the night.

## St John's College, Woodlawn Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme Memorial Plaque

The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme is well known in Educational circles for its encouragement of youth to show initiative and involvement in community and the great outdoors. And there is an 'edge' which the college proudly boasts – namely the 22 year involvement of valued Maintenance Staff member Mr Ted Davy.

Recently the efforts of Mr Davy were recognised. It was a touching ceremony, significantly well-received by all to mark the caring and guidance given to more than 700 students over these many years. But the ceremony was far more than a thank-you to Mr Davy. The scheme was given a sense of perpetuity with the unveiling of a beautiful plaque lovingly crafted in cedar by ex-student Mr Jim Muldoon. Friend of the college and local member Mr Thomas George introduced the National Chairman of the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme, Mr Larry Anthony, who unveiled the plaque. This plaque will honour those who gain the ultimate attainment in the scheme – a Gold Award. The plaque was then blessed by college chaplain, Fr Paul Pidcock.

The plaque was donated by the Ethell family of Lismore Heights. Mrs Kaye Ethell was a special guest, there to honour her daughter, Joanne Ethell who graduated from the college in 2006 but was sadly killed in a plane accident last year. Jo was the first Woodlawn student to attain a gold award and this plaque, named the *Joanne Ethell Memorial Plaque* acts as a special memory to a much loved ex-student.

*Journalist Division – Woodlawn Media Centre (SNAZZI)*

*L to R: Christopher Crane (recipient of Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award), Mrs Pippa Crane, Mr Glenn Roff (Principal), Mr Ted Davy (Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator), Mr Larry Anthony (Chairperson of Duke of Edinburgh Scheme in Australia), Mr Greg Crane*



*"You will receive the Gift of the Holy spirit"*

On June 19, 2010, 33 children from Alstonville parish received the Sacrament of Confirmation by Bishop Jarrett.

At Baptism, the children were welcomed into the family of Jesus and began their journey as a Catholic Christian. Confirmation was a confirming or strengthening of these promises made on the children's behalf at Baptism.

The Parish home based program, which was used by the Parents and the Parent Leaders to prepare the children, examined the following topics: • Belonging • Called and Gifted by the Holy Spirit • Symbols and Signs for Confirmation • My Confirmation

Special thanks to the Sacramental Team, teachers from St Joseph's, parents and parent leaders who were involved in the preparation of the children. The school would like to offer a very special thank you to Father Frank for his care and support to the children on Formation Day and Confirmation.

## Our Lady of the Rosary, Alstonville Confirmation



*Students from Our Lady of the Rosary Parish joining in Formation Day activities in preparation for Confirmation*



St Joseph's College, Banora Point

## Laptop Program Enters Second Stage

St Joseph's College, Banora Point, is now entering into the second stage of its 1:1 Laptop program. Apple MacBook 13" laptops have been issued to all the students. This was made possible through a combination of Federal Government funding and parent contribution, along with assistance from St Joseph's Parish, Tweed Heads.

The second stage incorporates the laptops into the day to day study experience, not as a substitute for conventional learning but as a more efficient way to go about it. The effect has been a new interest in schoolwork, especially research and more versatile and inventive methods of response and presentation.

Students form and present their own websites, podcasts, video clips, electronic drawings and Powerpoint presentations. These are submitted electronically by uploading to the teachers' computers either through the school intranet or through the Studywiz program.

The College made the decision to subscribe to Studywiz

because it gives each student a web-based point of access to class materials, assignments for download and communication with teachers and other members of their class. Parents will soon be brought online with their own access to student work, progress and results, as well as direct communication with their child's teachers. The ability to share creations and work with other students and to work in group study assignments outside school hours over the Internet has already proved to be of great benefit.

Teachers have noted a renewal of interest and enthusiasm as education moves into the medium which students find most familiar.

Over 700 students at St Joseph's College, Banora Point, show off their new Apple laptops, financed through a joint Federal Government, Parent and Parish funding scheme. The computers are leading a major shift in pedagogy at SJC to a 21st Century approach.

Trinity Catholic College, Lismore

## Jubilee Centre Opens its Doors



On Friday, 20th August, the long awaited "Jubilee Centre for Languages" at Trinity Catholic College, Lismore was officially opened by the Member for Page, Ms Janelle Saffin, MP and the building formally blessed by Bishop Geoffrey Jarrett, DD.

The dream project began a year ago when Trinity was first awarded the \$1.86 million in funding to build this project as part of the Federal Government's Building the Education Revolution.

The building contains 4 new classrooms, a conference room, a staffroom and an office, all with the most up-to-date technology. Each classroom is fitted out with interactive whiteboards and each has access to Mobi, the latest tool for incorporating group

work and promoting co-operative learning. Our language students will benefit from accessing on-line materials and resources to improve their skills every day as well as having a spacious, modern, purpose-built area in which to work and suitable quiet places to undertake assessments tasks and examinations. Students, who wish to study a language which falls outside of the core Italian, French and Japanese offered at Trinity, will now be able to access other courses which will be available on-line.

## Mt St Patrick Primary School, Murwillumbah

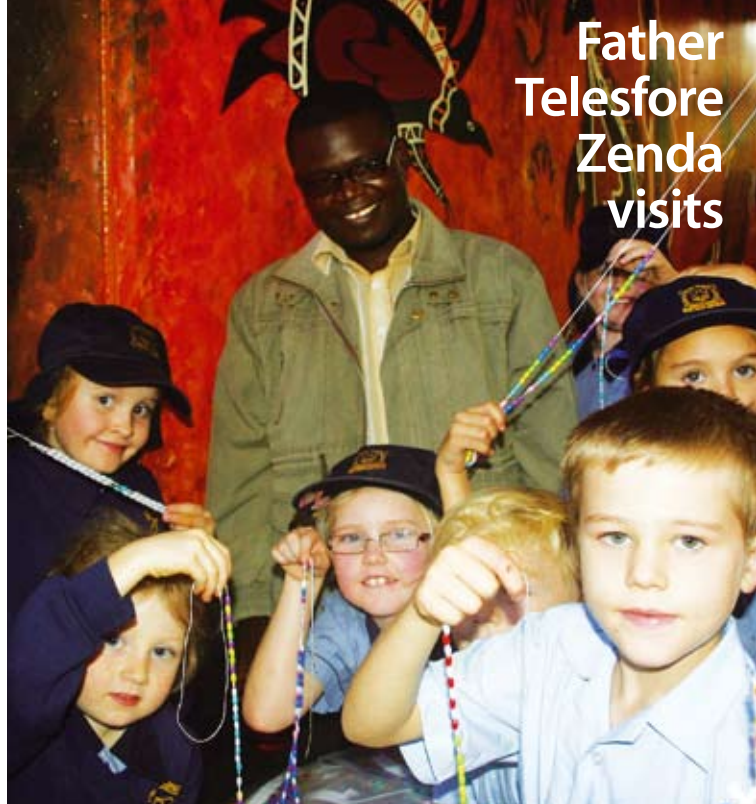
Recently, Father Telesfore Zenda, from Tanzania visited our school. He spoke to the children in the Mini-Vinnies Conference about his parish in Songea, which has 16,000 parishioners. They are very poor, with no running water and not even a lot of clean water! Their main food is cornmeal. Occasionally they have rice which is a luxury.

Many of the children are orphans because their parents have died of AIDS. Fr Telesfore runs a hostel for girls who are either orphaned or whose parents are too poor to feed and clothe them.

Tanzania is a peaceful country. There are no wars and the Christian people are on very friendly terms with the Muslims. Fr Telesfore was in Australia to attend the ordination to the priesthood of his friend, Joseph Guinea.

The children make rosary beads on Mondays at lunchtime for Fr Telesfore. The Legion of Mary in our parish sends them to Tanzania for Fr to distribute to his parishioners. They are very grateful because they love to pray the Rosary. Co-incidentally, their parish is named the same as ours, the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

*Father Telesfore Zenda, from Tanzania, with a group of the Minnie-Vinnies rosary bead makers. (Photo by B. Spiller & used with permission)*



## Father Telesfore Zenda visits



## Religious Education Beyond the Classroom

### Mary Help of Christians School, Sawtell

Each week the Friday School Assembly gives students and teachers the opportunity to showcase the talents of their students and their achievements. As well as the student leaders with the Principal, Tony Watts, leading the assembly in prayer, class groups are able to lead students to reflect on important occasions in Jesus' life.

Recently students from Year 4, inspired by their teachers Ann Brennan and Liz Watts, engaged the whole school as they presented their account of the Annunciation and the Visitation. The students retold the account of the events in great depth, getting the students and their parents to reflect on their significance and importance.

The use of puppetry and resources developed by the Coordinator of RE Curriculum has made a significant contribution to students' understanding and appreciation of the Bible. All teachers use a variety of resources in their Religious Education Lessons but the use of puppetry and the engagement of all in developing plays add another dimension to the students' understanding.

Students and parents at St Joseph's Primary School, Kempsey, have created a relaxing sensory garden and outdoor learning space. It is divided into four different zones: arid, forest, canopy and water. Interactive stone tools and tactile mosaics, mixed with scented plants and visual stimuli, such as possums in boxes and koalas in trees, provide an engaging experience. The centre piece of the garden features a beautiful mosaic depicting the Macleay Valley. The project was initiated by St Joseph's parents, Pauline Blyden and Kirri Hawes, who have contributed many hours of their time. The sensory garden took over three months to complete and has involved Lower Primary students, teacher Michelle Tarrant, as well as parent volunteers.

*Right: Mrs Kirri Hawes and daughter Madison, explaining the mosaic of the Macleay Valley that she designed for the garden*

### New Sensory Garden St Joseph's Primary School, Kempsey



Mt St Patrick College continued its strong tradition of qualifying for the NSW Catholic Schools' Debating Association State Finals when our Senior Team became the North Coast Regional Champions. This year, 2010, marks the fifteenth consecutive year that the College has made the State Finals. During this unprecedented span the College has secured four State titles and have been runners up on four other occasions.

Our 2010 Senior Team of Emma King, Georgina Harbottle and Natalie Jackson defended their 2009 North Coast title at MacKillop College, Port Macquarie on Thursday 12th August. Their prepared topic was "that a little learning is a dangerous thing" and they were the negative team. We won that debate and continued to win both impromptu debates. The team displayed unity and cohesion in adhering to their team line and taking the initiative at every opportunity. They rebutted with logical, thoughtful refutations.

A huge thanks to MacKillop's English Co-ordinator Mr Brad O'Connell and his staff for an ordered, efficient day of debating. The College community wish the team all the best for the State Finals in Term 4.

Our Years 7 and 8 representative debaters competed in the Regional Finals at McAuley Catholic College, Grafton on Wednesday 11th August. The Year 8 Team of Chelsea Budd,



## Mt St Patrick College, Murwillumbah Debating is a Gem in 2010

*Year 11 CSDA North Coast Regional Debating Champions:  
Georgina Harbottle, Emma King and Natalie Jackson*

Shanti Mead and Sarah Rose won two of three debates and were placed Runners Up on the day. Well done girls!

Our Year 7 Team won their first debate, however they were defeated in their impromptu. This team of Lilly Nakahara, Mollie Wilson and Sarah Sigley has the makings of a champion team who can only learn from this early experience.

A big thanks to McAuley Catholic College for hosting the day and for Mrs Kath Swift for driving the girls and adjudicating.



*Year 3 students Alexandra Cowan and Liam Hawkes where excited to place 2nd in the Year 3 Cha Cha competition*

## St. Patrick's, Macksville danceFever!

St Patrick's students have been involved in the danceFever program during Term Two. Two trained dance instructors work with children from Kinder to Year 6 each Wednesday.

danceFever is an organised programme designed to teach children social interaction through the enjoyment that emanates from dance. Dancing is fun, fast-paced and energetic, exposing children to the fundamental skills of social interaction that are important from an early age.

Using the current musical hits, the latest in audio technology, danceFever provides the perfect atmosphere, encouraging children to enjoy our programme in a fun but educational environment – "from classroom to ballroom".

On Wednesday 30th June, parents joined with the Kinder/One/Two children for a showcase of dances. Parents, grandparents and teachers joined with the children for some of the dances. That evening, children from Years 3 to 6 competed in a Dance Challenge at the Macksville High School stadium with children from St Mary's School Bowraville. The night was highlighted by a dance-off between the Year Levels.

## St. Francis Xavier, Woolgoolga Laptop Program

We have introduced a one-to-one Laptop program in Year's 5 and 6. The key aims of the program have been to engage children in their learning at a deeper level, to increase their work output and to better cater for their different abilities. Early indications show that it is working.

The program has been coordinated by Charlie O'Sullivan who has supported staff with in-class assistance, as well as providing individual and group professional development opportunities. The Year 5 and 6 teachers, Mrs Alison Hammond and Mr Warren Niethe, have embraced the program and all the challenges that it has brought. It has been so successful that the school is looking to extend the program to Year Four, in 2011. This will mean that when children enter Year 4 each year they will be given access to a personal laptop to take them through to Year 6. Haven't times changed!



The first church was erected in 1857 on the North Coast in South Grafton. When Fr Timothy McCarthy realised the rapid growth in the Clarence population, he gathered the local Catholics and collected money for the building of a church. A weatherboard building, dedicated in the name of St Patrick was opened in Skinner Street on September 23rd 1857. Therefore, South Grafton lays claim to being the "Cradle of Catholicism on the North Coast".

It was from this weatherboard building that the first Catholic school on the North Coast was opened in 1860. The first teacher was Mr Edward Tracy.

The original school building was constructed in 1889, on land bequeathed by Mr Andrew O'Neill and was formally opened and blessed by Bishop Doyle (Bishop of Grafton Diocese). It was then that the Sisters of Mercy began their formal role in the school, first being Sisters Mary Augustine, Mary Alphonsus, Mary Gertrude and Mary Xavier.

This building was extended a number of times. The



## St Joseph's Primary, South Grafton Celebrating 150 Years

modifications included an Infants Department adjoining the existing school in 1918. All buildings were raised above flood level in 1951. In 1973 a new brick wing was constructed to cater for increasing enrolments.

The staff, Students and parents of St Joseph's are very proud of our school and we are eagerly preparing to celebrate and give thanks to the many people who have played an integral part in our rich history.



## St James School, Yamba Learning For Sustainability

St James School has embraced Sustainability and Environmental Education by providing KidsGrow sustainable gardening principles. School gardens cultivate not only plants and animals but also the academic, personal and interpersonal skills of the students who tend them. The KidsGrow themed garden plans and ideas for teaching and learning encourage kids to engage in purposeful gardening, which supports active learning and development of lifelong skills. It involves students in co-operative, real life endeavours. It encourages outdoor recreation and promotes stewardship of the school grounds. It helps to develop self-esteem and pride in personal achievements and effort.

As for smart gardening it involves plant selection, sustainable gardening practices and considers environmental impact. It makes gardening fun by stimulating exploration and imagination. It encourages artistic and creative expression, providing a journey for the senses.

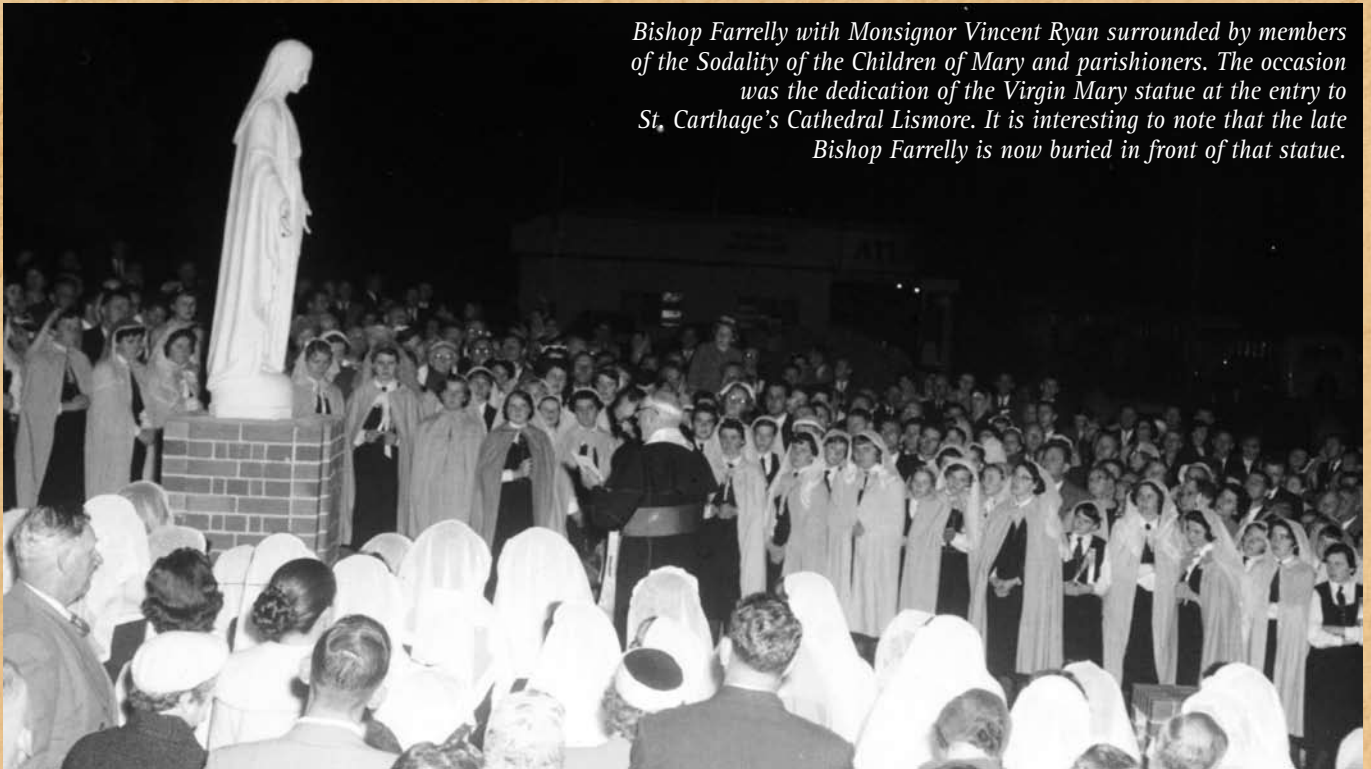
*Kinder & Year 1 making a rainbow garden*

# As It Was

## *Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary in years gone by.*

*Bishop Patrick Farrelly welcomes Father Patrick Peyton, the Rosary Crusade Priest as he was known, to the Diocese (year).*

*Father Peyton conducted several rallies of Marian devotion that attracted thousands to pray the Rosary and to hear him preach.*



*Bishop Farrelly with Monsignor Vincent Ryan surrounded by members of the Sodality of the Children of Mary and parishioners. The occasion was the dedication of the Virgin Mary statue at the entry to St. Carthage's Cathedral Lismore. It is interesting to note that the late Bishop Farrelly is now buried in front of that statue.*



*Children of Mary in regalia in St. Mary's Parish Grafton in the 1930's. (From A History of St. Mary's Parish Grafton 1862 - 1994.)*