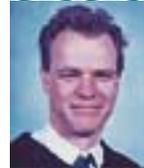


Our Country Churches



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Our Lady of Perpetual Succour



On the 25th June 1922 the people of the little township of Mallanganee gathered to celebrate the opening of a new Catholic church by His Lordship Bishop Carroll. Described at the time as 'attractively designed and well finished' the little wooden church of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour owed its building to the drive of the Venerable Archpriest Barry of Casino and the zeal of the local Catholics who responded willingly to his call to help him build a new church. In 1924 a convent was completed and the Sisters of Mercy came from Grafton to teach the children of the town and its surrounding areas. They were to remain until 1971.

Six years after the church was opened it became the parish church of the newly designated Parish of Mallanganee under Father Cusack. In its time the parish included churches at Woodenbong (now part of Kyogle parish), Urbenville and Mummulgum (both now sold), Bonalbo and Tabulam. It is one of only two truly rural parishes in the Diocese and retains two of those magnificent wooden churches for which the Diocese of Lismore was once known. St Mary's at Mallanganee is a wonderful example of the workmanship which went into these churches – not as interim buildings until a better could be built but as true 'Houses of God' in their own right. The beautiful sanctuary contains a tribute to another church of the parish in its altar which was originally the altar of the Mummulgum church. The carved wooden Last Supper is a gift of Fr John Casey a former parish priest.

Though in many ways time has passed Mallanganee by, St Mary's still stands as a glorious testimony to the faith of those early Catholic settlers who responded so readily to Archpriest Barry's call eighty five years ago to erect a place of worship which the people of Mallanganee could call their own.





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As part of the Centenary Celebrations of St. Carthage's Cathedral, Bishop Jarrett invited Bishop Julian Porteous and seminarians from the Seminary of the Good Shepherd to conduct the mission.



Bishop Jarret with Deacons, Acolytes and Seminarians
Cathedral Mission Procession



The seminarians taking part (29 seminarians from the Good Shepherd Seminary, ranging from 1st to 7th year) had the opportunity of experiencing the rural landscape and the culture of a rural parish. Hopefully this enabled seminarians to notice the differing needs and interests of people living in a regional rather than a metropolitan city.

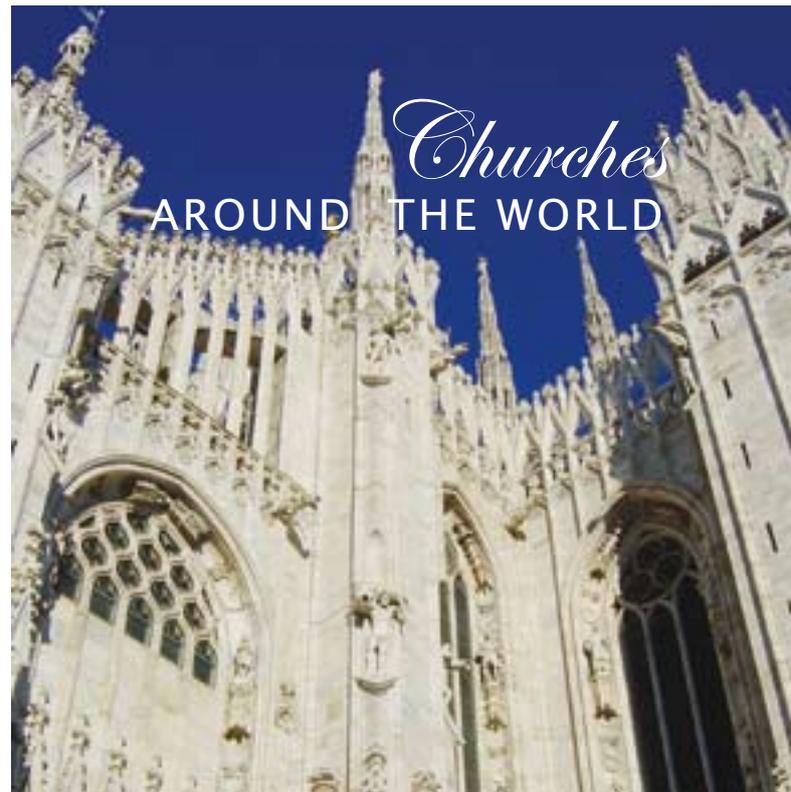
The Lismore mission was organised from St Carthage's cathedral and St Mary's Chapel reaching out to Goonellabah, East Lismore, Terania Parish, Nimbin, Dunoon, Goolmangar and the Carmelites Monastery. Events took place at St Carthage's Cathedral, on the streets, in pubs, cafes and parish homes, at Lismore Workers Club, Nursing Homes and Schools.

There were 29 seminarians and 12 members of the Brisbane-based NET team on mission assisted by 150 parish volunteers.

The mission began with a well-attended Marian Procession through the streets of Lismore. Other mission events included an evening for men addressed by the Men Alive team and two cappuccino café's set up in Lismore.

Seminarians participated in home visitations as well as street evangelisation including an Open House evening with various themes such as "The role of retreats in the life of the laity", "If there is a God, how have Catholics got it right?" "Teaching on dying and the beginning of life", Euthanasia and Human Cloning". Additional talks were given by Bishop Porteous, Bishop Jarrett and Fr Tim Deeter.

A priority of the week was the outreach to non-practicing families who send their children to Catholic schools. NET ministries ran a twilight retreat at St John's Woodlawn.



MILAN Cathedral - Italy

Milan Cathedral is the third largest church in Europe. It ranks after St. Peter's in Rome and the Cathedral at Seville in Spain. Its foundation was laid by Gian Visconti in 1385. From 1805 to 1813, it was completed by order of Napoleon I. The Gothic Cathedral is built of white Carrara marble, in the form of a Latin cross. It is 520 feet (158m) long and 205 feet (62m) wide. The tower rises 367 feet (112m) high. More than 3,000 statues decorate the interior and exterior of the Cathedral.

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Mission Benediction inside the Cathedral

Our Lady Help of Christians Parish School, South Lismore Parish Celebrations



Cutting Anniversary cake with a young parishioner Liam Weekes



From left: School Principal Mrs. Joy Ryan and prefects

On Sunday 29th July, the parish community of Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, South Lismore gathered together, to celebrate a very important occasion; the fortieth anniversary of Father Peter's ordination. Father Peter was ordained in his home town of Casino on the 23rd of July 1967. Just as we, his family and friends gathered together to celebrate this significant occasion, forty years ago his family and friends would have gathered to support a young man who was committing his life to God.

We were fortunate to be joined, on this day, by members of Father Peter's family, Marie, Estelle, Win & Frank.

Thank you to all families who gathered with us to celebrate this significant occasion. The mass provided us, as always, with a source of strength to go forward filled with hope for the future of our parish community, our school community

and within the context of our own families.

The morning tea that followed was filled with a sense of community spirit. All communities benefit from coming together to celebrate such important occasions.

A special thank you to our school captains Zoe Galea, Hannah Solly, Kurt Walker, Paddy Kable who represented our school in such a positive way.

Confirmation

On Sunday 22nd July, Bishop Jarrett confirmed 27 students from Our Lady Help of Christians Parish School in our local parish church.

It was a very prayerful liturgy that was followed by a morning tea in the school grounds. This allowed parents to meet and socialise with Bishop Jarrett on this very special occasion.



Father Peter at Parish reception

St Joseph's Primary, Tweed Heads Pays Back Its Parishioners

St Joseph's Primary School in Tweed Heads realise and acknowledge the constant financial support that the Tweed Heads parishioners give to our school. So in recognition of this support we offered members of our Parish community the opportunity to participate in a basic computer course using the facilities that they helped to supply.

When the offer was put in the Parish Bulletin we thought it would attract a very small number but to our astonishment we ended up with 56 enrolments. Five groups were formed and the parishioners undertook basic computer skills such as sending and receiving email, using attachments, sending photos, using the internet to book holidays and some word processing during the ten weeks of Term 3. We also accommodated the more advanced members with an ongoing course after school with the help of another parishioner Bill Brown.

Selected children were mentors to the Parishioners and



Tweed Parishioners from Left: Ron and Jenny Hardy with Yr 6 Student Anthony Callaghan and Pat Ryan.

helped them with their learning. The Parishioners were thankful for this opportunity and were very receptive learners.

St Joseph's sincerely thank the parishioners of Tweed Heads for their contributions and this service was a way that we can pay them back.

Acting On Bullying

Unfortunately, bullying is an issue that every school has to deal with at some stage. Staff and students at St Joseph's Alstonville have decided to tackle the problem head-on. Students were asked for their views on the problem of bullying and their responses were so enlightening that the school felt they needed to be passed on for students everywhere to hear. Students spoke candidly in discussion sessions about their feelings and their experiences with bullying. They provided views on the reasons kids bully and most importantly, came up with some powerful statements as to what they could do to prevent being bothered by bullies. Assistant Principal Mr. Tim Bleakley enlisted the help of school parent Alex Pavez from Dataka Productions to record the student's discussions and compiled a powerful film with the results. The special DVD has been distributed to every Primary School in the Lismore Diocese and highlighted at the recent Assistant Principal's Conference in Coffs Harbour. Mr. Bleakley coordinates the Well-Being Program at St Josephs which focuses on promoting in students the areas of Confidence, Persistence, Organization and Getting Along with others. "The children are very familiar with the language of the program and know that the well-being of all is something that we are very committed to at St Joseph's," said Mr. Bleakley.



Year 5 students Alyce Tozer and Claire Hatchman with the Bullying video.



St. Paul's Campus and St. Joseph's Regional Campus Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus

During this term, students at St. Paul's Campus and St. Joseph's Regional Campus have celebrated year liturgies. Each year group chooses a theme for their liturgy and invites their family to be apart of the celebration.

The day begins with a Forgiveness Ceremony which this year focused on "Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus Christ". Students prepare ahead of time in Religious Education class with an examination of conscience and recording on paper footprint ways they can improve their relationship with God and others in their lives. These were placed at the foot of the cross as part of the service.

The Eucharistic celebration followed each one focusing on a different theme. Fr Paul Gooley and Fr. Michael Alcock (the school chaplains) work with the Pastoral Co-ordinators in the preparation of these

liturgies. Some of the themes focused on Mothers, Fathers, Family, Community, Gifts and Caring for each other.

These occasions are wonderful opportunities to gather as a community and to share our talents as musicians, singers and those that lead prayers and reflections.

Morning tea is shared with the family members before the students continue the day with community service. This is an important part of the day for all year groups as it provides an opportunity to reach out to others in the wider community. Some of the projects the students have been involved in are visiting Aged Care facilities, planting trees, cleaning the beach and town areas and assisting in the primary schools. Through these projects they live out the theme of "Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus".

Thank you to our school chaplains, pastoral co-ordinators and parents for helping plan and share in these occasions.

'No Go Bully' at St. Joseph's, Maclean

Year 6 students have been involved in implementation of a whole school project titled 'No Go Bully'. This project is part of their leadership development and incorporated in the QUEST Leadership Program developed by Mr Darryl Roberts that has been successfully running at the school for the past 4 years.

Students take a whole school approach and visit all classrooms teaching their peers awareness and strategies to deal with conflict resolution and fair play. The Year Six students run 'Bullying stations' through playtime where children can report any incidents or concerns they may have. These are noted by the students who follow them up with lessons on cooperative skills and play. All students in the school know they have a buddy to rely on and help them in times of need and think about what Jesus would do and model Him.

The school is also running a program to develop a DVD and pod cast regarding safe practices in the school playground. Year 6 will use funding from the Federal Governments' National Safe Schools' grant to complete this project. St. Joseph's would like to thank the Federal Government for their financial assistance in these initiatives.



Students displaying a banner made as part of the "No Go Bully" Project

As It Was

Bishop Carroll blesses the foundation stone at Glenreagh with Father Ryan and Father O'Byrne. February 1, 1931.



Procession in Church Grounds - April 26, 1925



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