



**As I pen these few words for the final edition for 2014 of "Catholic Life", I feel that we are in a race towards the end of the year. Our Year 12 students are finished and facing life.**

The stores are filled with Christmas long before it is Christmas and the end of year events are in full swing. Such is life in a culture that combines Christmas with end of year activities. Sometimes I wish it were otherwise, so that Christmas can just be Christmas, but if we take the Incarnation seriously, there is never a time or season when Christ's life should not crisscross every function, event or happening. Christmas Day is an every day event as Christ is brought to all aspects of our lives.

Our Parish year has been an exciting one, with the finalisation of all facets concerning the building of our central Parish church. Building commences early in the New Year and will take at least 9 months. The building of our new church and community centre affords us a great opportunity to examine all aspects of our parish life and to make plans for a more unified and welcoming faith community. May our future directions and the important work of building a stronger faith community be blessed at every stage by God's strength.

To all who have contributed to our Parish in any way this year, may you be abundantly blessed. To each and everyone of our 32,000 parishioners, may this Christmas lead us all to an ever more joyful living *in* and *with* Christ who is always in our midst. To those who carry any sadness at this holy time, may the Christ child – born for you and me – lighten your pain with his light and peace.

Thanks also to the editorial team of this publication for a job well done!

Every blessing,

Fr Ken Howell

## What does it mean to be a Priest

**As I draw closer to the day of my ordination to the priesthood, [December 8 and the feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary], I look back over my years of study at the Holy Spirit Seminary, Banyo and ponder the question:**

***"What does it mean to me, Stephen Camiolo, to be a priest?"***

For me the Catholic priesthood is an extraordinary vocation. Though every Christian by virtue of his/her baptism is called to bring the love of Christ to others, the ministerial priest, through the sacrament of Holy Orders, is called to show that love in a special way.

As I look back at the time spent in study and prayer and living in community at Banyo, I recall with fondness the day I entered the Seminary in February 2010. I felt privileged as I began to respond to the call of God to the priesthood. This was not just an 'external' call to do something for Jesus, but a real invitation to draw closer to Him and to share in His life more intimately, and eventually to pass it on to others. I felt I was following in the footsteps of the Apostles before they were sent out to preach and heal; they spent time

My vocation and will is to preach the Gospel and teach the Catholic faith; to lead God's people in love, as a shepherd, as a spiritual father; and to celebrate the sacraments, especially the Holy Eucharist, *'for the glory of God and the sanctification of Christ's people'* (from the 'Rite of Ordination'). My forthcoming ordination to the priesthood means that my whole being is transformed, so that I can be an icon of Christ for others, filled with the Holy Spirit, and a minister of grace.

The heart of my day will be the celebration of Mass, when I can offer to the Father in the Holy Sacrifice of Mass, as I lead the people in worship, repentance, thanksgiving and intercession.

As a priest I am to be grounded in Christ. I am then free to follow the Lord wherever I am sent; free to give my life in love and service. My priestly heart, like the heart of the Good Shepherd, is to be completely dedicated to God's people.

The priesthood will bring incredible joys, especially in seeing God's grace transform people's lives, and in the special bonds that are formed with people and my brother priests. But I also understand that there will be real difficulties and challenges for me to face daily. These can be in the spiritual life, in ministry, or in the ordinary human struggles that afflict everyone at different moments: tiredness, loneliness, stress, failure, sin. Like every Christian, I must endeavour to live through my difficulties with faith and hope, staying close to the Lord, and trusting in Him.

I thank and pray to God daily for what he has begun in me, and I ask my friends to keep me in their prayers as the big day approaches and my priestly ministry is about to be launched.



## Come Emmanuel

As the church year begins this Advent

we reflect, pray, and await the coming of the Infant Saviour



## OUT AND ABOUT THE PARISH

### Sing Sing Sing

Pictured are some of our musicians and cantors that give of their time every Sunday. In some cases they may do two Masses a weekend at their particular Church. September was a chance for the musicians to attend the South Coast Deanery Liturgy Workshop held at Mary Immaculate Church at Ashmore.

Facilitators of the day were Sr Elizabeth Harrington (Liturgy Brisbane), Dr Ralph Morton, (Director of Music at St Stephen's Cathedral, Brisbane) and Ms Helentherese Good, (professional musician with the Camerata of St John's, participating in music ministry at Corinda Graceville Parish)



One point to come from the workshop was a reminder to always keep the congregation foremost. Practice new music prior to the commencement of the Mass. You will have noticed recently that there has been a new Mass setting introduced in all the Burleigh Heads Churches. There have been comments on this subject. Since the change in the vocabulary of the Mass, we have had to rearrange the music to suit the words hence, we taught all churches the Mass setting Shalom in 2011 when the first changes were made. We brought back the rewritten Missa Santa Clara by Erica Marshall in 2012, and we have now a third one by Paul Taylor, in 2014. Rehearsing prior to Mass gives the musicians/organist a chance to know that you are able to participate fully in the Liturgy.

The first point from the Workshop:-

#### Function of Music:

**"One cannot find anything more religious and more joyful in sacred celebrations than a whole congregation expressing its faith and devotion in song"** (Instruction on Music in the Liturgy: *Musican Sacram* (MS) 16)



A visit from Catholic Mission in October gave us an insight into how this organization works.

Paul Richardson (pictured) and workers from Catholic Mission promoted the work of the mission here in the Parish at the Sunday Masses. Many gifts from the local congregation has enabled families to feed and educate their children in the countries where Catholic Mission is involved.



With Christmas not too far away, Catholic Mission offers us a new way of gifting for Christmas.

**Check their website and see how you can buy a gift for a friend and help those who are not able to help themselves**

**Google: catholicmission.org.au OR  
Call 1800257296**



Over five hundred people attended the funeral of Gwentyth Wanda Molony recently. Fr Pat Molony, together with his extended family, friends, fellow priests and Archbishop Mark Coleridge celebrated the life of his mother. It was pleasing to note the number of parishioners from Burleigh Heads Parish that travelled to Our Lady of Dolours Church, by bus or privately, to support Fr Pat who was Parish Priest in Burleigh Heads for eighteen years.

The Eulogy was delivered by Wanda's daughter, Sr. Pamela Molony, giving a wonderful account of a life lived with faith and integrity. Many people (pictured) stayed on afterwards to greet and converse with friends and the family.





## Parish Profile—Cathy & Michael



Michael and Cathy Murtagh are well known in Marymount School and in the St Benedict's Mudgeeraba community. Michael was appointed to Marymount College in July 1985 and in February 1986 with 2 year old Laura and a yet-to-

be-born Brendan who arrived in October that year, moved to reside in Mudgeeraba. Doreen Donaldson, a colleague at Marymount, was the one to say "You know we have Mass in Mudgeeraba?" -held at the Pony Club Hall at that time. They felt immediately welcome there and the Mudgeeraba community was spoiled by having Fr Doyle say the 8am Mass EVERY Sunday. Cathy and Michael joined in the community and soon were looking after the morning teas after Mass.

Their children Laura and Brendan went to Marymount for all 12 years. Cathy first joined the staff there in 1987 as accounts and records were first being "computerised". She left after 3 years but eventually came back in August 2000, Laura's Year 12. Laura and Brendan were brought up in the Mudgeeraba Catholic community, later St Benedict's. Laura was a reader while at school and Brendan played the organ during Mass on Sundays. Brendan went on to study music and he is currently on keyboard 2 in the Lion King!

Michael and Cathy have had significant family events over the last couple of years. Laura and Allan were married at St Benedict's in April 2013 by Fr Ken and their baby Henry baptized in September this year by Fr Ken. Brendan and Jane were married in Indooroopilly in July this year again by Fr Ken and he also very kindly celebrated a Mass at the time of Michael's Mum's death in June this year

St Benedict's has been a very significant part of the Murtagh family's life for the past 28.5 years. They are grateful for and acknowledge their friends who have made up this community for all these years. Michael and Cathy say, they have never been more acutely aware of the sense of community and belonging than this year through a number of "high profile" funerals. Particularly Michael Mum's Memorial Mass, celebrated here at just about the same time her Requiem Mass was being celebrated in Glasgow.

The St Benedict's community will miss the Murtaghs as they move to Toowoomba to start a new life as close-at-hand grandparents in January

## Blessing of the Memorial Garden St Benedict's

St Benedict's Memorial Garden has had a face-lift over the last few months. Thanks to dedicated volunteers like Tim Noyes, Clive Muchamore, Dino Crestani and Michael Walsh. The cairns have been placed on concrete pavers, cleaned and repainted. The garden has



had a make-over with new plants and looks beautiful. After Mass on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November, Father Ken rededicated the Memorial Garden with a short prayer service. He prayed at the Columbarium Wall and then walked through the garden sprinkling Holy Water on the cairns. The Memorial Garden is a quiet place, and people

often sit on the garden bench while praying for their family members who are there.



## MORE Catholic Websites

**Google—2014 Pope Francis Prays**

**Google —Sister Janet Mead—  
"The Lord's Prayer" - A real rocker Nun  
Check her out on YOUTUBE**

**Google—Children's Prayers—  
Loyola Press**

**Google - Catholic Meditation—  
Tradition and practice  
morning prayers: to sanctify your Day  
The day's Gospel Reading**

## November—The month of the Holy Souls.

Josee Hill



Although our deceased are never far from our thoughts and prayers, the month of November, in its Catholic devotion to the Holy Souls, takes on a new focus of liturgical beauty. We remember in many loving acts of faith our beloved deceased relatives, friends and parishioners.

Each year a November Mass is held in the Tallebudgera Catholic Cemetery remembering those of earliest times who were the forerunners of our Burleigh Parish. Their descendants and many Palm Beach Parishioners faithfully attend this special Mass.

Sung evening Prayer is held each Monday evening in the Church of the Infant Saviour during the month of November in remembrance of our dead. It is set aside to pray to God in thanksgiving for their lives, and we can include those who have no one to

pray for them. Weeks are dedicated to parents, spouses, children, relatives and friends.

Another November devotion during the four Sundays is calling out the names of deceased parishioners who have worshipped in the Doyle Centre during these past fifteen years, while awaiting their new Burleigh Waters Church to be built. A candle labelled and named individually is lit in their honour. A table full of lighted candles casts a heavenly glow of twinkling light over the Sanctuary where it is placed under the large Cross.

Each of our Burleigh Parish Worship Centres has a **Book of Remembrance** that is available to all who visit and would like their own loved ones to be remembered and prayed for during the Masses in November.



# Congratulations Congratulations on Our Lady of the

**On May 24th, the Palm Beach Community of "OUR LADY OF THE WAY CHURCH" kicked off celebrations of their 50th Year Anniversary with a Special Mass on the Feast of Our Lady of the Way Patronal Day.**

In preparation for the event, the original statue of our Lady of the Way, (*picture 1*) received a much needed make over, and now sits in a place of honour at the foot of the church's centre aisle.

The church was packed to the rafters for the Saturday night Mass. Carmel Meldon, who has played the organ since the church's consecration, was accompanied by Graham Sargent (*picture 2*).

Ray Taylor and Joan Lesche, both attended the Mass as they did at the inaugural Mass fifty years ago. Ray (*picture 3*) was the builder who supervised a big team of volunteer tradesmen and labourers in the building of the Church in 1964. Enthusiastic support from many locals was evident throughout the project. The women manned the kitchen supplying food and drink to all. It is pleasing that Ray and his family still worship at that centre at the 7am Mass on Sunday morning, together with Bob Harvey's family, who was also involved.

Young member of the church, Jandy Edward Tabrett (*picture 5* with his family), received his First Eucharist at this celebration, and later the young member was treated to a party afterwards.

Colin and Barbara Simpson set up tables and lights under four large tents borrowed from St Augustine's

Primary School. Doreen Kennedy who has provided the hospitality for many years at the 7am Mass, supervised the meals supplied by generous Parishioners.

## *The Jubilee Luncheon*

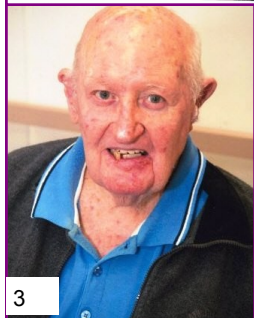
The Committee was very busy after that event organising an Anniversary Luncheon which was held at Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary on a perfect day where the verandah tables were very popular. Greetings abounded and with a glass of wine, beer or orange juice, the conversation from table to table was continuous (*Picture 7*). It was an excellent chance to catch up with people from other Mass centres and celebrate with Palm Beach.

In Fr Ken's address at the Luncheon he thanked Rhonda De Bono (*picture 4*) for her excellent organisation. Ray Taylor was interviewed and spoke about the building of the church. Sue and Bren Milson were welcomed back from the Team for Married Spirituality International Conference in Dublin. They arrived that afternoon, just in time to join the group, after a quick change of clothes.

The music was supplied by the Smith family (*picture 10*). Both mother and daughter sang a variety of well-known songs and hymns.

## *Mass for the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed*

A special 8am Vigil Mass of Remembrance was held.





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The centrepiece was a large cross (picture 8) with posies of flowers and tagged names of our loved ones. Deep emotion was felt as they prayed for all who have entered their eternal rest.

After Mass the community was invited to stay for a cuppa and to celebrate Mrs Jean Milsom's 90th birthday (picture 9).

Our Lady of the Way story has been written to capture this year's events. This will be featured in a book presented at the culmination of the festivities, at a special Mass on December 20th at the 6.00pm Mass.

Let us all support the Palm Beach Community (picture 6) in their final celebrations.

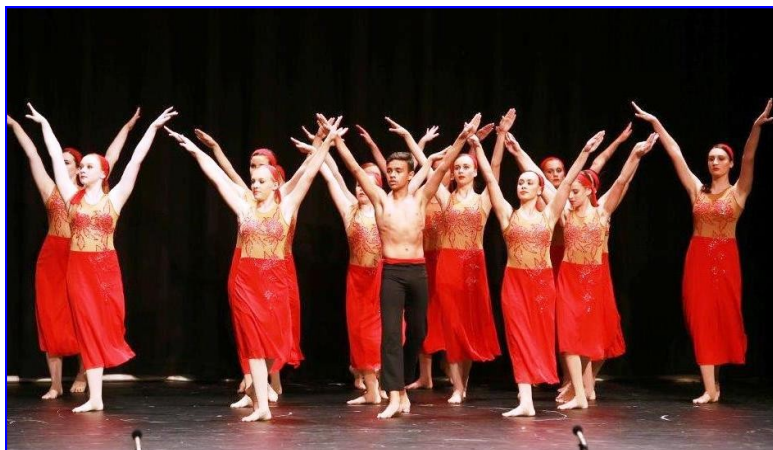




## MARYMOUNT COLLEGE – THE YEAR THAT WAS 2014

### *A Busy Time in the Arts*

It has been a wonderful time over the past four weeks. It began with the Awards Night and has just kept rolling along.



The Drama Night followed with the Year Eight, Junior and Intermediate Inter-School Plays reprised for those who missed them and to honour the seniors about to leave the College. The Senior Art show was next. Our Art Department has great staff and is founded on the diverse abilities of its teachers.

The works in the foyer of the Art and Media Building were vibrant, challenging, considered and beautiful, and have been on show through the past final weeks the seniors have attended.

Last Friday and Saturday the Media and Dance Faculties had their end of year presentations to showcase the students' work and to recognise the excellent work and leadership of the seniors.

Again the structure of each faculty's curriculum foundations was evident. Students' short film and dance performances across Year 9 to 12 showed increasing levels of skill and sophistication. Each of these four events provided quality entertainment and a powerful reminder of the central place the Arts demands in Australian High Schools.

### *Farewell Year 12*

As much as the milestone of finishing school is for congratulations and celebrations it is also a point, in the journey of life, to look back, and, to look ahead. Looking back reveals all the small blessings that have come our way as these young people journeyed through high school at Marymount. Fine young people, from good families, who have loved their school and done their best.

Looking forward brings forth hope that they will be safe and remember all the small things that they have been taught: to smile, to forgive, to be resilient and keep trying, to be generous and loyal. Deus Meus et Omnia really – **God in all lest there be God in nothing.** As good and as talented as we might be, we are nothing without God.

We pray for our own humility as we pray for humble confidence for our seniors, that they attend to the small things that are important in relationships and life so that they might enjoy life in its fullness.



### *Marymount Marketta*

This August, the Hospitality department held a 'Marketta' themed function. Both Year 11 and Year 12 classes came together to create a function of fresh seasonal and local foods and drinks that showcased our great Queensland produce. The function was a huge success and we received a lot of great feedback from the customers, who were extremely satisfied with their extravagant 5 course meal!



### *Brisbane Catholic Education Art Award*

The Brisbane Catholic Education Art Prize award winners were announced at a ceremony held in the South Bank Arts Precinct last week and it proved to be a special event for a number of our students.

This year's event attracted two thousand entries from which three hundred were short-listed and went into the finalist's exhibition. We sent five student artworks and I'm very pleased to say all were short listed as finalists which says a lot about the standard of our students work.

Last Friday the five finalists with a supporting group of fellow art students attended the ceremony. Happily, Aisling Waugh from Year 12 was announced as the Open Prize and Peoples' Choice winner an outstanding achievement. Aisling won \$350.00 in art supplies for herself and \$2,000.00 for the College.

Congratulations to Aisling and her fellow finalist's from Marymount, Isabelle Greffe and Sacha Khomenko from Year Nine, Ella Parker from Year Ten and Ashlee Black Year Twelve.





## **Burleigh Heads Pastoral Council**

**2014 has been a transitional year for this council as members take up new roles and responsibilities. The Pastoral Council's role is to promote the Church's mission to live and communicate the love and values of Christ and shares in the responsibility for the ongoing life and development of our faith community. The goals in which this council has been focusing on throughout the year are:-**

**Communication/Technology-** discussions on revising the web site; ways of distributing more information to parishioners and reaching those who do not attend church; and using technology within all mass centres to foster greater unity within our parish.

**Evangelisation/ Supporting Families-** to reach out to the unchurched where they are socially and endeavour to provide opportunities to invite them back; using the Parish Social Profile to be aware of data to inform our decisions; and discussing how we provide outreach, particularly to those parishioners in need of assistance.

**Youth- Strengthening Parish/ School bonds-** The Youth Mass is burgeoning and will be stronger in 2015 with the formation of a 'Youth Group'; and the creation of a youth Facebook page to connect with the youth through the medium they use.

**In addition to the above goals, the Pastoral Council has spent much time discussing ways in which we can grow as a parish community in light of the new church that is being constructed in 2015. Having Marymount Primary and College on the doorstep provides a wonderful opportunity for growth. The coming year for this council endeavours to be challenging and fruitful as we continue to work with the five mass centres that make up the diverse parish of Burleigh Heads.**



### **Japanese Exchange Program**

During 10 - and 23 August, a new relationship was formed for the first time with Yuhigaoka Gakuen Koko high school located in Osaka

During their visit, students gained a taste of Australia's diverse educational culture, accompanying their buddies to various lessons, baking scones and delicious treats alongside the College's Home Economics students, as well as joining several Japanese classes for intellectual conversations, activities and learning opportunities including origami!

One unique opportunity for the Japanese students was their visit to the Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary. Accompanied by the Year 10 Japanese class, the students beamed from ear to ear at the sight of the natural wildlife, despite the unfortunate wet weather.

The annual Japanese Exchange Program is most rewarding, providing the opportunity for students from varying cultures and backgrounds to form lasting relationships and friendships.



### **Year 8 Reflection Day**

In September, Year 8s travelled to Bond University to participate in Reflection Day. This day was focused on getting to know your peers better and to feel more comfortable around them. Facilitator, Michael Fitzpatrick ran the event and entertained the group with fun, engaging activities, many of which involved interacting with the opposite gender.

Individual and personal questions were also asked to help us reflect on our time so far at Marymount College. As part of the Reflection Day, some brave students volunteered to even have a go at singing, with Michael accompanying them on the guitar.

The message that students got out of this day was to not just reflect on the big things, but to acknowledge and find God in the small things in life.

### **Athletics Carnival**

Marymount College students out did themselves at the school's Athletics Carnival. It was a successful day for our keen athletes, with eleven records broken on the day. Year 12 students and twins Tom and Matt Popovic had special reason to give their all at their last sports carnival at Marymount as their grandparents had flown up from Sydney to watch them compete.

"Our grandparents are always so proud of our achievements," said Matt, whose grandparents travel up each year to cheer on their grandchildren. "They enjoy seeing our school Athletics carnivals in particular with Pop keeping us eagerly updated while Nan smiles, waves and prays us on."

The twins certainly made their two biggest supporters proud, winning first or second place in seven events between them. As well as achieving their own personal best across the board, Tom broke a long-standing shot put record on his last throw.

### **Australian National Titration Competition**

We head illustrious company as Australian winners of the Australian National Titration Competition.

Congratulations to our students Savana Brunton, Tom Harrison and Daniel McIntosh A remarkable achievement to finish first in Australia. We are most appreciative of the mentoring of the team by Ms Jenny Webster over these years and the assistance of Mr Ken Waite this year.

### **Awards Night**

Caitlin McNamara was awarded the 'Col Davidson Award for Excellence in Mathematics' and the Marymount College P & F Assoc. Dux of the College' at this year's Awards Night.





# Marymount is a Friendly School



**Bernadette Christensen announces for those who may not know, Marymount Primary in 2013 implemented a new social skills program called Friendly Schools and Families.**

Schools throughout Australia and worldwide are increasingly recognising the need to address bullying, resilience, social skills and self-esteem.

The programme we have chosen on which to largely base our approach (Friendly Schools and Families; Edith Cowan University) is based on six years of rigorous

scientific research with over 6000 school students, their parents and teachers. It is one of a few evidence-based programs designed to improve social skills and reduce bullying in Australian schools.

The masks symbolise Smiley Face, particularly meaningful for younger children. A poster, *DO THE RIGHT THING EVEN WHEN NO ONE IS LOOKING* is a more in depth symbol for the older students. These symbols alternate at the beginning of every school assembly.

Through our Friendly School and Families programme we hope to weaken attitudes and thought patterns that contribute to negative mental health and strengthen those attitudes and behaviours that promote wellbeing.

These goals are outlined in the new National Curriculum. As well as this, the new National Curriculum outlines a number of general capabilities which need to be taught across all year levels. These capabilities involve students in a range of practices including recognising and regulating emotions, developing empathy and understanding of others and establishing positive relationships.

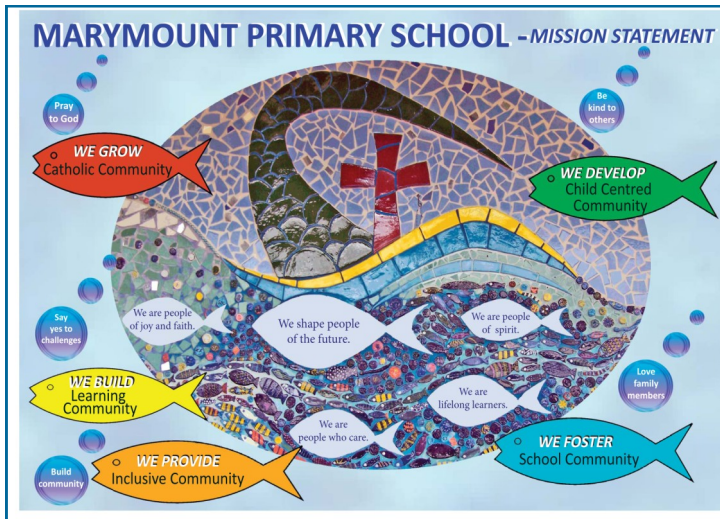
## Launch of Mission Statement-Staff 20/30 years Service

Ms Bernadette Christensen

**Marymount Primary held a Liturgy to bless and launch their updated Mission Statement, and to celebrate Staff in their 20/30 years service of the school.**

The following was read to the assembly by Fr Ken Howell

**Mission Statement** – expression of what we do and who we are for each other, what we strive for in respect of every person here and how we will bring the mission of God to Marymount. Part of our 40<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations is to look back, to look at now and to look forward to the future. We have created a poster of all our ideas. It has our logo as depicted on the mosaic wall at the top of Sunlight Drive which was made for our 30<sup>th</sup> birthday. On the shape of the fish we have written each of the things we see as most important about our lives at



Marymount and what we do here together.

*We grow catholic community  
We build learning community  
We develop child centred community  
We foster school community  
We provide inclusive community*

The words on the bubbles tell of our connection to Mary and the way in which she inspires our everyday lives. We say yes to challenges, are kind to each other, love our family members, praise God

and work together to build community

Today is a day for thinking of all the people who play a part in the Marymount community. We recognise all staff – teachers, school officers and volunteers who work with students. We celebrate their efforts and thank them sincerely for their hard work. We recognise the wonderful work parents do with students both at home and as volunteers at school.

This morning we also recognise two of our teachers who have served God in their work.

**Mrs Frost has been involved in Catholic education in Queensland for 20 years now. She has also taught in other states and overseas.**

**Ms Christensen has been involved in Catholic education for 30 years as a teacher and Assistant Principal.**

To do all this we ask God's blessing on our work.