

Parish PASTORAL Council

Annual General Meeting Parish Priest Report

[September 2013 - August 2014]

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[14 September 2014]

1. INTRODUCTORY Items:

- a. **Parish Staff/5:**
Nola Turner [Parish Secretary]; Dudley's Cleaning Service/Dudley & Carol McLennan [Church Cleaning]; Josie McCormick [Housekeeping]; and Keith McCosker [Mowing].

Sisters of Mercy/2 [in Residence in Inverell]:
Sr. Coral Hedley and Sr. Judy Breen
- b. Starting December 2013, Santa Claus was replaced by Saint Nicholas in our liturgical and social parish celebrations: after the Christmas Masses, instead of Santa Claus making an appearance to distribute lollies to the children, it was Saint Nicholas who came. This was preceded by a massive Information Campaign to prepare the parish for this very big leap and change: Marie Ward spoke to the congregation twice; and there were five [5] Parish Bulletin Inserts on Saint Nicholas.
- b. To celebrate the Holy Trinity School Jubilee Celebrations in 2013: the usual 9:00 am Sunday Parish Mass was celebrated at the School Hall on the 20th of October/Sunday.
- c. On the weekend of 12/13 October 2013: the parish joined in the world-wide Consecration of the World to the Immaculate Heart of Mary [initiated by Pope Francis on the Feast of our Lady of Fatima] upon the directive of Bishop Michael Kennedy.
- d. A special collection for the Bush Fire Victims was conducted on the weekend of 26/27 October 2013: \$ 3,163.60. The money was sent to the Sisters of Saint Joseph working in Coonabarabran through Sr. Judy Breen.
- e. Upon the initiative of the Parish FINANCE Committee, "Typhoon HAIYAN Appeal" was conducted in Inverell. Print Anything [Carole & - McNeil], together with the Inverell Parishioners, joined hand-in-hand in responding generously to the fund campaign. It yielded: \$8,981.65 which was remitted to the Sisters of Mercy working in Tacloban City; \$ 3,635.00 was sent to the victims through Greg Moran.
- f. On the occasion of "Christ the King" the parish closed the year-long celebration of: "Year of Faith". A special Liturgy within the mass was held to mark the occasion.

Year of FAITH was inaugurated in our parish on Trinity Sunday/25-26 May 2013. The members of the Parish Team were: Sr. Coral Hedley; Carmel McCosker; Ann Tubb; and myself. Various activities were undertaken to highlight the activity: two dummy doors on the Sanctuary [I BELIEVE and WE BELIEVE] representing the "Door of Faith" mentioned by Pope Benedict in his Encyclical "PORTA FIDEI".

After the usual closing prayer of the Prayer of the Faithful, rostered parishioners come forward to light the Year of FAITH Candle; they bring with them a poster for the "I BELIEVE" Door. The items in the "Apostles Creed" are pre-prepared. They are posted on the "WE BELIEVE" Door.

Free copies of the COMPENDIUM of the Catechism of the Catholic Church are made available free [from the 3 church exits] for everyone.

Copies of the DVD and CD resource material [thanks to Bernie Graham]: "Deepening Our Faith" are likewise available for free distribution to parishioners and groups who wish to use it as reflection material in connection with the Year of FAITH.
- g. A signature campaign, initiated by the Parish PASTORAL Council, of a Petition addressed to the NSW Legislative Assembly was submitted through Hon. Adam Marshall [Member for the Northern Tablelands]. This Petition, sent in February 2014 with 212 signatories, is asking the NSW Government to waive the School Fees [\$ 4,500.00/child] being collected from 457 Visa Holders [children of migrant-workers]. We are still awaiting the response from the concerned government body [Department of Education].
- h. A Parish Working Bee was conducted on the 11th of January 2014: the pews; the brass materials; the cupboards; light and bulb covers; glass doors, panels and windows; and ceilings were all cleaned. About 25 parishioners responded to my call for volunteers.

i. Rev. FRANCIS AFU was ordained Deacon on the 9th of July 2014. He started his five-month Pastoral Placement in Inverell on the 1st of March. After his ordination, he left to return to Vianney College in Wagga Wagga Seminary to conclude his formal seminary formation. On the 10th of August 2014, Rev. Afu started his new post as "Deacon In Formation" in Armidale under the direct supervision of the Bishop.

j. The Parish Website was re-constructed and re-designed by David Carse of Waterfall Way Designs [inaugurated on Easter Sunday 2014]. Sponsored by: Gaukroger Sales.

The Parish Bulletin is sponsored by: Jenny & Brandon Campbell & Kids

k. The Parish PASTORAL Council decided to introduce: RECONNECT, "a small group program for Catholics who are not active in the life of the Church but who want to take another look at their Catholic Faith". It was launched on the 3/4 May weekend. Sr. Coral Hedley was designated by the Parish PASTORAL Council to introduce RECONNECT to the congregation. Margaret Wales addressed the congregation about RECONNECT again on the weekend of 19/20 July.

Parish Bulletin inserts provided detailed information about the program. The program, however, did not push through for lack of positive response from the 23 parishioners who were invited.

l. Bishop's 2014 Episcopal Visit in Inverell [23-25 May/Friday-Sunday]:

-23 May/Friday	
9:30 am	: Session with Confirmation Candidates
11:00 Noon	: MASS-McLean Retirement Village then: Visitation of the Bed-Bound
3:00 pm	: Hospital & Home-Bound Visits
6:30 pm	: 2014 Debutantes Ball
-24 May/Saturday	
9:30 am	: MASS-Ashford then: Morning Tea with Ashford Parishioners
6:00 pm	: CONFIRMATION MASS-Inverell then: Parish Cuppa then: "Soup & Buns" with Parish Leaders
-25 May/Sunday	
9:00 am	: CONFIRMATION MASS-Inverell then: Parish Cuppa

m. Fr. Pat O'Neill, a retired Redemptorist Priest, served as Supply Priest while I went away for my annual holiday [2 June-4 July 2014]. He was assisted by Francis Afu [who was then in Inverell on Pastoral Placement]; Sr. Coral Hedley [Pastoral matters]; Nola Turner [Administrative Concerns]; Jim Schliebs [Financial Concerns]; Greg Leach for organizing the Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion when Fr. Pat had to leave the weekdays before I arrived; and Bob McGuire for opening and closing the doors at the same time when Fr. Pat left.

2. Annual Statistics [based from the 2013 Annual Report submitted to the Chancery]:

-Baptisms	:	27
-Confirmations	:	43
-First Eucharist	:	30
-First Reconciliation	:	-
-Wedding	:	1
-Anointing	:	487
-Funerals	:	27

3. Mass Attendance Survey: The Bishop decided that the annual Mass Attendance Survey, usually held in March, will no longer be conducted effective March 2013.

4. The 2013-2014 Parish PASTORAL Council/14:

Patsy Armstrong [Chair]; Mike Casey-Ransom [Deputy Chair]; Megan Gaukroger [Secretary]; Members [elected]: Tony King; Sr. Coral Hedley; Julie Regan; John Thivakon; Bill Sutton; Daphne Dasey; Margaret Wales; Audrey McArdle [Tingha]; Tim Robinson [Ashford]. Ex-Officio Members: Val Thomas [Principal: HTS]; and Fr. JOE [PPriest].

I would like to take this occasion to thank the elected members who stepped down: Patsy Armstrong [Chair] and Margaret Wales who both served for four [4] years [two terms]. Likewise: thanks to Mike Casey-Ransom and Julie Regan for stepping down after serving for a term.

The parish in general, and the PPC in particular, truly appreciate their participation in the many activities of the parish. Their input and interest in the welfare of the parish have been exemplary.

There was no election because the four [4] vacancies were matched by four [4] nominations: Nick Baird; Sharon Hollis; Rhonda McGregor; and Brett Pischke. I welcome them as new members of the PPC.

5. Parish FINANCE Committee/7:

Jim Schliebs, Chair; Nola Turner, Secretary; Bob Witherdin, Tim Newberry; Ann McCosker; Lyn O'Brien, members; and myself. Snow Wratten resigned from the PFC in December 2013.

Undertaken by the PFC, among many other things, this year are:

- a. the purchase and installation of new wireless PA System [costing \$ 3,413.00] in view of the government's declaration that "it will be illegal to use the spectrum located in the 694-820 mhz frequency range" starting 1 January 2015. The wireless microphone system used in the church was within this spectrum.
- b. The re-upholstering of the green padded seats [near the Choir Section] costing \$ 100.00 per. There are 25 chairs to be re-upholstered.
- c. The re-paving of the concrete path behind the Parish MEETING Room; re-painting of the church front posts; repair of the heating system in the working sacristy.

I would like to thank Snow Wratten for his service to the parish as a member of the Parish FINANCE Committee. He was a member of the PFC since the very start; his contribution and involvement in the financial affairs and concerns of the parish is beyond measure.

Likewise: I wish to thank the PFC members for their involvement in managing the financial affairs and concerns of the parish. The financial administration of the parish is excellently executed because of their efficiency. Because of this, I am able to concentrate more fully on the pastoral ministry of the parish.

6. **Parish LITURGY Group/7:**
Carmel McCosker [Chair]; Anne Tubb [Secretary]; Joan Fleming; Marie Ward; John & Pauline O'Carrigan; and Fr. JOE.

The PLG meets on the first Saturdays of the month at 8:30 am. A report from the Parish LITURGY Group will be tabled at the AGM.

7. **Liturgical MUSIC Groups/17:**
Ann Tubb [Coordinator]; Greg & Bev Leach [as a Team]; Dom Gibson and Children; and Carmel McCosker with Sarah Turner & Jo Peel; Men's Choir: Greg and Bev Leach [as leaders of this group]; Michael Manuel; Ken Middleton; Bernie Cook; Tony King; Mike Casey-Ransom; John Thivakon; Dick Wales; John McCormack; Shayne O'Brien; and Robert Benares.

The celebration of our masses and liturgies is always made beautiful and meaningful because of the Music Groups. Again: as I did previously: special mention has to be made in recognition of the dedication to the ministry of Ann Tubb and Joan Fleming. They meet regularly to determine the songs suggested to the different Music Groups to sing on weekends.

8. **HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL MINISTRY:**

The School Masses; Prayer Liturgy for the Infants; School Reconciliations; and Class Visits are now conducted on Thursdays thereby avoiding double [sometimes triple] masses on Fridays [old schedule] when I had to celebrate Masses on Fridays at McLean Hostel [and at the Saint Vincent de Paul Centre on 5th Fridays].

- a. the Parish School Ministry involves the celebrations mentioned above in addition to special school celebrations like Thanksgiving Masses; Graduation Masses; Recognition Nights; Graduation Socials; etc.
- b. Jillie Rainger moved to Saint Joseph School [Warialda] as Principal. Nick Baird took the vacated position as Assistant Principal. Nick was actually re-appointed as Assistant Principal for 2015 very recently.
- c. When Jo Peel retired in June 2013, she was replaced in Dom Gibson as RE Coordinator of HTS.

I would like to take this occasion to thank Val Thomas, Principal, and Nick Baird, Assistant Principal; Dom Gibson, Religious Education Coordinator; Cath Lane, Coordinator for Altar Servers; and the staff and teachers who are involved in the different ministries of the parish. Their involvement is a big help; a proclamation of the link between Holy Trinity School and the Sacred Heart Parish.

9. **The MASSES and ALTAR MINISTRIES:**

In Inverell: weekend masses are scheduled on Saturdays at 6:00 pm; and Sundays at 9:00 am. Mondays to Wednesdays at 12:00 Noon preceded by the praying of the Holy Rosary and Angelus; Holy Trinity School Masses on Thursdays at 9:15 am [Infants Prayer Liturgy at 9:30 am]; McLean Mass on Fridays [except 1st Fridays - at the church at 12:00 Noon which includes Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament].

In Ashford: every 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 11:30 am [Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion on 2nd; 4th; and 5th Sundays of the month at 9:00 am].

In Tingha: every 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at 7:00 am [Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion on 1st; 3rd; and 5th Sundays of the month at 8:00 am].

In Yetman: every 5th Sunday of the month at 12:30 pm [Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion on Sundays when there is no mass].

- a. **Powerpoint Projectionists/6:**
Jo Kelly [Coordinator]; Sr. Coral Hedley; Nola Turner; Di Bryant; Rhonda McGregor; Sue Szmowski.

I would like to acknowledge with gratitude the efficiency of Jo Kelly in preparing the powerpoint every weekend; and the involvement of the projectionists in making sure that the ministry keeps going. More volunteers are needed!

- b. **Readers & Commentators [and Prayer of the Faithful]/47:**
Mike Casey-Ransom; Anna Casey-Ransom; Michaela Casey-Ransom; Anne Casey-Ransom; Nola Turner; Sr. Coral Hedley; Cath Lane; Noel McCosker; Megan Gaukroger; Daphne Dasey; Patsy Armstrong; Josephine Kelly; Dom Gibson; Jane Gibson; Sarah Turner; Monica Gonzaga; June Turner; Simon Smith; Pat Mather; Sue O'Brien; Shayne O'Brien; Marie Ward; Andrew Woodhead; John O'Carrigan; Ann Dale; David McMahon; June Saint; Snow Wratten; Jill Rainger; Jo Peel; John Thivakon; Margaret Wales; Dan Hannigan; Paula Girle; Bev Walls; Bob McGrath; Libby Little; Mary Jordan; Gerry Taveira; Neil McCosker; Helen Hewens; Angela Benares; Judy Harris; Joan Fleming; Nick Baird; Sharon Hollis; and Suzette Dizon.
- c. **Communion Ministers/43:** Sr. Coral Hedley; Nola Turner; Cathy Lane; Pauline Croft; Daphne Dasey; Trish Pevy; Ross Tutt; Tim Newberry; Jenny Green; Terry Manuel; Patsy Armstrong; Mary Schofield; June Turner; Rod Traves; Trish Traves; Anthony Michael; Megan Gaukroger; Val Thomas; Mike Ward; Marie Ward; Geoff Johnson; Robyn Johnson; Brett Pischke; Margaret Wales; Mary Jordan; David McMahon; Dan Hannigan; John O'Carrigan; Pauline O'Carrigan; Snow Wratten; Maureen Newbigin; June Saint; Neville Cook; Joan Fleming; Rhonda McGregor; Bob McGrath; Judy Harris; Jillie Rainger; Robert Benares; Terry Benares; Rowel Gascon; Sharon Hollis and Nick Baird.
- d. **Bread and Wine Offerors/136:** Casey-Ransom Family; Pat Mather; Jim & Kay Harmon; Sr. Coral Hedley; Nola Turner; Green Family; Smith Family; Josephine Kelly; Patsy Armstrong; Megan Gaukroger; Val Thomas; Eileen Hanna; Joan Lewis; Bob McGuire; Bob Kneipp; Bev Hoynes; Julie Regan; Margaret Aiton; Jane & Dom Gibson; Daphne Dasey; Sue Szmowski; Pat & Sharna Day; Robyn Kenny & Grandchildren; Rod & Trish Traves; June & Sarah Turner; Lane Family; Neville & Janet Cook; Mike & Marie Ward; Vicky & Albert Talampas; Bill & Beth Sutton; Brian & Kay Gardner; Bremner Family; Woodhead Family; Pauline Croft; Trish Pevy; Terry & Marj Manuel; Allan Kinnear; Peter Constable; Flo & Barry Emerson; Margaret Kahler; Pauline & John O'Carrigan; Pat & Tim Wratten; Maureen Newbigin; Phyllis Nichols; Rainger Family; Bob & Lyn McGrath; Bernice Murray; Dick & Margaret Wales; Thivakon Family; David & Val McMahon; Joan Sharpe; Ann O'Brien; Bryant Family; Paul & June Saint; Geoff & Robyn Johnson; Pat & Sharna Day; Libby Little; Tori & Shania Bell; Nola McLeod; McMahon Family; Robert & Terry Benares; Greg & Marie Chie; Greg, Sr. & Greg, Jr. Fleming; Joan & Lloyd Fleming; Rowel & Nhel Gascon; Tony & Grace Almoite; Jimmy & Karen Tulabut; Rey & Jarlyn Langsang; Roger & Rosalie Zapata; Leo & Jenny Enriquez; Robert & Suzette Dizon; Ronnie & Linda Redondo; Val & Glen Dimaano; Ryan & Karen Roa; Neil & Evelyn Sibul; Andy & Rosanna Pliego; Marvin & Chanese Buenvenida; Jon & Danica Ybas; Gary & Shiela Francisco; Glenmore & Jonah Grava; Edison & Joal Cajés; Ralph & Ronah Villanueva; Ariel & Abella Navarro; Bernie Sarsaba; Paolo Llanto; Monica Gonzaga; Ron Sagolili; Lyndon & Girlie Villamor; Dexter & Juvilyn Balboa; and Leo & Jennifer Enriquez.
- e. **Collection Offerors/55:** Brian Baldwin; Bernie Cook; Bill Sutton; Bob Kneipp; Bob McGuire; Anthony Michael; Chic Lennon; Ken Middleton; Fred Noble; Noel Daley; Jim Schliebs; Albert Talampas; Brian Gardner; Col Hoyt; Mike Ward; Andrew Woodhead; Peter Constable; Bob Witherdin; Bob McGrath; Neville Cook; Barry Emerson; Robert Benares; Leo Enriquez; Margaret Wales; Doloretta Migheli; Ann O'Brien; Tony King; Allan Kinnear; Dick Wales; Greg Chie; Tony Almoite; Greg, Sr. Fleming; Greg, Jr. Fleming; Jimmy Tulabut; Geoff Johnson; David McMahon; Rowel Gascon; Patrick Day; Paul Saint; Roger Zapata; Val Dimaano; Glen Dimaano; Neil McCosker; Rey Langsang; Ryan Roa; Neil Sibul; Andy Pliego; Robert Dizon; Ronnie Redondo; Ralph Villanueva; Bernie Sarsaba; Paolo Llanto; Lyndon Villamor; Ariel Navarro; and Edison Cajés.
- f. **Money Counters/35:** Brian Baldwin; Brian Gardner; Ross Tutt; Bob Witherdin; Cliff Kennedy; Dan Hannigan; Jan Frater; Col Hoyt; Greg Fleming; Greg Chie; Mary Schofield; Nola Turner; Pat Coleman; Mary Newbigin; Mariam & Noel Daley; Jim Schliebs; Geof & Robyn Johnson; Brett Pischke; Terry & Marj Manuel; Mavis Coote; Snow Wratten; Anthony Michael; Trish Keightley; Martha Borgas; Gabrielle Henry; Lyn McDonald; Paula Girle; Tim Newberry; Colleen & Bernie Graham; and Audrey & Herb McArdle.
- g. **YOUTH Altar Servers/16:**
Cathy Lane [Coordinator]; Hunter Hollis; Jock Hollis; Hugh Gibson; Tom Gibson; Campbell Horner; Angela Benares; Mark Benares; Gianluca Cabitza; Natasha Hogan; Emma McInnes; Rowena Gascon; Kim Almoite; Keith Almoite; LG Villanueva; and Oscar Rainger

A fresh batch of Altar Servers will be installed on the 4th of October 2014/Saturday. They will come from the ranks of those who did the 1st Eucharist Program on the 23rd & 24th of August 2014; and from the newly-arrived Pinoy Children who have already done 1st Eucharist prior to their arrival.

ADULT Altar Servers/5:
Bob McGrath; Paul Henry; John O'Carrigan; Anthony Michael; and Simon Gaukroger.

The main tasks of the ADULT Altar Servers are: to provide support and assistance to the YOUTH Altar Servers who are "neophytes"; and to serve at masses when there are no YOUTH Altar Servers.

h. Children's Liturgy/28:

Jillie Rainger [Coordinator]; Sue Szumowski; Leanne Bremner; Patsy Armstrong; Trish & Peter dal Santo; Sr. Coral Hedley; Nola Turner; Cathy Lane; Val Thomas; Andrew & Kim Woodhead; Daphne Dasey; Sharon Hollis; Ann O'Brien; Paul & Gabrielle Henry; Margaret Wales; Alf & Debbie Carrigan; Sharna Day; Libby Little; Rosie Long; Nick & Cath Baird; Judy Harris; Jillie Rainger; and June Saint.

10. Altar Society/36 parishioners:

Roma Fenwick resigned as the Coordinator of the Altar Society in view of her intended departure for a Senior Home in Brisbane. She is replaced by Rhonda McGregor.

Rhonda McGregor [Coordinator]; June Saint; Sharon Hollis; Nola Turner; Julie Regan; Linda Redondo; Suzette Dizon; Grace Almoite; Nhel Gascon; Danica Ybas; Jonah Grava; Margaret Allan; Jan Frater; Pat Mather; Judy Harris; Yvonne Campbell; Val Osland; Yvonne Hawkins; Megan Gaukroger; Marie Chie; Mary Middleton; Rhonda McGregor; Margaret Aiton; Colleen Cottell; Rosanna Pliego; Karen Roa; Chanese Buenvenida; Evelyn Sibul; Ronah Villanueva; Shiela Francisco; Pat McCosker; Cathy Sweeney; Lyn O'Brien; Doloretta Migheli; Bev McCudden; and Val McMahon.

11. Religious Education in the State Schools [Catechetics]: in 2014, there are 22 Teachers and Helpers in Inverell; Ashford; and Tingha. John McCormack; Andrew Woodhead; Nancy Winmill; and Cathy Irwin resigned during the year. Carmel and Jim Clusker travel to Ashford to conduct Scripture Classes.

203 children from Inverell Public School; Ross Hill Public School; Gum Flat Public School; Gilgai Public School; 8 children from Tingha Public School; and 14 children from Ashford Public School are given Religious Education once a week [some on Mondays; others on Tuesdays].

Catechists are given an In-Service Training [and Meeting] by Rickie Withers, CCD Diocesan Coordinator, once a term. An annual Prayer & Reflection Evening is likewise conducted by Rickie Withers [this year, it will be held on the 18th of November/Tuesday]. On this occasion the catechists elect their Coordinator for the incoming year. Currently, June Saint is the Parish Coordinator.

My apologies to the Parish Catechists for neglecting to schedule the 2014 Testimonial Luncheon hosted by the parish [lunch at a Chinese restaurant] for all the catechists annually. I have asked June Saint to organise this soonest.

12. ADVENT & LENT:

a. ADVENT & LENTEN Prayer Groups: Sr. Coral Hedley, rsm leads these groups; 12-15 parishioners gather at the Parish MEETING Room mostly on Mondays at 10:00 in the morning; and at the residence of Sr. Coral at 5:30 pm on the same day.

b. Anointing of the Home-Bound: 18 parishioners

c. Anointing within the Mass: 472 parishioners

d. Communal Reconciliation: held on the 17th of December for Advent 2013 and on the 15th of April 2014 for Lent 2014.

d. In Lent: the Stations of the Cross were led by Tingha Parishioners; Saint Vincent de Paul; Parish Catechists; Parish FAMILY Groups; Altar Society; and the Parish PASTORAL Council.

13. Sunday Cuppa/62:

The Parish PASTORAL Council; Tony & Grace Almoite; Roberto & Terry Benares; Roger & Rosalie Zapata; Ronnie & Linda Redondo; Albert & Vicky Talampas; Rowel & Nhel Gascon; Robert & Suzette Dizon; Val & Glen Dimaano; Ryan & Karen Roa; Neil & Evelyn Sibul; Andy & Rosanna Pliego; Marvin & Chanese Buenvenida; Jon & Danica Ybas; Gary & Shiela Francisco; Rey & Jarlyn Langsang; Glenmore & Jonah Grava; Edison & Joal Cajes; Jimmy & Karen Tulabut; Ralph & Ronah Villanueva; Ariel & Abella Navarro; Bernie Sarsaba; Paolo Llanto; Monica Gonzaga; Ron Sagolili; Lyndon & Girlie Villamor; Dexter & Juvilyn Balboa; Leo & Jennifer Enriquez.

Every Sunday, after the 9:00 am mass, Sunday Morning Cuppa is set-up for visitors and parishioners who wish to catch up with fellow parishioners. It is a great time for socialising! The Parish PASTORAL Council set up the Sunday Morning Cuppa when the mass that Sunday includes a parish activity [1st Eucharist; Confirmation; Refugee & Migrant Sunday; Parish Picnic; AGM].

House Masses: celebrated for house-bound or bed-ridden parishioners: Joan Hockey/10 September 2013; Stan Jackson/7 October 2013; Barry Lewis/3 February 2014; Ann Ryan/7 July 2014; Mary Regan/11 August 2014; and Joan Hockey/1 September 2014.

14. 2014 ANZAC DAY Mass/4:

27 deceased members of the Armed Forces were honoured this year [same number in 2013]. Members of the ANZAC DAY Team are: Roma Fenwick; Joan Fleming; Ken Middleton; and myself. I would like to acknowledge the support of Thorley & Sons and the RSL to this undertaking by providing us with the List of those who died from ANZAC Day 2013-ANZAC Day 2014.

15. 2014 AUSTRALIA DAY Mass Team/3:
Ken Middleton; Joan Fleming; and Fr. JOE.

Guest Speaker in 2014 was Ken Middleton. The Tree of Peace was planted by the Brian & Helen Baldwin in recognition of their active involvement in the parish. Brian was awarded the Order of Australia Medal in 2014.

16. YOUNG PEOPLE's MASS/3:
Sharon Hollis [Coordinator]; Carmel McCosker; and Ann Tubb.

"Young People's Mass" was held on the 14th of September 2014 [today] at the usual 9:00 am Sunday Mass. The mass was celebrated in relation to the nationwide celebration of Child Protection Week [7-14 September 2014]. Children who were involved in the mass [reading and non-reading roles] are all regular "mass attendees".

17. Cemetery Mass: Held on the 2nd of November/Saturday at 9:00 am last year, the mass was held at the kiosk in the middle of the cemetery. Mainly organised by Ann Tubb, as member of the Parish LITURGY Group, the mass continues to be well-attended and participated in by parishioners who set up the mass and the usual mass roles. This year, the mass will be held on the 1st of November 2014.

18. Migrant and Refugee Sunday: Held on the 31st of August 2014/Sunday; participated in by migrant-parishioners. This is a well-received and well-attended mass [multi-language] and event [multi-cultural cuppa after the mass]. Foreign flags were displayed in the church; a big Australian flag was displayed on the sanctuary.

19. Saint Patrick Day Mass Team/7:
Organised by: Patsy Armstrong; Josephine Kelly; Ken Middleton; and Mike Ward.

This year's weekend mass [focusing on Saint Patrick] was on the 16th of March 2013/Saturday. The readings and Prayers of the Faithful were in Irish.

The Mass was followed by a concert organised by Mike Ward and hosted by Patsy Armstrong; the BBQ Meal was organised by Ken Middleton/Bob McGuire/John Henderson. Sausages were provided by the parish; parishioners were asked to bring salads/dessert to share. The proceeds of the sale of softdrinks were donated to the PNG Mission; prices donated by Kay & Jim Harmon and Peter & Di Marsh.

20. Baptism Preparation Program/3:
Jillie Rainger [Coordinator]; Nick Baird; and Fr. JOE.

It is a prerequisite in this parish that the Guardian/s or Parent/s of those who are to be baptized must attend a BAPTISM Preparation Session [only once; they need not attend after the 1st child].

21. Debutante Ball Committee/10:
The Committee Members are: Anthony Michael, Chair; Brett Pischke, Secretary; Anita & Danny Marsh, Trainors; Anne McCosker; Bob Witherdin; and Lyn O'Brien. This year, Darlene Motum and Brett Pischke assisted Anita & Danny in training the debs and their partners; and in organising the details of the event. Anthony Michael efficiently directed the entire activity.

Held on the 23rd of May 2014/Friday at the RSM; graced by Bishop Michael Kennedy; there were 16 Debs this year. A social and a fund-raising event, the Ball earned \$ - for the parish.

The Ball was preceded by one-on-one interviews by me [11/17/18 March]. The Pre-Ball Gathering of the Debs; their Partners; and their Parents on the 6th of March/Saturday was canceled because the Bishop was not available. Nevertheless, at the 6:00 pm Mass, the Debs and their Partners were presented to the Congregation as it has been done in the past.

The 2014 Deb Ball Matron & Chairman of the Ball were Bernie & Colleen Graham, respectively.

22. Parish FAMILY Groups:
There are 4 Parish FAMILY Groups: Chie Family Group; Henry Family Group [formerly Pryor Family Group]; Gardner Family Group; and Carson Family Group.

Coordinated by Gloria Baldwin, the major activities of the groups, in addition to their individual monthly activities, are: the Parish Picnic [13 October 2012]. In 2014, the Parish FAMILY Group leaders decided to move the Parish Picnic on the 4th of May 2014/Sunday. On the same date, the annual Fruit Cake Sunday was conducted.

At the "Fruit Cake Sunday" Mass, the banners of the different Groups were paraded and displayed; at the Offertory Procession, the fruit cakes were presented together with the Altar Gifts. The main liturgy parts were played by members of the PFG.

23. **Parish FORMATION Team/4:**
Sr. Judy Breen, rsm [Chair], Megan Gaukroger [Secretary]; Joan Fleming; and myself. The main parish activity under this Team are: the organising of eConference Sessions; and the annual Parish Retreat.
24. **Garden Care/15:**
Snow Wratten [Coordinator]; Tony King; Greg Fleming; Terry Manuel; Chic Lennon; Bill Dempsey; Col Hoyt; Ken Middleton; Neville Cook; Allan Kinneer; John Henderson; Di Marsh; John McCudden; Anna Thivakon; and Helen Hewens.
- The six [6] teams are rostered on Saturdays to tend the gardens. Since 2012, Keith McCosker mowed the lawn.
25. **Home ROSARY Ministry/56 [Wednesdays at 3:00 pm or 7:00 pm]:**
Rosary Leaders/6: Brian & Helen Baldwin; Helen Tutt & Pauline Croft; Joyce Dickins; and Sharon Hollis.
Home-Hosts/50: Betty McMahan; Colleen Cottell; Sharon Hollis; Shayne & Sue O'Brien; Sue Spackman; Annette & Greg Fleming; Neville & Janet Cook; Snow & Pat Wratten; Mike & Marie Ward; Mary & Ken Middleton; Dick & Margaret Wales; Roma Fenwick; Helen & Brian Baldwin; Joyce Dickins; Joy Walker; Attilio & Giuliana Cabitza; Maureen Rolfe; Flo Kennedy; Pat Coleman; Geoff & Robyn Johnson; June Turner; Helen & Ross Tutt; Pauline Croft; John & Pat Henderson; Judy Harris; John & Anna Thivakon; Joan Ticehurst; Nola Turner; Keith & Mary McLane; Jennifer Monie; Bob Kneipp; Maureen Newbigin; Joan Hiscox; Bev Hoynes; Anthony & Rosie Michael; Barry & Flo Emerson; Jill Hallam; Pat Mather; Veronica Walker; Shirley Hardy; Margaret Aiton; John & Mary McCormack; Margaret Allan; Ann & Doug Barry; Betty Leech; Tony O'Shannessy; Rhonda McGregor; Jan O'Neill; Doloretta Migheli; and Kath Hiscox.
- Parishioners of Tingha regularly meet on Wednesdays at 4:30 pm to pray the Holy Rosary at the residence of Colleen and Bernie Graham. I join them at least once a month, when I am able. On these occasions, I take advantage of the time to do Home [Jack McArdle] and Hospital Visits.
26. **Home VISITATION Ministry:** Pat Mather visits with me usually on Thursdays at 3:00 pm. This year, we have done 24 visits to home-bound parishioners.
27. **Hospital Visitation Ministry:** conducted with Margaret Wales on Mondays; Phyllis Nichols on Wednesdays; and Carmel Clusker on Fridays. These visits are at 3:00 pm on Mondays and Fridays; and at 10:00 am on Wednesdays.
- From September to August this year, we have made 103 visits to the hospital. There should have been 156 hospital visits made but cancellations were inevitable when funerals; retreats; clergy conferences; parish meetings occur on the days when said visitations were scheduled.
28. **McLean Retirement Village/23:**
Pat Coleman [Coordinator]; Team 1: Bob Kneipp; Greg Fleming; Pauline Croft; and Pam Johnstone. Team 2: Greg & Bev Leach; Pat Coleman; Nola McLeod; Mary Schofield; and Jenny Monie. Team 3: Brian Baldwin; Ross Tutt; and Peter Constable. Team 4: Trish Keightley; Jan O'Neill; Neville Cook; Marie Chie; Michael & Helen McCosker and Children.
- Masses are celebrated at McLean every Friday at 11:00 am [except First Friday]. Each Friday, one Team takes care in welcoming and distributing Holy Communion to the bed-bound. The Sacrament of Anointing is celebrated within the mass every 2nd Friday of the month.
29. **LITURGY LEADERS [Liturgy of the WORD & HOLY COMMUNION]/13:**
Greg Leach [Coordinator/until June 2014]; Sharon Hollis [Coordinator/starting July 2014]; Patsy Armstrong; Dan Hannigan; Sr. Coral Hedley; Ken Middleton; Jo Peel; Mary Gaston; Denise Hills; Margaret Robinson; Audrey McArdle; Jenny Hayden; and Colleen Graham.
- The mandated parishioners mentioned above lead the weekday [Tuesdays and Thursdays] congregation in the celebration of the Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion when I am away in Inverell; Ashford; and Tingha. Their mandate is for 3 years [from 2012-2014]. A new mandate is due in 2015. The LW and HC are held mostly on weekdays when I am away on a break.
30. **Mail Drop:** Currently, there are 12 home-bound parishioners who receive the Parish Bulletin every week. A few is picked up and delivered personally by parishioners; the rest is mailed on Mondays.
31. **Marriage Preparation Course:** Couples who get married in the church usually go to Gunnedah for their Marriage Preparation Course. One of them, however, was prepared in Tamworth by Ray & Merrilyn Gaffney who are accredited Marriage Counsellors. There was only two [2] wedding scheduled this year.
32. **MISSION OUTREACH:** The parish, working closely with Mercy Works, has supported the Leadership and Skills-Training Programme at the Women's Development Centre in St. Gerard's Parish of PNG since 2011. We have, so far, remitted: \$ -.

33. **Parish HISTORY Group/5:**
Julie Regan [Chair]; Nola Turner; Gloria Baldwin; Beth & Bill Sutton.

Meets on the 3rd Thursdays of the month at 3:30 pm. They continue to collect; file and consolidate archive materials.

34. **Parish RETREAT:** In 2014, the Parish Retreat, called: A Day of Reflection, was conducted on the 6th of September [from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm]. Organized by the Parish FORMATION Team, the retreat is facilitated by Ann Finlayson; held at the residence of Rosemary Breen.

35. **Men's Retreat Core Team/5:**
Greg Leach [Coordinator]; Mike Casey-Ransom; Shayne O'Brien; Bernie Cook; and Ken Middleton.

"A Day of Prayer and Reflection for Men" was held on the 31st of August 2013. It was held at the Holy Trinity School; facilitated by Fr. Paul McCabe; participated in by __ men in the parish.

36. **Parish WELCOME Committee/19:**
Anthony & Anne Dale [Coordinators]; members of this Committee: Ian & Jackie Martin; Janet Wedlock; Ken & Mary Middleton; Rosemary Breen; Val & David McMahon; Kaye & Brian Gardner; Mary Schofield; Greg & Marie Chie; Gabrielle & Paul Henry; Shayne & Sue O'Brien.

The Welcome Gathering was held again at the back of the presbytery on the 23rd of March 2014/Sunday. It was well-attended; those who came were very affirmed by the spirit of welcome they experience from the parish.

37. **Sacramental Preparation Team/8:**
Dom Gibson [Coordinator for HTS Candidates]; June Saint [Coordinator for Public School Candidates]; Cathy Lane; Carole McNeil; Daphne Dasey; Leanne Bremner; Joan Fleming; and Sharon Hollis.

The 2013 Sacramental Preparation Programme [Confirmation/26 May; and 1st Eucharist/8 September] was run through the auspices of Holy Trinity School, particularly by Jo Peel in 2013. However, in 2014, 1st Reconciliation and 1st Eucharist were combined using a revised module prepared by Jo Peel.

1st Reconciliation was not conducted in 2013 in view of the decision that the candidates for 1st Reconciliation be Year 3 [not Year 2]. This decision jibed with the merging of the two programs in 2014.

The Preparation Sessions for the Candidates from Holy Trinity School were conducted during regular Religious Education times at HTS. The Candidates from the state schools were prepared on Wednesdays [4:00-5:00 pm] at the Parish MEETING Room.

38. **McLea Ministry:** Coordinated by Pat Coleman, there are four [4] Teams who are ministering McLea Village: Team 1: Bob Kneip; Greg Fleming; Pauline Croft; and Pam Johnstone. Team 2: Bev & Greg Leach; Pat Coleman; Nola McLeod; Mary Schofield; and Jennie Monie. Team 3: Brian Baldwin; Ross Tutt; and Peter Constable. Team 4: Trish Keightley; Jan 'Neill; Neville Cook; Marie Chie; and Michael & Helen McCosker & Children.

Masses are celebrated on Fridays at 11:00 am [no mass on 1st Fridays]; or Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion when I am away. After the mass, ministers go around to those who are bed-bound to distribute Holy Communion.

Together with Judy Harris, I visit them, when I can, on Tuesdays at 3:00 pm.

39. **Parish REGISTRY Recorders/4:**
Gloria Baldwin; Noel McCosker; Lyn O'Brien; and Julie Regan.

40. **Special Collections:**

a. Mandated by the Diocese:

-CCD Collection for Catechetics/9-10 January 2014 weekend	: \$ 275.00
-Project Compassion [in Lent]	: \$ 2,998.95
-Holy Places [on Good Friday]	: \$ 933.20
-Education of Clergy & Seminarians	: \$ 190.90
-Peter's Pence	: \$ 400.00
-Priests Retirement Foundation	: \$ 772.75
-Mission Sunday	: \$ 400.00

b. Mandated by the Parish FINANCE Committee:

-Saint Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal [8-9 December 2012]
-Mercy Mission: Tree of Prayer; Sale of Softdrinks throughout the year; other fund-raising activities.

-Bush Fire Appeal
-Typhoon HAIYAN Appeal

41. Still in the "WISH LIST": Mass for the Unborn; Grief Team; and Funeral Greeters.

-Parish Activities and Liturgical Celebrations- [from: AGM 2013 to: AGM 2014]

September 15/Sunday/after the 9:00 am Mass: 2013 PPC Annual General Meeting

October 13/Sunday/after the 9:00 am Mass: PARISH PICNIC
October 20/Sunday/10:00 am: HTS Jubilee Mass [at the HTS school]
November 2/Saturday/9:00 am: MASS at the Cemetery
November 27/Wednesday/9:15 am: HTS Year-6 Thanksgiving Mass
November 29/Friday/5:30 pm: Catechists' Reflection Evening [Inverell/Ashford/Tingha] by: **Rickie Withers**
December 6/Friday/9:15 am: HTS Year-10 Graduation Mass
December 7/Saturday/6:00 pm: Installation of Altar Servers
December 13/Friday/9:15 am: HTS Thanksgiving Mass
January 11/Saturday/8:00 am: Parish WORKING Bee
January 26/Sunday/9:00 am: AUSTRALIA DAY MASS-Inverell then: Cuppa
February 1/Saturday/6:00 pm: MASS-Inverell with Blessing of Candles and with: Commissioning of Catechists
February 2/Sunday/9:00 am: MASS-Inverell with Blessing of Throats and with: Commissioning of Catechists
February 5/Wednesday/9:15 am: HTS Induction Mass
February 8/9 weekend: **Special Collection: CCD**
February 23/Sunday/:00 am: MASS-Tingha with: Commissioning of Catechists
March 15/Saturday/4:30 pm: Saint Patrick's Mass & Concert
March 23/Sunday/12:00 Noon: WELCOME Gathering for New Parishioners
April 5/Saturday/6:00 pm: MASS-Inverell followed by: **Presentation of Debs & Partners**
April 12/Saturday/6:00 pm: YOUTH MASS-Inverell
April 25/Friday/8:30 am: ANZAC Day Mass
May 4/Sunday/9:00 am: MASS-Inverell/FRUIT CAKE Sunday followed by PARISH PICNIC
May 23-25/Friday-Sunday: Episcopal Visitation
July 5/6 weekend: Special Collection: Peter's Pence
August 19/Tuesday/6:00 pm: **FIRST RECONCILIATION**
August 23/Saturday/:00 pm: **FIRST EUCHARIST MASS-Inverell**
August 24/Sunday/9:00 am: **FIRST EUCHARIST MASS-Inverell**
August 31/Sunday/9:00 am: Refugee & Migrant Sunday MASS-Inverell followed by: **Cuppa**
September 6/Saturday/10:00 am-3:00 pm: Parish Day of Reflection by: **Ann Finlayson**
September 6-7 weekend: Special Collection: Priests Retirement Foundation
September 14/Sunday/9:00 am: Mass for Young People/Child Protection Sunday

September 14/Sunday/after the 9:00 am Mass: 2014 PPC Annual General Meeting

-in CONCLUSION-

I would like to acknowledge all parishioners who are involved in the different Parish Ministries [including those not mentioned in this report]; and the Parish Leaders who help me run the different facets of parish management and pastoral ministry.

Special thanks to Pat Coleman who helps me organise the music for funerals; also to Bev & Greg Leach who are always willing to get involved; and to those who come to our rescue when the Leaches are not available: Richard Ward; Michelle McLachlan; and Bobbie Wigg.

Special thanks to Terry O'Brien who takes photos when we have special parish activities; to Bernie and Colleen Graham for video-ing who are helping in the documentation of our parish activities. It must be mentioned here too that Bernie Graham is a big help in re-producing formation and information materials; and making them available for all.

Inverell is too big a parish for one person to run and to manage. We were able to attain our goals this year because parishioners are involved. We must continue encouraging the participation of parishioners in the life of the parish. It is an indispensable grace to ensure that we grow and become true instruments of GOD's presence in the world.

GOD BLESS and THANK YOU for your involvement in our many undertakings.