

Golden Jubilee—OUR LADY OF THE WAY—Palm Beach



Fifty years ago 400 people witnessed the blessing and opening of a new church dedicated to Our Lady of the Way at Palm Beach, in the Burleigh Heads parish, by Monsignor Leo Carlton, PP, Kangaroo Point, on Sunday December 20th.

The History

Monsignor Carlton delegated by His Grace the Archbishop to perform the ceremony, was assisted by the parish priest, Father Frank Shine, and Father D McQuaid, assistant priest.

Other Clergy present were Fathers F Ryan OFM, B Hammond SSS and P Downey SSS (Toowoomba), B Kenny PP (Corinda), and E Harley (Chaplain, Military Forces Enoggera).

The church was built at a cost of £12,000.00, providing seating for 500 people, and was fittingly designed by Mr B Murphy. The builder was Mr Ray Taylor, of Palm Beach.

Father Shine, Chairman of the public meeting which followed the opening, welcomed the Monsignor, clergy, visitors and parishioners. He told the gathering it was Monsignor Carlton who celebrated the first Mass at Palm

Beach in the house of the late Mr and Mrs John Crimp. Monsignor Carlton (then Father) was the parish priest of Coolangatta. At that time the Catholic population numbered no more than 12 people.

The outstanding feature of the new church was the amount of voluntary work done by tradesmen and men of the parish.

Fr Frank Shine who kept a keen eye on all proceedings.

Fr Des McQuade, Fr Frank Ryan (Franciscain)

CARPENTERS

Jack Taylor, Des Taylor, Trevor Taylor, Ray Taylor, Digger Kelly and Alan Hines

PLUMBER

Barry Smith

DRAINERS (Toilets)

Cyril Stein and Pat Campbell

PAINTING AND GENERAL DUTIES

Jim Snee, Kevin Snee, Nv Kimmlin, Richard Young, Martin Dalton, John Dalton, Pat Dolan, Vince Dolan, Dave Lane, Ted Bartlett, Glen Dougherty, Max Smales, Joe Deguara, Jim Moore, J. McDonald and Bill McCarthy. Also involved were Bob Harvey, Darcy Rowen and Henry Crump – all Police Officers.

TEA LADIES

Mrs Ellen Snee, Joan Leschke and Betty Morris, Mrs Stamper, Mrs Murray and Mrs Duffrig.

SPECIAL THANKS

*As to my contribution all was made possible by my wife Merrill and family.
A special thank you.*

Ray Taylor Memories

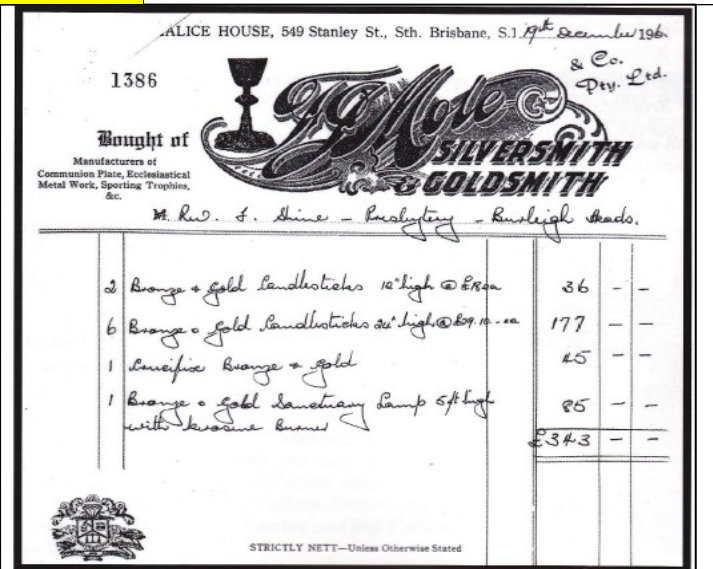
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Pictured was an invoice for the church furniture.

Prior to the church being built Mass at the following locations:-
The Old Picture Theatre in Palm Beach.
Kelly's house in 4th Avenue (now the 4th Avenue Kindergarten).
The Scout's Hall neat the Bowling Club.
The picture Theatre on the Gold Coast Highway.

Celebrations for the Golden Jubilee will commence on Our Lady of the Way Feast Day, Saturday 24th of May at the 6pm Mass followed by a light supper where everyone bring a small plate & share together.

As the year progresses, other activities will be celebrated. The committee would like to have any photos that are relevant to this church. If you have photos please contact the parish or Mrs Denise Dunn who has offered her services in this area.



Easter Joy – Celebrating new life in the Risen Christ

The RCIA Team present with great Easter Joy our newest

Catholics baptised and received into the Catholic Faith at the Easter Vigil.

Our Burleigh Parish Faith Community welcomes each and every one of them and the gift they give of themselves bringing new life and membership into our Parish and communities.

INTRODUCING:-

Our Catechumens

**ERICA FAWCETT
FAYE SOAVE
LISA HART
BABY MASON HART**

And our Candidates (previously baptised)

**LUCY CONWAY
LEANNE COLLINS
MELISSA ANDERSON
SEAN CADEN**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults group with the leadership of David Wilson, meet each year over a period of eight months at the meeting room at Infant Saviour church Burleigh Heads, to catechise and instruct those who are seeking a relationship with Jesus through the



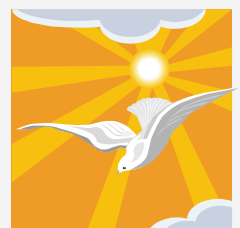
Catholic Faith.

This year seven enthusiastic adults journeyed through doctrine and learned about the Faith of the Roman Catholic Church.

Catechumens Erica, Faye and Lisa stepped down into the Baptismal Font, a special moment for them as they take on their new life in Christ in the waters of Baptism. All the RCIA Elect received Confirmation and their First Eucharist at Easter Vigil St Benedict's Mudgeeraba.

After the Liturgy of the Eucharist the catechumens were officially welcomed by the community as they received their Certificates.

Much thanks go to the Elects' families and friends who have supported and journeyed with them in their fulfilment to find their relationship in God.



THE POPE CONNECTS—and not just with people

Google:-VATICAN NEWS POPE FRANCIS

He became poor, so that by his poverty, you might become rich. WE ARE PRESENT TIME CORINTHIANS. (cf. 2 Cor 8:9)

Want to be informed before the media gives us their version?

Google—CATHOLIC NEWS

For those of us who can, seek out—

The Pope's FACEBOOK PAGE

Nationally, there is a wonderful AUSTRALIAN site called -

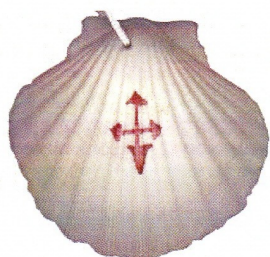
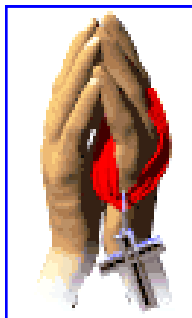
WHAT CATHOLICS BELIEVE

For instance what happened to my Guardian Angel, the one I had in Grade 1? Is he/she still there or has he grown up?

If you want to know what Queensland Catholics are about,

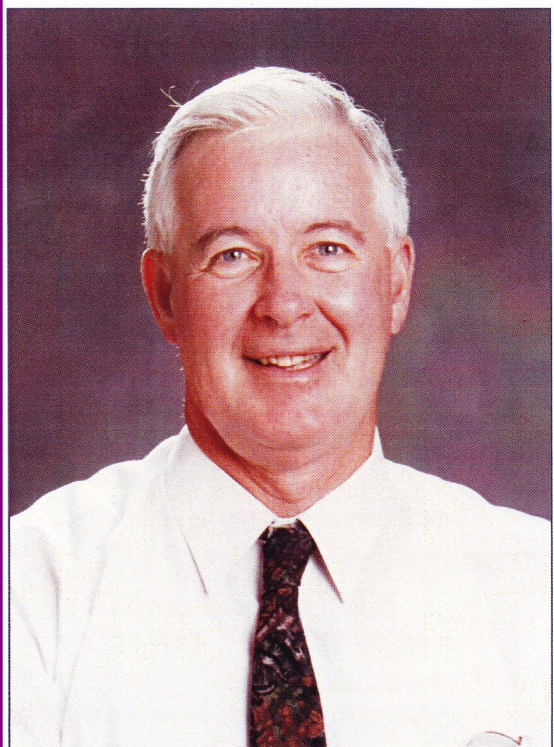
Google - CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE QLD.

Did you know that there are 104 parishes spread over 13 deaneries in the Archdiocese of Brisbane ? The South Coast Deanery includes Burleigh Heads Parish.



Brian Denis Dunlea

7 April, 1932 - 2 April, 2014



A Pilgrim Finds His Way Home

The celebration of the life of Brian Dunlea was commemorated at St Benedict's on April 8th 2014.

Catholic Life pays tribute to him for the contribution he made to the Burleigh Heads Parish in multiple ways over a period of twenty years.

During his retirement years in Mudgeeraba, Brian's passionate interest in places where Jesus walked, came to the fore. His PHD in Biblical Archaeology fostered years of leading Catholic groups on Holy Land Pilgrimages. This extended to in-depth study in Jerusalem including the Dead Sea Scrolls digging at Qumran.

With his Catholic teaching background, Brian embarked on scripture study presentations. For over twenty years, his Burleigh Heads Thursday scripture study sessions, opening up Sunday Mass readings, became a fixture.

Following a recent request from Catholic Life, he contributed a series of short commentaries on artefacts from the Holy Land. Short Picture scripts on common everyday life during Christ's time.

At right: OIL LAMPS.

From Christ's time and a century before.

"Let your Light Shine". Don't hide your light under a bushel (Bucket)

"Let your God given talents be seen and God praised."



OUT AND ABOUT THE PARISH

Celebrating World Marriage Day on the South Coast

On a Sunday in February couples came from many parishes in the South Coast Deanery to celebrate World Marriage Day at St Benedict's Church Mudgeeraba. Father Ken Howell, the Parish Priest of Burleigh Heads Parish, celebrated Mass. The singing was uplifted by the voice of Peter Tanna and supported by Cathy Carol on organ and Peter Bond on guitar.

The Mass began with the procession of the World Marriage Day Registry Book and the candle lighting ceremony. During his homily Fr Ken acknowledged the important role that married couples play in giving witness to the joy of Christian married life. Married couples provide the *'salt and light of parish life preserving Catholic values and lighting the way for those who come after them.'* A special moment followed the homily when Fr Ken lead the couples through their renewal of Marriage Vows.

At the conclusion of Mass those couples celebrating special anniversaries were acknowledged whether it was five years or sixty. John and Iris Morgan were celebrating 60 years this year and long time St Benedict's parishioners, Claude and Maureen Hayson were celebrating 67 years of marriage.

A delicious lunch was enjoyed on the verandah afterwards. Thanks to our hosts' Burleigh Heads Parish, the St Benedict's Community, The Gold Coast 'Team of Our Lady' and the South Coast Deanery.



Youth Mass- First for 2014

from Sierra Sweeny

This year's first Youth Mass kicked off at Marymount College Sunday the 2nd of March. The Mass consisted of student servers, readers and musicians, not to mention the outstanding number of parishioners of all ages, so many in fact, that extra chairs were needed to seat the large crowd. Many of the youth involved included Marymount's finest from the Primary and College communities. The vibe that the students created through their positivity and willingness to get involved was impressive. 2014's first Youth Mass was led by Father Lucius, who brought along Emmanuel (Priest in training) from Tugun, to show him the extraordinary numbers of youth celebrating the one Mass.

A feast of goodies with music and games was enjoyed by all after the celebration of Mass. Fr Lucius showed off his skills at basketball playing games with the Youth.. Campus Minister, Eliza, also organized fun drama ice-breakers for other groups.

All in all it was a fantastic evening and it couldn't have been put together without so many of the members of the church and community who make these increasingly popular nights possible. So next time a Youth Mass is on, try to come down to Marymount



College Doyle Centre, and feel the energy for yourself. It is truly a lovely night and it was great to be in the moment. I personally, look forward to seeing many more youth throughout the year.

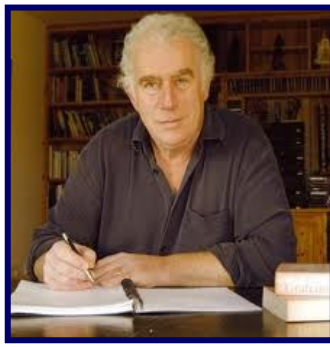
"You Raise Me Up"

"It is amazing how it does get sung in Lutheran Churches and Catholic Churches, even in some Jewish faiths...there are also Arabic performances".

Most of us who attend church would be familiar with the song "You Raise Me Up", a song which was first performed by Secret Garden, in March 2002. Composer of the music was Norwegian, Rolf Loveland, and Irishman Brendan Graham (pictured) wrote the lyrics. Since it was first performed, the song has been covered by over 500 other performers.

Ten years later, in August 2012, Brendan Graham was in Sydney, where he said that the universal appeal of the song, to performers and fans alike, is that **"nobody knows what the song is about – including me"**.

"The 'you' in the song can be a child, a parent, a love, God." It somehow seems to connect with people, and it doesn't matter if it is funerals or weddings, it fits equally well. In addition to commercial success, it's being sung on



a ground level with choirs. So it is being sung at a community level, and I love that aspect".

Brendan is a practicing Catholic who now lives in County Mayo, Ireland. However, he has a strong connection to Australia, as his "wife-to-be" had come to Australia in 1967, and in 1968, he "followed his heart" to Perth, where they married. Three of their 5 children were born in Australia.

We thank the composer, Rolf Lovland, and the lyricist, Brendan Graham, for giving us the memorable and haunting song **"You Raise Me Up"**.

(Acknowledgement to Catholic

The Children's Mass

Sunday 30th of March saw the first Children's Mass of the year at St. Benedict's in Mudgeeraba. Twenty children of differing ages using actions and angelic voices, led the congregation in the singing of "We are Marching in the light of God" and "Be bold, be strong". This was followed by the children courageously and competently taking to the microphone to do the Readings, Psalm and Prayers of the Faithful.

A special guest, Carole Danby from the Arch Diocesan team – "Evangelisation Brisbane" helped bring the Gospel message alive through the use of "Liquid pictures" and "Echo Mime" which had young and old on their feet using words and actions to assist in better understanding the Gospel message.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL REFUGEE PICNIC

The weather delivered a summers day like no other day for the Annual Refugee Picnic on April 5th.

The day was organised by the Infant Saviour Conference of Saint Vincent de Paul in conjunction with the Special Works Conference working with refugees in Woodridge.

Volunteers from six of our local Surf Life Saving Clubs namely Currumbin, Tallebudgera, Pacific Palm Beach, Rainbow Bay, Coolangatta and Coochimudlo introduced them to water safety and provided rides on their rescue equipment much to the delight of the young people.

Marymount Primary School teachers and parents kindly collected the necessary beach wear etc and introduced the group to some of our traditional Australian folk songs.



With the cooperation of so many volunteers, we were able to extend a warm welcome to about eighty of these new arrivals from Burma, Iran, Sri Lanka and Africa and to introduce them to our way of life. After all, they will be our fellow Australians and will share and contribute to our country's future with our children and their children as countless people have done before us since the first fleet arrived in 1788.

Jumble at St Benedict's

A BIG THANK YOU

Thanks to the guiding hands of Carol Monaghan, husband Owen and sister Marie, and many other willing helpers, St Benedict's had an extremely successful jumble sale in March. People were so generous with items that the sale was held over two week-ends. \$4,091.55 was raised to go toward the cost of the Crucifix, to be hung in the church. Some items, more suited to winter, have been kept, and another sale will be held later in the year.

There were also raffles, 1st Kris Leggett, 2nd Warren D'Souza, 3rd Menchie Pearson, 4th John and a silent auction, was won by Marie Foxtell.

A huge **THANK YOU** goes to all those who so generously donated the items and to all who spread the word to the neighbourhood.

Ash Wednesday at the Primary School

On Ash Wednesday all students received the sign of the cross marked in ashes on their forehead, as a reminder that the season of Lent had begun.

A large number of primary students attended the Ash Wednesday Parish Mass in the morning, at which the ashes were blessed by Fr Ken for our school Liturgy.

Tara, Ronan and Miller accepted them from Fr Ken and brought them back to our assembly.

4P (JH) lead us in prayer, and we listened to Scripture.

We sang and prayed about ways we could change. Ashes were distributed in class during the day.

Students made their own personal Lenten promises and began working towards these goals.



HAVE LIFE AND HAVE IT TO THE FULL
JOHN 10:10

OUR PANCAKE TUESDAY

Traditionally Pancake Tuesday (also known as Shrove Tuesday or Fat Tuesday) takes place on the day before the season of Lent begins. It was seen as an opportunity to 'use up' all the rich ingredients in your pantry before the season of fasting and abstinence (Lent) began.

Caritas Australia (through Project Compassion) benefited from our efforts on Pancake Tuesday.

Ten Year Six students attended the Gold Coast 'Just Leadership' workshop hosted by St Kevin's Benowa on Friday 7 March. Staff from Caritas led students through activity and reflection to an understanding of what is involved in the global work of Caritas. They made posters to bring back to our school to raise awareness here.

Our Year Six students and all classes actively contributed – through making the bags, counting orders, preparing pancakes and serving others. Very recently, at their leadership assembly, this group promised the school community that they would make a difference through their actions. They have certainly delivered through their attitude and contribution.

Caritas money boxes were recently sent home to each family. Families were asked to consider giving spare change or pocket money to Caritas. They might choose a family to go without a treat and give the money for the good of others.



OUR BUSY DAY AT THE VILLA

Insights from Year 1Y

'Yesterday we went to Ozanam Villa, and we saw all the old people and we read stories to them. We went back to our school on the bus.'

From others:-

'Yesterday we went to Ozanam Villa. I played the piano, I read a book and I did Show and Tell. I felt very happy as it was fun.'

'At Ozanam Villa I read to the old people. We had cookies and orange juice. We went on a big bus.'



MARYMOUNT RETREAT FOR THE YEAR 12 STUDENTS OF 2014

Reflections on Retreat— from the Students!

‘Retreat for many people, including my self, highlighted just how important the quiet moments are in our life. The picturesque scenery, which accompanied our retreat experience, created vivid and unforgettable memory for the graduating class of 2014. Many others and my self will see our final retreat as a defining point in both our senior year of school and the rest of our lives.’

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‘After finally reaching Year 12 and my last Retreat approached, I couldn't quite believe how much I had accomplished since walking through Marymount's gate only five years ago. Spiritually, Retreat gives us time to reflect on all of our schooling years and take a step back to appreciate everything we have accomplished. The importance of Retreats cannot be overstated. It's about pausing and taking time out in our lives to think about who we are, where we are going and who we want to become.’

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‘Another main focus of the Retreat was connecting with our spiritual beliefs. We all participated in various sessions, which related to our personal relationship with God and attended Mass conducted by Father Ken Howell. It was so consoling and reassuring to reflect on the unconditional love and forgiveness God has for us.’

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‘Year 12 Retreat was a time of reflection, sharing and bonding, interspersed throughout, with liberal doses of laughter, tears, and at times, emotionally draining; but, at all times uplifting. There were, moments of quiet contemplation and others of

spirited conversation, during which I learnt much about myself as well as about my fellow Mt Tamborine-ians!

Retreat was so much more than three days away from the stresses of school. It was a wonderful opportunity for soul-searching and shared confidences, a time for believing in ourselves and others, and a chance to renew old friendships and form new ones too.

The three days were crammed so full of magical moments, it is difficult to pinpoint a standout, but I know that Year 12 Retreat is a time I will never forget.’

Insights from THE MEDITATION GROUP

Why do we meditate? Is it something for you or me!!!!

The impetus for starting to meditate is often the moment when we are faced with something out of the ordinary, something that shakes us out of our ordinary perception of reality. It can be a crisis point or major life event at any stage in our lives, when the seemingly secure and unchanging reality we live in is bewilderingly, turned upside down: we are rejected by an individual or a group; we face failure, loss of esteem; we lose a treasured job or our health suddenly fails us.

The result can be either a refusal to accept the change, a descent into negativity, mistrust and despair

or faced with the fact that our reality is not as immutable as we considered it to be. We may rise to the challenge to look at ourselves, our habitual framework, our opinions and values with different eyes.

Sometimes it can be a moment of exquisite beauty that makes us realise there is more than meets the eye. Bede Griffiths', the Benedictine teacher and sage, describes how awareness of true Reality did not spring out of a crisis but out of a contemplation of Nature.

Not always is this moment as dramatic; our perceptual awareness varies from person to person and from moment to moment. Some of us may have had a moment of "transcendence", an awareness of a different reality, an escape from the prison of the "ego", whilst listening to music, poetry

or being absorbed in a work of art.

‘The fact that an insight, a glimpse of another reality, is often the start of our journey into deeper prayer also means that we cannot bring anyone to meditation, who has not felt this longing need for ‘more’ in their own being.

When we feel called to start a group, all we can do is advertise this in our locality and church, and invite people, but whether they take up meditation as a discipline of prayer is not in our hands but in the gift of the Divine.

We can't "convert" others to meditation, we can welcome them and encourage them to try, but it is their free choice whether or not to take up this offer.

visits East Timor.

In May last year Sue and Bren Milsom visited the Parish of Ossu in East Timor for the second time in two years. Money which many parishioners had helped raise was presented by them to the Parish Priest of Ossu, Father Evaristo and the Parish Council.

On that visit, Sue and Bren were taken to visit seven of the twenty-five Mission stations of the parish to observe the improvements made to water proof the church in the village of Nahareca.

A visit to the Ossu parish school firmed up the project that most needed the help of Burleigh Heads Parish. The junior high school is in urgent need of repair as in the wet season the four hundred and fifty students cannot use some of their classrooms as the roof and drainage have badly deteriorated.



Since that visit Sue and Bren have organized the East Timor Roofing company to quote on replacing the entire roof, and to improve the access to running water for the toilets and wash room.

If anyone would like to donate to this cause, or help to raise the amount needed to complete this worthwhile project, they can do so, by contacting Sue and Bren directly at milsoms@iinet.net.au or phone 55224880, or enquiries can be made through the Parish Office. Tax deductibility for donations to the project is being arranged.

Fr Ken Howell agreed to Sue and Bren's invitation to make a brief visit to the parish of Ossu (and some of its outlying mission stations), Baucau and Dili at this time of the year. The aim of this journey is to gain a better understanding of the needs of the parish of Ossu and to meet with Fr Evaristo, the parish priest, so that the relationship between the two parishes can strengthen in prayer and friendship.

St Mary Mackillop, translated into Tetum:
- "Nunka hare buat nebe presisa, se la halo buat, ruma."

or
"Never see a need without doing something about it"

THE HISTORY OF MOTHER'S DAY

Origin of Mother's Day goes back to the era of ancient Greek and Romans. But the roots of Mother's Day history can also be traced in UK where a Mothering Sunday was celebrated much before the festival saw the light of the day in US.

However, the celebration of the festival as it is seen today is a recent phenomenon and not even a hundred years old. It is thanks to the hard work of the pioneering women of their

times, Julia Ward Howe and Anna Jarvis, that the day came into existence.

Today the festival of Mothers day is celebrated across 46 countries (though on different dates) and is a hugely popular affair. Millions of people across the globe take the day as an opportunity to honour their mothers, thank them for their efforts in giving them life, raising them and being their constant support and well wisher.

(www.mothersdaycelebration.com)



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To allow parishioners to connect strongly with each other as a church community,

To communicate between the different groups within our Parish.

We welcome new members to our committee, contributions to our newsletter and our thanks for the articles and photos of this issue.