

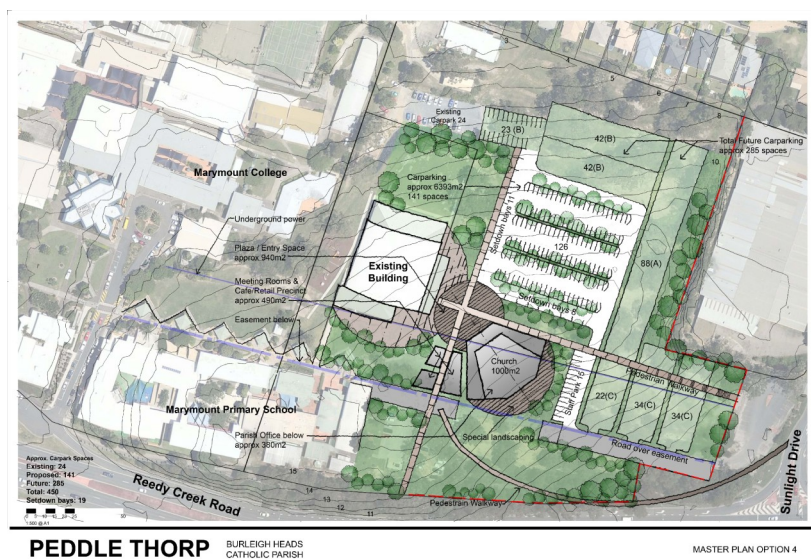
Catholic Life



Connecting local church, schools and communities with each other

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“On this Rock I will build My Church”



From Jim Littlefield

At 8.30am on Saturday morning 10th October 1998, Fr Pat Molony and Fr John Fitz-Herbert gathered with seven dedicated parishioners to form the Burleigh Heads Parish Building Committee. The Initial task set for this committee was to plan a 600 seat church with a carpark for 250 vehicles. This commitment some 15 times until 11th December 1999 when it focused more on design and changed title to the Burleigh Waters Design Committee which went on to meet a further thirty five times up until Thursday 9th July 2004, when it disbanded because of no clear understanding when the Bermuda Street subdivision would be sold and thus when funds would become available to realise their plans. Now through some seventeen years of planning and anticipation, the expectation of anew major church within the Burleigh Parish is on the verge of becoming a reality.

Peddle Thorp Architects have been commissioned to design a new major church for the southern end of the Gold Coast at Burleigh Waters. Master Planning is almost complete on the site of the new church on the Parish property adjacent to the Marymount Primary School, off Sunlight Drive.

The planned complex will include a new church, parish offices and a community centre. The positioning of the new complex so close to the Marymount Schools is to offer a greater awareness of the importance of Church in students' lives and to create a 'familiarity' with a church building for the school children.'

The Church Design committee has met with the Architects and Fr Tom Elich, Director of the Archdiocesan Liturgical Commission, to commence the process of planning and detailing the many liturgical and community requirements.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge has shown great interest in this new project for the Parish, the Gold Coast and the Archdiocese.

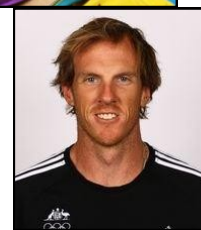
The reality is that whilst planning has begun, design of the complex will take at least six months; Gold Coast City Council approval will then take several months - possibly up to six months. Tendering and construction could possibly see the community moving into the new complex by Easter 2014 at the earliest.

It is anticipated that the new Community Centre will provide ample meeting rooms and social facilities to ensure a vibrant and functional centre for a wide variety of educational, formational and "community creating" activities.

New Parish offices will accommodate the many administration and ministry groups ■

CONGRATULATIONS

Brittany, Jacob and Ken



2012 Olympians -Marymount College Past and present. We are proud of each one of you.

year of grace

STARTING AFRESH FROM CHRIST

National Prayer

Gracious God,
You have blessed
this ancient land
with many gifts,
especially its people.

We thank you for the
Year of Grace, a time to
start afresh from Christ.

You invite us to contemplate
the face of Jesus your Son,
that we may experience
a new wave of grace,
and that the light of Christ
may burn more brightly
in our lives.

Attune our hearts and minds
to the presence of your
Holy Spirit, that our Church
may be transformed,
our relationships be healed,
and our nation grow in
compassion and justice.

With the intercession
of St Mary MacKillop,
who showed us new ways
of living the Gospel,
we make our prayer through
Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mary, Help of Christians,
pray for us.

Burleigh Parish Sacramental Program:

How our children become full members of our parish community

Perhaps you are new to our Parish? You may be interested in our Sacramental Program for baptised children.

Perhaps you would like to refresh your memory on our procedure for Confirmation and First Holy Communion

Our program is:

- Ideally family focused
- Parish based
- School supported

Family focused. After Baptism, the responsibility for continuing the initiation of the children through the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist belongs first and foremost with the parents.

Parish based. The Parish co-ordinates the activities involved in preparing the child for the sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist. Children, together with their parents, are encouraged to be

active members of the parish by being present at Mass. Working with the family, the sacramental team, the parish priest and the schools, the parish provides supportive **information sessions for parents**, followed by **family based workshops for the children**.

School Supported. The Parish Primary School provides support through the Religious Education Curriculum, while children who attend other schools, within the parish, receive catechesis through the Religious Education in State Schools Program or other Christian programs.

Beth Finann, who has co-ordinated our Sacramental Program since 2004, states, in her welcome to the information sessions for parents, the reason for the “**Initiation Sacraments**” taking place in the *Church Community and the Family Setting* – not the school. Beth emphasizes the need for the children to develop a

sense of ‘**belonging and that they are welcome**’. The children are accepting membership of the *Church Community, not the School Community* to which they already belong. Most of us have witnessed First Holy Communion masses within our parish, which are usually held twice a year, namely at the end of May and the end of October. Some of us have also witnessed the sacrament of Confirmation, which is held on the Friday evening, before the Sunday of First Holy Communion. However, in a Parish as large as ours, with our five mass centres, most of us would not be aware of the faces attached to the names of our dedicated parishioners who volunteer to lead the family based workshops for the children whom they prepare for these sacraments.



Back from left: David Wilson, Fr Pat Molony, Margaret Cositgan
Front from left; Chris Kennedy, Gaynor Richards, Marie Mooney, Beth Finan (Co-Ordinator) Hilary Hulett



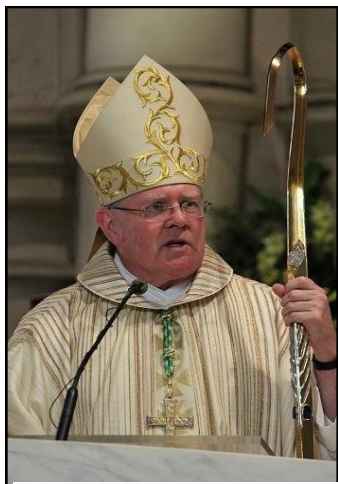
Parents of the children attending the Information Evening with Catechist Sheila Thomas.



From left Craig Follett, Jacob Follett, Fathers Pat Molony and Peter Gablonski



From left Jane Greffe, Marie Mooney, Fr Pat Molony



Archbishop Mark Coleridge Delivering the Homily at the Commissioning Mass



Pictured from left under part of the South Coast Deanery Banner are Carmel Henley, Pat Brandon,, Pat and Ben Clarke, and Jan Zimmerman

Annual Commissioning Mass

from Josee Hill

Every year the Pastoral Councils are called together to be Commissioned by the Archbishop at St Stephen's Cathedral in Brisbane.

This year the Mass was presided over by our new Archbishop Mark Coleridge. In this Year of Grace the Bishop spoke to the congregation of service to others and a responsibility to carry on the work in Christ Jesus.

Joe Theseira (Burleigh Communities Councillor) proudly carried the South Coast Deanery Banner in the entrance procession.

Chairperson Rhonda DeBono (Palm Beach Pastoral Council) and Josee Hill (Burleigh Communities Pastoral Council) received candles lit by the Archbishop from the Paschal Candle to bring back to their Parish Council meetings, symbolizing the Light of Christ's presence.

They also pledged and accepted responsibility to work for and foster the mission of the Church in the Parish and Deanery. Sue Milsom as a member of the Archdiocesan Secretariat for the Pastoral Councils assisted with the co-ordination of the Commissioning Mass.

It was a Faith filled and joyous celebration of the commitment of councillors' service to their communities.

The Banner that was carried in to represent the South Coast Deanery as well as the other Deaneries was designed by artist Jenny Close. Each banner was created to symbolize all the Pastoral Councils who serve the people of our Archdiocese.



Pictured from Left Ben Clarke, Sue Milsom, Rhonda De Bono, Joe Theseira, Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Josee Hill, Pat Clarke and Bren Milsom

MARYMOUNT ON SHOW 2012



Presentation of Awards



Art on Show



Students portray Romeo and Juliet

Marymount heralded an opportunity to enjoy an appreciation of art and culture with a memorable Art Exhibition, which was held from 3 - 5 August 2012.

The *Gala Opening* began on Friday 3 August at 7pm and continued until 12 midnight. At this event winners were announced, light entertainment was provided, together with a welcome drink and finger food. The general exhibition was held from 10am-4pm on Saturday and Sunday 4 - 5 August.

Works ranged from those of notable and well established artists to those of emerging artists. Also exhibited were the high standard artistic endeavours of the College's art students, and also the high standard of the primary school's work. Overall winner was Sue Cowman with her portrait entitled "The Lecturer", whilst of particular note was Grade 2P's exhibit "Insect tree" which received the Marymount Primary Student Encouragement award.

Dance and Music Showcase. Student dance, drama and music performances were held on both

Saturday and Sunday. Those present enjoyed the performances from years 8-12, who performed a variety of exciting routines which are to be presented at both the Brisbane and Gold Coast Eisteddfods this year. Music students performed easy-listening items to add to the entertainment.

Drama Showcase. Year 11 and 12 students premiered their Interschool Drama Festival's one act play "Romeo and Juliet".

Out and About the Parish

SINGING ALONG WITH OUR SENIORS AT OZANAM VILLA

One of the things that people, who are involved in community groups do well is to look after our older folk. It was on an occasion like this that Catholic Life caught up with the U3A Choir. They had been asked to come along and sing for the residents of the Ozanam Villa at Burleigh Heads.

John Mooney, their conductor did a great job of leading the choir through a variety of songs which the residents were able to enjoy and sometimes, join in.

The Choir from U3A (University of the Third Age) is made up of very talented people who love to sing and enjoy sharing their talents with others. Most of the retired bring their skills and time to teach others such as languages, computers, reading skills, art classes etc.

For further Information go to the website:

www.u3A@broadbeach.com



Pictured are the U3A choir with conductor John Mooney at the Ozanam Village entertaining the residents.



First Eucharist for the Miami Mass Centre.

First Eucharist at Miami was one of joy for three little members of the community. Proud parents watched as their children received their First Eucharist from Fr Pat Molony.

The children were congratulated and given their Eucharist Certificates by Miami Sacramental team member, David Wilson, who has been their Team Leader in their preparation towards their Confirmation and Eucharist.

Pictured at left are proud children with their celebration cake and certificates.

MASS ON THE MOUNTAIN.....

Apart from our five churches here in Burleigh Heads, there is a little community up at Springbrook that is a part of the Parish. Its interesting history dates back to 1907 when horse and cart were used to bring the Eucharist to the Mountain.

Today our Priests endeavour to meet with the Community of Springbrook as often as is possible.

It has been suggested that a contingent of parishioners might like to arrange a trip to partake in Mass and a meal with our fellow parishioners on the Mountain.



The Springbrook community with Fr Pat Molony.



Pictured is Billie enjoying her birthday cake with curious eyes on the proceedings

Our Billie 99 Years Young

From Jan Zimmerman

Born, Mona Veronica to Annie and Rody O'Connell on 5th July, 1913 at Dalby Qld.

The youngest of four children with 2 older sisters, her brother Roger, really wanted the new baby to be a boy and be called Billie, and even though the baby was a girl he decided 'Billie' would be her name and so that is how Mona became 'Billie'.

Although a Brisbane girl, Billie and husband moved to the coast in the early part of married life and she was a resident when the Calvary Church Miami was built and was part of the congregation for the opening in December 1964.

Billie has been a regular Sacristan, Reader, XO Minister of Communion up until the last year or two

Congrats. Billie



Kris and Gay at Mudgeeraba in their Tea and Coffee facility

MEN ALIVE WEEKEND

from Brian Wellspring

Since the Men Alive Weekend I have been asked several times, "What was it like?"

To give an honest answer I could not relate to a description. You go into an "Event" with pre conceived ideas that are judgemental of it from the very beginning, but slowly it unfolded to one of the greatest experiences of my life. From divulging to a total stranger freely & openly problems that arose during the course of my life and he responding with almost tears in his eyes the situation he encountered through his life.

For the first time I not only enjoyed but actually looked forward to the sacrament of reconciliation. On the completion of the five themed sessions the highlight was the closing session and mass and would welcome the formation of our own Men Alive Group from the different communities within the Burleigh Parish.

"THE WELCOME"

Growing up in the pre-Vatican II years in the Catholic Church, many would remember going to church and walking in quietly and leaving just as quickly and quietly.

After Vatican II that all changed. Mass was said in English, the Priest faced the congregation, altar rails became a thing of the past, and in came The Welcome.

This didn't happen overnight; such a suggestion for parishes to implement this took many years.

Now fifty years 'down the track', we have many people to be grateful to for taking up the challenge. Now we have people who volunteer their services for the St Vincent de Paul shop; handing out the weekly bulletin; setting up the church for Masses; assisting at Baptisms, Funerals and Weddings. Not forgotten are those who stay on after Mass to show hospitality in the way of a "CUPPA".

Today we focus on these good people. *Catholic Life* went out to 'catch them in the act' so to speak and to say **thank you** for the good job that they do.



The Men Alive group at the Marymount Library.



Setting up outside Calvary Miami on the lawn are Clare and Lucy at their task.



Infant Saviour Church are Pam, Caroline and Carole (Absent Marlene, Trish & Marguerite)



Jackie, Greg and Kerry at the Doyle Cen-



Palm Beach are Margaret, Diane, Nola & Carmel. (Absent: Doreen, Elizabeth Rhonda)



Parish Welcome Evening June 18

What a wonderful evening it was to have so many attend and hear Fr Pat Molony's words of thanks for all the work and time that was put into the Christmas, Lent and Easter Services.

These words of thanks were not only for those times when many have taken part to make the events a Spirit filled Liturgy, but also for the many people over the year who are involved in the upkeep of our five Mass centres.

We congratulate Sister Pat Tomlinson and her band of helpers who put the night together.

As well as a big **THANK YOU** to the Parish, Fr Pat also acknowledged Brenda Jones Carr for her achievements as a Track and Field Athlete and being inducted to the Australian Athletics Hall of Fame. Her story follows.

Pictured Top Right: Sr Patricia Tomlinson and Mrs Carmel Henley

Centre: Mr & Mrs Robert and Margaret Smith with Mr & Mrs Judy and Paul Gamin.

Bottom Right: Mrs Jon McPhail, Fr. Huong Van Nguyen, Taylor Crisp, and Mrs Jan Zimmerman.

From 1956 Rome Olympics to Australia's Hall of Fame

Honoured for her past performances at the Parish Welcome evening was parishioner, Olympian Brenda Carr (nee Jones). Brenda's feat was set at the Rome Olympics in 1960, when she was pipped at the post by a tenth of a second for the Gold Medal bringing home Silver.

Being an outdoor girl, Brenda's story goes back to 1953, where she met her idol Winsome Cripps, who advised her to join Glenhuntly Club. This club trained on the Caulfield Racecourse. At this time there was nothing for girls in long distance. At 18 Brenda was very keen to train more seriously, and it was there coach Don Carr (later to become Brenda's husband) developed a long term plan for the 1956 Olympics



Brenda holding her Silver Medal 1960 and newspaper feature article.

Brenda and 4 others asked for a women's cross country event, which was achieved; becoming Victorian cross country Champion and representing the state in Perth in 1975, and was part of her life until 1975, when she retired.

Unfortunately there was no 800 metres for women in the 1956 Olympics. When the 800 metres event was introduced in Sydney in 1958, Brenda won both the 800 and 400 Championships.

In 1960 only two Australians girls were selected to go to Rome Olympics. For our country girl Brenda, it was a first time out of the country, first time in a first class field, first time with serious competitors. Of the top 20 women in the world for 800 metres, 15 were from the USSR. The irony was that at the Rome Olympics there were four heats. Two Australians reached the final but only one Russian.

On 29 February 2012, some 52 years after she won a silver medal for the 800 metres at the Rome Olympics, Brenda was inducted into the Australian Athletics Hall of Fame.

Burleigh Heads Parish is proud to be part of Brenda's life and congratulates her on her recent induction into the Australian Athletics Hall of Fame, for her contributions to the local scene and Athletics Australia.

PARISH PROFILE



Roger Munsie

The face in the photo is known to many people in the Burleigh Heads Parish. Born at Ballina, the second child of Arthur and Loveie Munsie, Roger did all his growing up in that town. On leaving school he started out as a Telegram Boy / Telephonist at the local Post Office. This is when Roger began to learn the saxophone before moving up to Postman.

Afterwards Roger advanced to the counter at the Bondi Road Post Office in Sydney.

During this period he auditioned for a place in the RAAF Central Band, where he was accepted. Roger served in the Band under the Baton of Squadron Leader L Hick. During his six years in the RAAF Central Band, they toured throughout all States of Australia, and the world, and in that time the highlight for Roger was the Montreal 67 Expo, Canada. The band always travelled via the RAAF Hercules of the day, loaded up with gear and equipment.

Roger rehabilitated to civilian life by serving an apprenticeship in hairdressing and opening his own salon in Lismore for some twenty-six years. In all of that time, Roger was continually involved with music playing in various bands in the Lismore/Ballina area, as well as playing with the Northern Rivers Big Band based in Lismore. This band currently plays four Concerts a year at the Ballina RSL Club, always to a supportive audience of over 300 fans. In addition Roger entertains as a Solo Artist, playing at a variety of functions around the Coast, as well as the in the Northern Rivers Region. *Catholic Life* asked him if he grew up with music.

Although Roger's great grandfather was a professor of music, he wasn't bitten by the bug until he was seventeen. He commenced his musical journey playing "Moonlight Serenade" on a little plastic tonette, moving on to the saxophone and other wind instruments of which he five or six today.

Asked how he came to be in this Parish, Roger said it began when he decided to sell his hairdressing business and relocate to the Gold Coast from Northern NSW. Looking for a place to live from Labrador through to Burleigh, he was continually drawn back to Burleigh Waters/Varsity Lakes where he has found his *niche* and has now settled in the area. Roger has been firmly cemented into the ministry of music at Infant Saviour for the past twelve years. Besides being a Cantor at Liturgy, Roger also plays a favourite instrument called a 'digital horn' at the Offertory Gifts. It has a hauntingly attractive sound about it, and not a Sunday goes by without someone asking Roger about the name of the instrument. It has a sound all of its own, and most people have not heard it previously.

A Celebration for the Filipino Communities on the Coast

When one is invited to be part of a Eucharist Celebration, one generally says, "Yes that would be nice I should like to come sometime." That sometimes extended into many months until just recently, when one was reminded again.

This time a firm commitment was made to attend the Filipino community Mass at Clear Island Waters on the First Sunday of the Month.

Needless to say on walking in to the church I found many people I knew from our Parish who come together to be with their fellow countrymen to share the Eucharist and afterwards meet for lunch.

The Filipino community is ably led by Fr Marcelino Singson, the current Chaplain since June 2005. I found him to be a very vibrant personality and he gave a stirring homily on the readings of the day.

The Catholic Filipino Chaplaincy traces its early beginnings in 1988 when the then Archbishop of Brisbane, Most Reverend Francis



The Filipino Choir combining many from parishes on the Coast.

Rush, appointed Sr Necitas Esguerra, fdcc to minister to the Filipino community in the Brisbane Archdiocese.

Sister Necitas, a Canossian, later formed an Interim Committee with the support and guidance of Fr Paul Byrne.

The sisters continued to provide support for the community until 1996 when Father Dominador Flores, SVD was appointed its full time Chaplain

You can join this lively group on the first Sunday of the Month at

50 Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters, 11.30am.

For further information visit the website

[www: cfabc.org/goldcoast/](http://www.cfabc.org/goldcoast/)

JOURNEY OF SOLIDARITY IN THE YEAR OF GRACE - Burleigh

from Bren Milsom

On Monday, 24 June 2012, Fr Antony Vadakara and Colin O'Connor of St Mary's Parish, Upper Coomera, ventured on a trip to the Timor Leste Diocese of Bacau. Whilst the primary reason for the visit was to familiarise Fr Antony with St Mary's Sister Parish, Soibada, they also visited the Parish of Ossu and the village of Nahareca.

Whilst in Nahareca, Colin delivered a cheque for \$US3000 to Fr Evarista, Ossu Parish Priest, and Chief Paulina, the Chieftain of Nahareca, to be used to facilitate renovations to the Nahareca Church that is in a very poor state.

Colin & Anne-Marie O'Connor, together with Bren & Sue Milsom and Ray Stack, visited Nahareca in December, 2011 and decided to contribute to these renovations.

These contributions were boosted by further donations from the Burleigh Parish and the money was gratefully received by the Nahareca villagers

Mr O'Connor delivered a letter from Burleigh PP, Fr Pat to Fr Evarista and also discussed with Frs. Evarista and Natalino (assistant PP) the possibility of Burleigh Parish providing a gift to the Ossu Parish for their new church

Ossu Parish's new Church is almost complete with the inauguration to take place late September/early October. Both Father Evarista & Father Natalino provided several possible needs for the Church and these have been passed on to Bren.

It was a great privilege in this "Year of Grace" to see first-hand the faith communities of Timor Leste. The commitment of the religious as they spread the Word in a most loving way cannot be over emphasised, the strong faith shown by a very large majority of people and the wonderful beauty of the young children embracing Jesus is something never to be forgotten.



Fr Natalino (APP, Ossu) and Fr Francisca (Vicar-General, Baucau Diocese) welcome Fr Antony and Colin to Baucau Diocese.



Baucau Leprosy Clinic



Baucau Diocese Workshop



Ossu new Church nearing completion



Colin presenting \$US3,000 to Chief Paulina, Chieftain of Nahareca

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Our goals are:

To have Parish life connect more with schools and the wider community.

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

To communicate between the different groups within our Parish.

Errata. Apologies to Joan Morson whose name was misspelt, inadvertently, in our previous issue.

We welcome contributions to our newsletter. Our Thanks is extended to the contributors of articles and photos of this issue.

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