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*My favourite memory
and what I like
most about our
All Saints Catholic
Church is....*



My favourite memories of All Saints Catholic Church, Kempsey, are Christmas Masses. Growing up in Port Macquarie and having lived in Sydney for the past 30 years, we ~~have~~ holidayed regularly in beautiful SWK. We would celebrate Christmas Mass regularly at Kempsey. Each Christmas, my husband Paul and I would return with our latest babe in arms: firstly Renben (now a 6 foot 14 year old), then Jasper (now 12), followed by ^{HARRY} Henry (10) and finally with our darling Flynn (now 8). Each Christmas as we would celebrate the birth of the baby Jesus, I would swaddle our own beautiful ^{new} baby boy. I would cry with the beauty of birth and life. Whoever the current 2 year old, would be running around outside the Church with Paul and my Mum and Dad, David and Marea Donova would stand proudly by my side. So, very happy Christmas

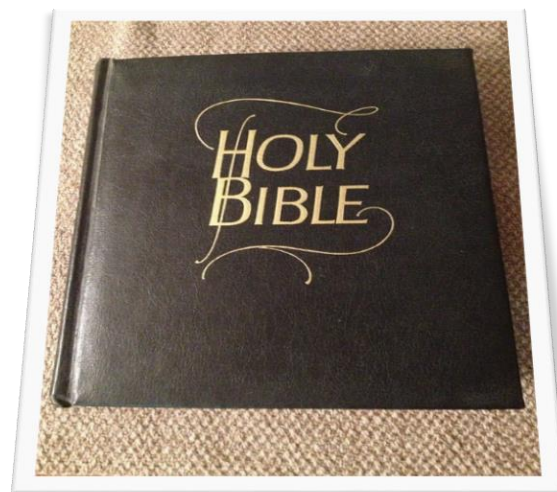
memories of All Saints Catholic Church,
Kensay.

Susan Eichorn.

SWR

Easter 2022

at Mass with my Mum + Leuben + Jasper



MEMORIES of RUTH and BOB KING

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In the early 1980's two families "the Pascoes & the Fallons" began a catholic youth group in Sydney. While living in U.S.A their children experienced these youth weekends & it wasn't long before this movement spread to Port Macquarie.

In 1983 we received a call asking if we would consider being a "parent couple" for this youth group called Antioch. Our first thought was why are they asking us as we had just welcomed our sixth child & had very busy lives. It wasn't long before Pat & Leone Kinton, Port Macquarie "parent couple", arrived on our doorstep & we warmed to this beautiful couple immediately. We agreed to give it a shot & attended our first Antioch weekend at Port in December, taking along our two eldest, Antony & Donna & eight year 10 students from St Pauls College. These young people experienced religious talks, given by the youth, under the guidance of their parent couple and religious co-ordinator, also discussion groups, fun, music, plenty of food, ending with mass & a closing ceremony.

We could see the value of such a group bringing God to the youth in a special way that the teenagers can relate to. So "Parent Couple" we became & along with Mr. Marleen, our religious co-ordinator, Maureen Clarke - our food caterer, blessings from our parish priest & our many volunteers we hosted our first Antioch weekend in August 1984.

We continued for eight years with the group having meetings & prayer each Sunday night in our home & hosting Antioch weekends here in Kempsey & in other towns in our diocese. These young people also became involved in All Saints, participating in Saturday night's mass, about once a month, playing music & singing, reading, offertory procession & taking up the collection. It was a wonderful faith-filled journey, witnessing these teenagers reaching out & supporting each other. Over 170 youth, in Kempsey, including our third eldest, Aaron, had now experienced Antioch. None of this would have been possible without the support of All Saints Catholic Church & the continuous encouragement from its caring community.

Thank you

Ruth & Bob King.

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On a very stormy night some years ago
there was to be a concert in the church.
A wonderful performance by the Kempsey
Singers. "The Messiah" as the lovely
operatic music and singing was happening
the thunder and lightning were at their
peak; it was just magic as my friend and
I looked down from the up stairs choir loft
a most enjoyable night was had. Not even
Baz Loman could out do that night.

Margaret Patterson



Helen Patterson from Gladstone.
 Married Jim Harrison (chemist)
 Kempsey Catholic Church 30-3-1959
 They had six children and all but
 one is still alive. The youngest Peter lives
 at South West Rocks.
 Helen married again to Leo Behan and
 they live in Concord Sydney.





The Church Chior at the Chrism Mass
 Present were Jill Biston, Elizabeth Well's
 Jan Stub's
 Margaret Patterson
 2005





Christmas Mass for Public School Children (date unknown)



Erecting Christmas Tree for Public School Children (date unknown)

MEMORIES OF MARY BARNETT

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Attention. To our planning committee.

Our family have been very blessed over the years, being part of our parish family. Having the opportunity to attend daily Mass, receiving the sacraments – christenings, first communion, confirmation, marriage, is such a privilege.

Len and I have been married for 50 Years this year on 24/06/2022. Our children were educated in our local catholic schools and have moved on to be committed, well formed, adults in the world due to their catholic upbringing.

Being part of our catholic community has provided me with many opportunities, volunteering while our children were at school, participating at mass, picking up and transporting other parishioners who had difficulty attending mass, sharing my faith by scripture teaching in the state schools, receiving wonderful support, and have enjoyed many social events, also working in aged care, sharing and caring for our elderly, for the last 31 years.

God willing, may this beautiful Church remain for centuries to come and continue to allow us to gather in service of the Lord.

Thank You for our contribution.

Regards. Mary Barnett

MEMORIES OF NORMA COOPER



Wedding of Frank Galvin and Marie Flanigan 15 May 1948

**L – R: Joan Flanigan, Jack Galvin, Marie Flanigan, Frank Galvin, Ron Galvin,
Norma Cooper (nee Flanigan), Flower Girls: Beverley Flanigan & Leonie Harrison**





Wedding of John Cooper and Norma Flanigan 18 August 1951

L – R: Bill Cooper, John Cooper, Norma Cooper (nee Flanigan), Nell Farley

Flower Girl: Leonie Harrison





**Patrick Smith Married Joan Flanigan
27 October 1951**



**Tim Cooper Married Libby Potter 1980
L-R: Terry Cooper, John Cooper, Tim Cooper(Groom), Libby Potter, Kate,
Vanessa, Heidi, Virginia, Flower Girl: Amy Cooper, Page Boy ??**



David Cooper Married Helen Scruman 16 June 1979



Rodney Cooper Married Colleen Bryon 10 October 1992



Paul McGovern Married Cathy Cooper 30 January 1982



David Gibson Married Vanessa Cooper 19 September 1998

MEMORIES of TONY and NAOMI KEAST



Tony and Naomi Keast's wedding 21/1/1995 at
All Saints Catholic Church, Kempsey.
With their parents - Norm and Jean Keast and
Tom and Joy Rees.
Married by Father Geoffrey Bugden.



**Baptism of Tamara Keast,
daughter of Tony & Naomi Keast
April 1999,
All Saints Catholic Church.**



**Baptism of Andrea Keast March 2001.
Parents – Tony & Naomi Keast,
Sister – Tamara Keast**

MEMORIES of ROSEMARY FISHER



**Wedding Ron Murray and Margaret
Fisher, 1971**

**First Holy Communion 1971
Back & Front L-R:
Ivy Mainey (Grandmother),
Derek Sillitoe.
Sister Xavier, Kaye Fisher,
Susannah Cavanagh
(Grandmother), Peter Shaw**





Dane & Michael Fisher, Confirmation 1986



Bradley Notley, Sheila Fisher
(Grandmother)
Bishop John Satterthwaite

Confirmation 1999

MEMORIES OF THE MacANDREWS FAMILY

My favourite memory of All Saints Church is the baptism of our daughter, Lucy Rose MacAndrews on Saturday 3rd February, 2018. This is special for two reasons.

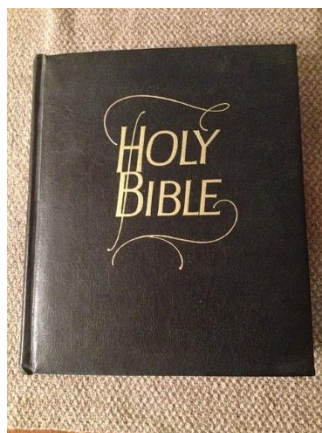
Firstly, we were still relatively new to the parish but were blessed to have so many parishioners, family and friends join us for a special Mass to celebrate Lucy's initiation into God's family. It was a time when we really felt welcome and supported by our local community here in the Macleay.

Secondly, the family in attendance made this occasion extra special. All of Lucy's Australian and Canadian grandparents, as well as both of her surviving Great-Grandmothers were in attendance!

My almost 101-year old Grandmother, Dorothy Nugent, had got in the car with my parents and had driven the 500 km from Brisbane to Kempsey to be at the baptism. Sara's 84-year old Nonna, Angela Ciara, had made a surprise 15000 km trip from Canada to Kempsey. What is extraordinary about this is that her week-long trip was booked months prior, even before Lucy was born, and it just so happened that she was in Australia for her Great-Granddaughter's Baptism!

Although Lucy will not remember it, she was blessed beyond words to have 4 generations on both sides of her family at this special occasion, and we hope that the photo taken of these 4 generations can be shown to her own Great-Grandchildren many years from now.

By Dominic MacAndrews





All Saints Catholic Church - Saturday 3 February 2018

Baptism of Lucy Rose MacAndrews

Lucy is with her Parents, Grandmothers and Great Grandmothers





All Saints Catholic Church - Saturday 3 February 2018

Baptism of Lucy Rose MacAndrews



The first time that Dom and I entered the All Saints church building was in December 2016. We had just driven down from Brisbane to spend a week getting to know Kempsey and find a place to live before Dom began teaching at St. Paul's a few weeks later. It was a Tuesday evening and we had seen on the website that there was Adoration following Mass that evening, and decided to go. I was nervous about moving to Kempsey. I knew no one and didn't know what I would do with myself while Dom was working.

As we entered the church for the first time that Tuesday evening, I was struck by the beautiful and simple adornment of the Sanctuary. As I continued to look around at what would become our new parish, I noticed that the altar was decorated with the alpha and omega symbols, something I have seen in many other churches, but with one very unique, very meaningful and personal difference. Whilst the alpha symbol was capitalized (Α), the omega symbol was lowercase! (ω instead of Ω). This was immediately significant to me, as I have the opposite in a small tattoo (α and Ω). It was clear to me that God was saying, Do not be afraid. I have prepared this place for you, and you will find a home in this parish.

Five and a half years later, I can say with joy that God has kept His promise, as He always does. We have felt so loved and welcomed as part of the Macleay Valley Parish, and have created many memories here, including the joyful baptisms of our two beautiful daughters. We are so grateful that God called us here to be part of this community.

Sara MacAndrews



MEMORIES OF THE BRECKELL FAMILY

**JOSEPHINE FARLEY MARRIED GREG BRECKELL AT ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC CHURCH
29TH APRIL 1972 (CELEBRANT: FR JOHN KELLY)**



**GROOMSMEN WERE PETER FIGGETT & GREG KINNEAR
BRIDESMAIDS WERE BETH & SUSAN FARLEY AND FLOWERGIRL LOUISE FARLEY**



**ALEX BRECKELL'S BAPTISM IN ALL
SAINTS CHURCH ON 9TH AUGUST
1992 WITH PARENTS GREG &
JOSEPHINE BRECKELL AND
SIBLINGS AARON & MONIQUE**

**ALEX BRECKELL'S CONFIRMATION IN ALL SAINTS
CHURCH IN 1998 WITH HIS COUNSINS DARCY,
GEORGE & BRIDGET PLUNKETT, ANNA & ANTHONY
BARNETT AND TRAVIS JONES**



MEMORIES OF JENNIFER HILE (MAINEY)



Trevor Hile Married Jennifer Mainey 6 June 2006



The Late John Mainey Married Jennifer Selvey, 20 April 1963



Jennifer and the late John Mainey



MEMORIES OF JANICE CLARKE

Peter Clarke & Janice Burge
Married 21st June 1997
Peter died in 2020 His funeral
was the 1st allowed in the church
after government close downs



The close downs that Jan refers to were because of the Covid-19 Pandemic

MEMORIES OF SHIRLEY SLATER



**Dale and Shirley Slater (nee Galvin) were married on 1 November 1980
by Father William Mills.**

**Shirley also was Baptised, received her First Holy Communion and was
Confirmed in All Saints Catholic Church.**

**Shirley and Dale's Son, Andrew James
Martin Slater was Baptised on 27 April
1986.**

**He also received his First Holy
Communion and Confirmation in All
Saints.**



FAVOURITE MEMORIES of ISABELLE BROWNE
"FAMILY"

John Francis Henry
Married
June Salmond
1949



Stephen James Henry
Married
Heather Halvorsen
1976

Mary Ruth Henry
Married
Geoffery Robert McIver
1978



Isabelle Francis Henry
Married
Ronald James Browne
1977



Karen Anne Browne

Married

Adam Lindsay Andrews

2001

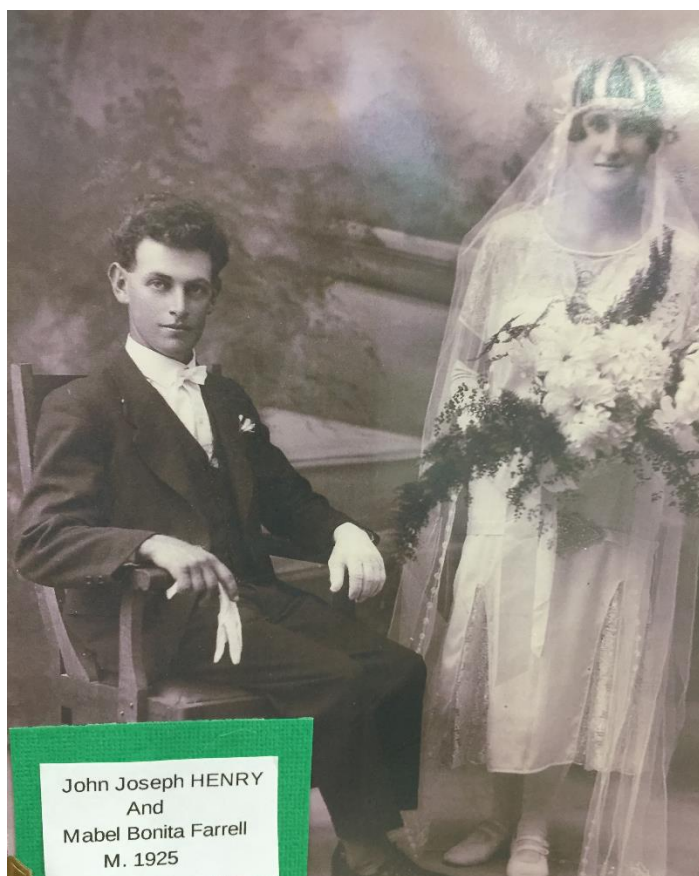
Beverly Gerardine Henry

Married

Geoff Kyle

1956





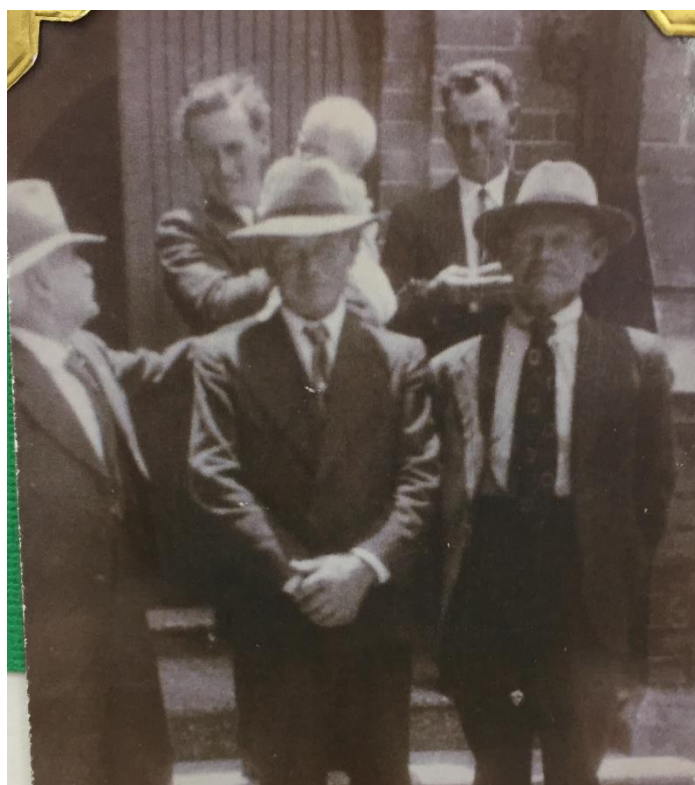
Four Generations – 1952

James Henry

John Joseph Henry

John Francis Henry

Paul John Thomas Henry





Scott John Henry
Baptised
1986



Mary Agnes Henry
Married
Jack Brown
1952




**Vanessa Louise
Henry
Baptised
1979**



**Rochelle Louise Browne
Baptised
1981**



 CELEBRATION OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC CHURCH KEMPSEY 7th May, 1989	
Daniel Allen	Kathryn Anderson
Jerry Baldanado	Bronwyn Bosse
Rachel Bosse	Paula Brennan
Rebecca Borger	Matthew Chant
Danielle Clifford	Rebekah Clout
Elise Cox	Rochelle Browne
Nikki Hayes	Kate Hudson
Lisa Whitford	Michael Hudson
Rosanna Jones	Michael Judd
Ben Lee	Prue Shaw
Sophie Li	Cameron MacKenzie
Christian McKay	Aaron Meehan
Sarah Mitchell	Emma Yabsley
Elizabeth Morrow	Chantelle Nichols
Elke Wooderson	Mitchell Nolan
Gavin Peek	Amanda Perks
Matthew Perks	Christopher Peters
Michelle Mainey	Brodie Preston
Luke Mainey	Michael Riley
Elizabeth Rombola	Rebecca Ryan
Veanka Sawle	Kate Scott
Melissa Smith	Megan Van Der Lay
Mark Walkom	Troy Wilson
Corinna Woodbridge	Nina Zvirzdinas

Monsignor Morris has passed away

The death in Sydney, on Sunday, of the Right Rev. Monsignor Thomas Joseph Morris, P.P., V.F., of Smithtown, brought a deep shadow of sorrow to the Macleay valley, for he was a man held in warm and eminent regard by all sections of the Macleay community.

GREAT MAN



MONSIGNOR T. J. MORRIS

The late Monsignor Morris was born at Millthorpe, in the Bathurst district, on the 25th January, 1888. He was ordained to the Priesthood in St. Patrick's College, Manly, by the late Archbishop Kelly, of Sydney, 30th November 1916, being one of the first class of twelve students to enter St. Columba's Seminary, Springwood, and to be subsequently ordained at Manly.

His first appointment in the Diocese of Lismore was to Kempsey parish, where he acted as assistant priest. Kempsey he went to Bowraville as priest in charge for a short period of about 12 months. From 1918 until 1920 he was on the Cathedral staff at Lismore.

He was appointed Priest in charge of the parish of Kyogle in 1920 and remained there until 1923, in which year he became the Administrator of the parish of Kempsey — an appointment which he held for 18 years.

He became Parish Priest of Smithtown in 1941 and served in that parish until the time of his final illness.

In 1951 he was appointed a Diocesan Consultor to Bishop Farrelly and also became Vicar Forane of the lower part of the Diocese in the same year.

He was honoured in a special way by the late Pope Pius XII, who appointed him a Domestic

Prelate in 1956, an honour which carried with it the title of Right Rev. Monsignor.

He is survived by one brother, Mr. Jack Morris of Balmain and by two sisters, Sister Mary Padua of the Little Company of Mary, Ryde, and Mrs. P. Walsh of Parramatta. The Rev. Father Bede Smith, of Woodstock, Bathurst is a nephew.

There will be Requiem Mass in St. Patrick's Church, Smithtown, at 10.30 this (Tuesday) morning, and the funeral will take place then to the Catholic portion of West Kempsey Cemetery.

In his younger days the late Monsignor Morris was a keen cricketer, and some of his batting feats on Kempsey Park are still remembered.

However, he will best be remembered as a fine citizen, outspoken when necessary; but ever respectful of facts and full consideration for other people's points of view.

During his term at Smithtown he was an active member of the Ratepayers' Association and did much in the campaign to have a river bridge built at Smithtown.

His main interest, however, was in the welfare, both material and spiritual, of the people of the district, with special regard to the guidance of the younger generation.

A fine man, Monsignor Morris will long be missed.

Father Morris later to be Monsignor Morris was administrator of Kempsey Parish from 1923 to 1941 for 18 years.

He became Parish Priest of Smithtown in 1941 and served until his illness.

He was honoured by Pope Pius XII who appointed him a domestic prelate in 1956 the honour carried with it the title of Right Rev. Monsignor.

A FAMILY PRAYER LIST – JEN CLARKE

The older members of the family often talked about how the rosary was really an important time in the family day and how it brought them all together.

When Uncle Ned decided that it was time to check out the other side several members of the family got together at a certain time to say the rosary. Even though we were not together physically I felt a connection to each of you through our prayer.

Where am I leading to with this? Well simply I am going to start a family prayer list and once a month I am going to post a list of family members who I feel are in need of a prayer. The reason that a person would make the list is because they are sick; they might be doing a special project; they might be doing it tough; or it could be a prayer of thanksgiving.

A few on the list will probably be there permanently but the rest of us will come and go. If you wish to put someone on the list either messenger me with their name and yes you can put yourself on the list or you can post it yourself.

Every Sunday at 8pm I am going to say a prayer for all of the family members on the list. I invite you to join me. It does not have to be the rosary. It can just be a simple thought or a few words.

In May of last year I started to write a prayer every day to Mother Mary. I recently finished the 365th prayer. When I told others of this project I was motivated by many family members and friends to publish the prayers. The book will be called Uncommon Prayers to Mother Mary. One of those prayers say:

“There is no right or wrong place to pray . . . although I would strongly recommend not dropping to your knees in the middle of the Harbour Bridge during peak hour. There is no right or wrong way to pray. And you don’t have to be in a certain mood. Sometimes when I pray the noise in my head is so distracting it feels like I’m at a T20 cricket match. None of this matters. The only thing that matters is my intent. So, I pray to you in thanks with joy in my heart for your presence in my life; and for your understanding that my prayers will never be perfect. “

I request that we all think of each other on Sunday night at 8pm with that simple thought or intent.

The family members I am putting on the first prayer list are: Brian, Julie, Greta, Rupert, Jennifer, Jill, Jenna, Mark, Kimrey, Karrin . . . please add your names to the list. I will be starting the first prayer this Sunday. Be well all and enjoy life. Jen xxx



FAMILY PRAYER LIST

Good evening all. We are beginning the first family prayer this evening at 8pm. The first family members on the prayer list are: Brian, Julie, Greta, Rupert, Jennifer, Jill, Jenna, Mark, Kimrey, Karrin, Annie B., Glen, Robyn and other family members who do not wish to be named.

Just to reconfirm, people are on the list for various reasons. This could be because they are sick; they might be doing a special project; they might be doing it tough; or it could be a prayer of thanksgiving.

I will remind everyone each Sunday who is on the prayer list and if you wish to add someone please do so.

So, with whatever prayer you wish to pray or even just sit in silence for a short while, I will be with you all at 8pm. (I am setting my alarm at 7.58pm so that I don't forget.) Be well and enjoy life. Jen xxx



FAMILY PRAYER LIST

Good morning all. We are beginning the second family prayer this evening at 8pm. The family members on the prayer list are: Brian, Julie, Greta, Rupert, Jennifer, Jill, Jenna, Mark, Kimrey, Karrin, Annie B., Glen, Robyn, Kristy, those in lock-down especially those in lock-down by themselves, children in lock-down, those affected by Covid, and other family members who do not wish to be named but would still like prayers. I am also going to add each month the special intentions of a family branch. This month it will be for Daphne & Bernie's crew.

So, with whatever prayer you wish to pray or even just sit in silence for a short while, I will be with you all at 8pm. Be well and enjoy life. Jen xxx

FAMILY PRAYER LETTER

Last weekend Beth contacted me with a rather interesting request. She would like to organise our prayer time at 8pm on Sunday evening into a rosary over Zoom where anyone in the family could join in.

It was very sweet of her to think that I could snap my fingers to make it happen which I cannot but I do know how to ask other people who are technologically savvy. So I asked Dave if it was possible. He very generously said that he felt that he could organise it.

But before he goes through all of the trouble in doing that I would like to ask the family if you are interested. I would think that we would need at least 8-10 families that would like to partake to make it viable.

So, my question is - is there anyone out there interested in having our Sunday prayers go Zoom? Could you please respond as soon as possible please? If we have enough interest we may be able to even begin this Sunday on Father's Day.

Enjoy the rest of your week.

Jen xxx

PS Thank you Beth for the suggestion and to Dave for offering to organise the Zoom.



FAMILY PRAYER LIST –5th September

Good evening all.

Tomorrow night we will pray the seventh family prayer at 8pm. WE WILL BE TRIALING THIS VIA ZOOM. If you have any questions after reading Dave's post from yesterday give me a ring or email. I am somewhat excited in joining the family together this way. Again thank you to Dave for organising it and to Beth for suggesting it.

The following family members on the prayer list for the second month are: Brian, Julie, Greta, Rupert, Cassy, Betty, Connie, Jenna, Karrin, Robyn, Kristy, Serina and baby, Linda K., Lisa D., Penny, Kingsley, the Smith Family, all those celebrating their birthdays this week, all FATHERS and other family members who do not wish to be named but would still like prayers. I am also going to add each month the special intentions of a family branch. This month it will be for Marie & Jack's crew.

I would also like to mention all those members of our family who have left us. Our prayer for them is a prayer of thanksgiving for what they have brought to us.

Our thoughts and prayers will also be with all of NSW but especially Greater Sydney and all of those who have been directly affected by Covid.

If you would like to add anyone to the list please let me know and I will post it or you can do it yourself.

So, with whatever prayer you wish to pray or even just sit in silence for a short while, I will be with you all at 8pm. Oh! You don't need to join us with Zoom to join in the family prayer.

Be well and enjoy life. Jen xxx

FAMILY ZOOM PRAYER EXPERIENCE

And what an experience that it was. We had nine takers for our first trial. There was a frustrating technical issue for the first part of the rosary. Because everyone's internet was working at a different speed we were talking over the top of each other and had difficulties in concentrating on the prayer. After a while we figured out that if we only had the person who was doing the leading plus one or two others with their mike on with everyone else mute it worked well.

As per usual when a few relatives get together there was a bit of a chin wag at the end. David offered to organise a cuppa for next week while Aunty Jill and Penny offered to make some jam drops and post a few to each of us. How generous of them!

Everyone enjoyed the experience and felt that it was worthwhile to continue the trial. An earlier time was suggested as the timing of the prayer clashed with another activity. So for next week we will start at 6.30pm.

Please find following a couple of images from the Zoom. I have to say that Greta was the smart one to call in by phone as the images are not too flattering. I am so happy that we are all in lockdown and none of you can get to me.

Take care all. Dave will contact us all closer to the day.

Cheers

Jen xxx



FAMILY PRAYER LIST –17th October

Hello all.

Tomorrow night we will pray the 13th family prayer at 7pm. WE WILL AGAIN BE PRAYING VIA ZOOM. The Zoom information will remain at the top of our FB page. This is a PERMANENT post so if you wish to join just press VIEW POST then double click on the blue typing just under JOIN ZOOM MEETING. Then follow the prompts.

The following family members on the prayer list for the third month are: Brian, Julie, Greta, Rupert, Connie, Jenna, Karrin, Serina and baby, Lisa J., Penny, Robyn, Gerard Deasy, Stephen Aldworth (Ted's nephew), Helen Fischer, Jasmine (family friend), Joyce (friend of the family),

Rhonda Henry, those suffering from COVID, all those celebrating their birthdays this week and other family members who do not wish to be named but would still like prayers. I am also going to add each month the special intentions of a family branch. This month it will be for NANCY & JOE'S crew.

If you would like to add anyone to the list please let me know and I will post it or you can do it yourself. By now you have hopefully realised that we are praying not just for the family but for anyone we feel needs our special brand of prayer. So, if you have someone you would like us to pray for, please add them.

So, with whatever prayer you wish to pray or even just sit in silence for a short while, I will be with you all at 7 PM. Oh! You don't need to join us with Zoom to join in the family prayer.

Be well and enjoy life. Jen xxx



FAMILY PRAYER LIST 21st November

Hello all.

I am sending this note somewhat early as I am out of town without my computer until Sunday morning. So, on Sunday night we will again be praying the rosary - the 18th family prayer at 7pm.

The following family members on the prayer list for the third month are: Brian, Julie, Greta, Rupert, Connie, Jenna, Karrin, Serina, Rosanna, Lisa J., Penny, Robyn, Gerard Deasy, those suffering from COVID, all those celebrating their birthdays this week and other family members who do not wish to be named but would still like prayers. I am also going to add each month the special intentions of a family branch. This month it will be for CONNIE & RUPERT'S crew.

For this prayer and for the future we will also have a FRIENDS OF THE FAMILY PRAYER LIST. This month includes: Stephen Aldworth (Ted's nephew), Helen Fischer, Jasmine, Joyce, Rhonda Henry, Bill, Paula, Bede Mainey, Tim Mainey,

If you get the opportunity to join us for the Rosary, please do. It has been one of the most entertaining prayer sessions that I have ever been involved in and I have been to some prayer activities.

So, with whatever prayer you wish to pray or even just sit in silence for a short while, I will be with you all at 7 PM.

Be well and enjoy life. Jen xxx

FAMILY PRAYER 27th March 2022



Hello all

Tomorrow (Sunday) night will be our 33rd family prayer and will begin at 7 pm. We will ESPECIALLY pray for

1. all of the people of the UKRAINE and those affected by this conflict;
2. All of those affected by the FLOODS
3. Bridget and Jamie
4. All those celebrating their birthdays this month including TIM

The following family members on the prayer list are: Rosie, Brian, Julie, Greta, Rupert, Connie, Brian (Louise's partner), Gerard Deasy, Linda Kemenade, those suffering from COVID especially our family members, all those celebrating their birthdays this week and other family members who do not wish to be named but would still like prayers. I am also going to add each month the special intentions of a family branch. This month it will be for GRETA, TED & THEIR FAMILIES.

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For the REPOSE OF THE SOUL: Helen Fischer & for all our deceased family members.

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So, with whatever prayer you wish to pray or even just sit in silence for a short while, I will be with you all at 7 PM.

Be well, enjoy life & stay safe. Jen xxx

(Jen, I didn't include all the prayer dates, only some for the idea, however I really like how you gather as a family from near and far and pray at a proposed time each Month. Thank you for your contribution to this Memories Book. Kevin Lewthwaite Book Compiler)

MEMORIES of GERARD and ROBIN MAINEY (nee Edwards)

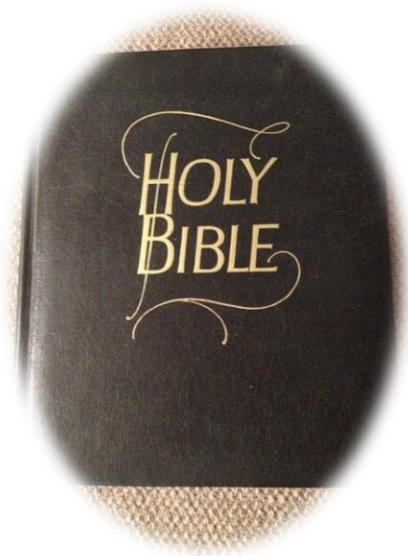
Gerard Gregory & Robin Dawn Mainey (Edwards)

We were both born in Kempsey and attended St Joseph's Primary School & St Pius X High School during the years when the Sisters of Mercy were in Residence in the Convent. We were both baptized and received all the Sacraments in All Saints Catholic Church.

We remained in Kempsey after finishing school, got married in the Catholic Church on the 22nd August 1970, By Father Casey, and settled on the Macleay, raising our three children, Jason (Baptised by Father , Shannon (Baptised by Father Kevin King) & Karley (Baptised by Father Peter Perry). The three children attended St Joseph's Primary School, receiving the Sacraments in the Church and completing their education at St Paul's College.

Jason & Rene's children Harry, Darcy & Ella carried on the tradition attending St Joseph's Primary School, receiving the Sacraments, completing their education at St Paul's College.

Karley (Mainey) & Paul Bowden are continuing to follow in the footsteps of the Mainey/Edwards Families, even though they reside in Sydney, by having their children Willow & Avery Baptised in All Saints Catholic Church.



MEMORIES of BARBARA BEUZEVILLE re: Father Peter Terence Wicks

Father Peter Terence Wicks was born in Kempsey NSW 5th December 1933 with twin sister Marie Therese . His family went to North Queensland with his father seeking work until the war years when his father enlisted in the army and his mother brought the family back to Kempsey . His primary school years were spent at the West Kempsey Catholic school , followed by High School at the Woodlawn Boarding College at Lismore run by the Marist Fathers. When he left school he went to work in Sydney at the Commonwealth Bank until he felt the call of a vocation to become priest. He entered the Marist Seminary at Toongabbi and was ordained in July in July 1960. . He wrote in the Marist Harvest magazine " As a student at St John's College Woodlawn, I was impressed by the spirit of my teachers, the Marist Fathers .The broad scope of their works seemed to offer a chance for every talent in the service of God . In later years when I felt called to the religious life, it was natural to turn to the Society of Mary ".Shortly after his Ordination Terry was sent to join the Marist Missionaries in the Prefecture of Nara Ken in Japan.

The Marists in the Nara Prefecture not only ministered through their Parishes but also reached out to the poor and needy in their nursing homes and ran Kindergartens to reach out to Japanese families giving them an opportunity to witness the Christian Faith . Terry immersed himself in the Japanese culture and grew to love the Japanese people. He was generous, big hearted and had a great sense of humour and they in turn loved him. His prayerful zeal and energy were rewarded with bringing many people to know and love the Lord.

After forty four years of Missionary service, Terry died overnight 30th November 1995 while on a pilgrimage as a Chaplain to a group of Japanese pilgrims on the beautiful island of Shodoshima in the Japanese inland sea. To the last he was a strong and vigorous pastoral worker. His fellow Marist priests at Nara said of him , " It is still hard that we will no longer see Terry's smiling face and have heard the last of his infectious laugh and his robust singing voice. "

The evening before his death , after dinner with the pilgrims there was a little concert and Terry sang " O Danny Boy " , Waltzing Matilda " and the Taize hymn " Jesus remember me when you come into Your Kingdom "

On the last Sunday Mass he offered at Nara he preached on the theme of the 1st Sunday of Advent " Stay awake , because you do not know when the Master of the house is coming "

His vigil service and funeral Mass were held in the Nara Church and both were attended by priests from all over the Diocese and elsewhere , as well as hundreds of people Terry had befriended. Bishop Otsuka came from Kyoto to celebrate the funeral Mass .

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AT St. Patrick's Church, Sydney (Marist Order), today two ex-pupils of Kempsey Convent School will be ordained to the priesthood. One is Terry Wicks, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Wicks, and the other is Geoff Till, son of Mrs. Till and the late Mr. Harold Till, of Grafton. The consecrating Priest will be the newly appointed Auxiliary to Cardinal Gilroy, the Most Reverend Thomas Muldoon, an ex-pupil of St. John's College, Woodlawn. Mr. and Mrs. Phil Ryan, of Wide Street, West Kempsey, will be in attendance at the ordination of their nephew, Rev. Father Terry Wicks.

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Father Peter Terence Wicks

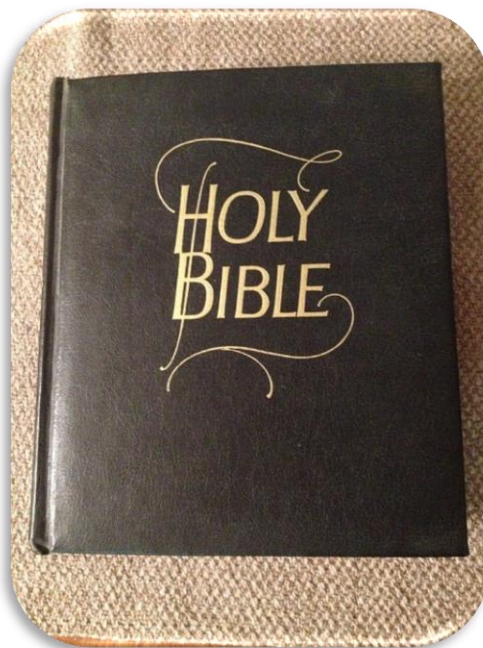


MEMORIES of AUNTY SHARON KELLY

ABORIGINAL CATHOLIC MINISTRY



L – R: Aunty Kathleen Morris, Father Bernie Ryan, Aunty Shirley Kelly



BAPTISM of COURTNEY KELLY- SCHOLES



Courtney was Baptised at All Saints Catholic Church 31 July 1999

Parents: Norma Kelly & David Scholes Senior

**Aunty Marie Ridgeway is giving Courtney a Special Blessing with the
Sign of the Cross**

RESTORATION WORKS of THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS & STATUES
MONA & SAM GOUBRAN



Mona & Sam – Sculptors & Restoring Artists of the fourteen Stations of the Cross, Statues and Crucifix above the Tabernacle



**Restored Crucifix
(Left)**

**And one of the
Stations of the Cross
after restoration
work.**



These works occurred during the first half of 2022



Restored Statue of The Sacred Heart



Restored Statue of Mary



Restored Statue of Saint Joseph

Restored Statue St Therese of Lisieux



Restored Infant of Prague

WEDDING of GORDON and LURLENE MAINEY



Wedding of Gordon and Lurlene Mainey, 1935

WEDDING OF LES JEFFERY and SYRA SMYTH



Les Jeffery married Syra Clarke 21 June 1937

Attendants: Carmel Mainy and Lyle Jeffery

Syra was the daughter of John (Curley Jack) & Mary Smyth (nee Clarke)

WEDDING OF JACK NEEDS and VILMA KILLMORE



**All Saints Catholic Church - Saturday 3 June 1950
Bob Henry, Margaret Needs, Jack Needs, Vilma Needs (Killmore)
Greta Clarke (Killmore), Gerald Needs
(Celebrant: Father Thomas McEvoy)**



**Vilma's Wedding Dress and
Bouquet
3 June 1950**



Vilma Needs (Killmore)

:: WEDDING ::

NEEDS—KILLMORE

Thirty-five yards of filmy chiffon-sheer fashioned the dream gown worn by Vilma Killmore for her marriage, at 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 3, at All Saints' Catholic Church, West Kempsey, to John Keenan Needs.

Tiny and golden-haired, Vilma looked like a fairy-tale bride as she entered the church on her father's arm. The tightly fitted bodice of her old-world gown was trimmed with covered buttons at the back, and enriched with a yoke of chantilly lace which formed a high round neckline. The long, fitted sleeves were softened with a panel of delicate shirring, which ended in a peak over the wrists. From a hand-span waistline, which had a narrow stiffened belt, fastened with two covered buttons, the skirt billowed into the currently popular fishtail train; fashioned entirely of row upon row of chiffon ruffles, the skirt swayed into glorious fullness over a satin slip, and a crinoline underskirt.

For her hair, Vilma chose a tiara of orange blossoms, which caught to her head the misty folds of the three-tiered finger-tip tulle veil. Her bouquet, in which touches of cream and crimson were mingled with the bridal white, was a shower of carnations, camellias, jonquils, roses and geraldton wax. She also carried an exquisite point-lace handkerchief.

The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Killmore, of Jubilee Street, West Kempsey.

Rev. Father T. McEvoy officiated at the marriage ceremony, for which the altar of the church was decorated by the Sisters of Mercy with chrysanthemums, iceland poppies, roses and gerberas; asparagus fern and sacred palm added cool touches of greenery. The same flowers, in a colour scheme of mauve, gold and green, were used effectively by the bride, assisted by Miss Gwen McKenna, to give a festive note to the guest pews.

The two bridesmaids were Miss Greta Killmore (sister of the bride), and Miss Margaret Needs (the 'groom's sister). Their frocks, with the accent on charm, were also fashioned in old-world style, and were of filmy powder-blue georgette, made with tiny puffed sleeves, and low-cut sweetheart neckline topping a moulded bodice. From a clinging waistline, the full skirts billowed into a three-tiered effect. They were caught up at intervals into soft drapes, caught with pink and cream rosebuds, and showing a frilled underskirt of taffeta.

Each bridesmaid wore a slender pearl necklace with her frock, and added blue lace elbow-length mittens. The blue picture hats which framed the face had flower trimming on the underbrim, to tone with their posies of roses, geraldton wax, camellias and jonquils.

The bridesmaids each received a charming pearl bracelet from the bridegroom, as a memento of the wedding-day.

The 'groom, who is the elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Needs, of Innes Street, East Kempsey, was attended by his brother, Mr. Gerald Needs, who was best man. Gerald travelled from Sydney, where he is studying law at the University. Mr. Bob Henry, of Kempsey was groomsman.

Later, 120 wedding guests were received at a reception at the Agricultural Hall, by Mr. and Mrs. Killmore, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Needs.

Mrs. Killmore's stylish frock of black crepe featured a slim skirt, with a draped effect, and jet beading blazing a shining trail across the fitted bodice. Bracelet-length kimono sleeves completed the tailor-er effect. Mrs. Killmore favoured a spray of red roses and geraldton wax, and a black hat with a blue feather trim which matched her dainty blue gloves, black bag and shoes.

Mrs. Needs was elegant in an autumn-toned outfit. Contrasting gold trimming highlighted her frock of chartreuse crepe, which was offset with tan accessories. A camellia and geraldton wax spray was pinned to her snappy fur cape.

Mrs. Ramsay catered for a sumptuous "breakfast", and Father McEvoy presided over the happy gathering. The hall was in tune with the festivities, having been previously decorated with a colorful array of streamers, poinsettias and banks of fernery.

Much admired was the three-tiered wedding cake, which had been made by the 'groom's mother, Mrs. H. Needs, and decorated with white frosting and silver trimmings. Numerous congratulatory telegrams arrived from relatives and friends who were unable to attend.

Amongst the visiting guests were the bride's aunt, Mrs. P. Hogno, of Walcha, and her husband.

Amidst showers of confetti and good wishes, the happy couple left later in the evening for their honeymoon, when they travelled by car touring the North Coast and Tablelands of New South Wales, and Southern Queensland, and spending a delightful week in Brisbane as guests at the Hotel Danielle. Vilma cut a smart figure in her travelling suit of soft blue wool; the short jacket, nipped in at the waistline, was double-breasted, and topped a fully pleated skirt. A rich burgundy scarf worn by the bride contrasted vividly with her costume, and, exactly matched her snappy suede accessories.

The new Mr. and Mrs. Needs will make their home in Park Avenue, West Kempsey.

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Argus Reporting 1950 Style
Catholic Church 3 June 1950
Wedding of Jack and Vilma Needs

WEDDING OF REG PURCELL and EUNICE CLARKE



All Saints Catholic Church - 1953

WEDDING OF CLEMENT 'Clem' WATERS and ISABELLE SHAW



**All Saints Catholic Church - Saturday 16 October 1954
Keith Waters, Angela Stewart, Clem & Isabella Waters,
Margaret Benson, Noel Burns
Flowergirl: Jill O'Neil
(Celebrant: Father Edward Galavan)**

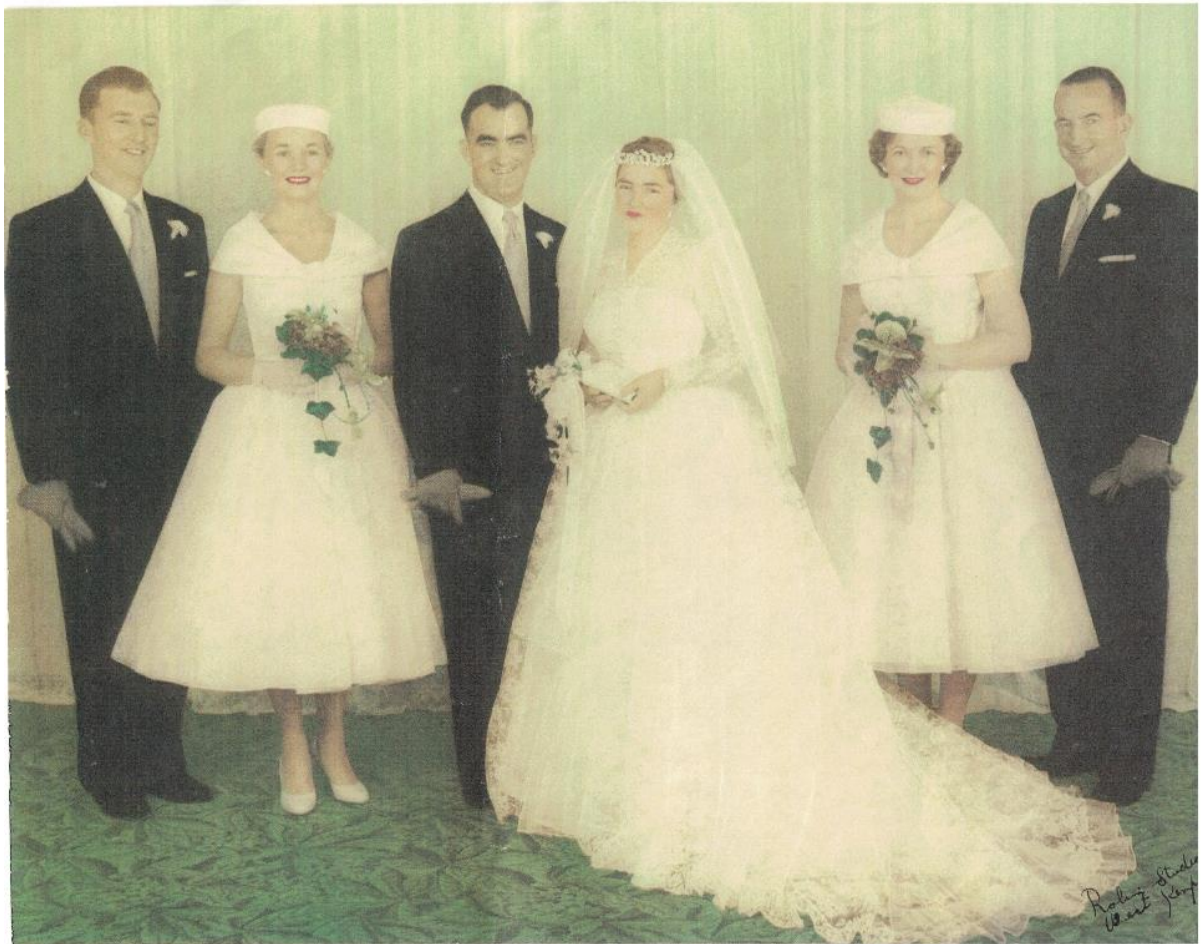


WEDDING of WILLIAM CLARKE and HELEN TOUT



William Charles Clarke married Helen Denise Tout at All Saints Catholic Church on the 6 August 1956. They had four children- Kay, Jennifer, Robyn and David. They lived most of their married life at Sherwood where Billy worked the land.

WEDDING of BOB GRAY and MARY BOLSTER



Wedding of Bob and Mary Gray – married 9am Nuptial Mass 14 June 1958
Bridesmaids: Ness & Margaret Bolster, Groomsmen: Jack Gray, Paul Bolster
Celebrant: (Father Anthony Hoade)

WEDDING of PHILLIP REILLY and NOELINE MAINEY



Wedding of Philip Reilly and Noeline Mainey 23 April 1962

**L-R: Gordon & Molly Mainey, Noeline & Philip Reilly,
Elizabeth & Brendan Reilly**



WEDDING of BRUCE CLARKE and MAUREEN EAKIN



Bruce Clarke married Maureen Eakin 20 April 1963

**R – L: Jill Clarke (nee Whalen), Betty Jeffery (nee Reilly),
Maureen Clarke (nee Eakin), Bruce Clarke, Peter Clarke, Ned Clarke.**

(note: there were five weddings on that day)



WEDDING of BARRY TELFORD and JOAN FLANAGAN



Barry Telford married Joan Veronica Flanagan 25 January 1964

Bestman: John Flanagan, Bridesmaid: Colleen Flanagan

Flower Girl: Patricia Flanagan.

Joan & Barry had three daughters Donna, Patrice and Belinda.

They lived in Randwick.

Barry died February 2020 and Joan is in a Nursing Home in Daceyville Sydney.



WEDDING OF BRIAN SHAW and IDA ALLAN



**All Saints Catholic Church - Saturday 4 April 1964
John Shaw, Thomas Powick, Brian & Marie Shaw,
Lesley Peterson, Narelle Real
Pageboy: unknown, Flower Girl: Therese Dyet
(Celebrant: Father William O'Hare)**



WEDDING of WARREN CLARKE and JAN FAULKNER



Warren Clarke married Jan Faulkner on 4 July 1964



Jan Clarke and Sister

WEDDING of JOHN SHAW and COLLEEN GANNELL



John Shaw Married Colleen Gannell Friday 21 January 1966

(Celebrant: Father Clement Dick)

WEDDING of MICHAEL FLANAGAN and SUSAN GOLDIE



Michael Thomas Flanagan married Susan Goldie in 10 January 1970.

Bestman: Kevin Flanagan, Bridesmaid Cathy Pulfrey

Michael & Sue live in Kempsey and their daughter, Kelly, in Kinchela.

They also have a son Michael.



WEDDING of PETER JAMES and ROBYN CLARKE



Peter James married Robyn Clarke at All Saints Catholic Church, Kempsey

14 June 1980

They began their married life on the Gold Coast. Then with their three children Grant, Glen and Lisa returned to the Macleay where they live today.

They presently have one grandchild Cedric.

WEDDING OF JOSEPH SHAW and DOROTHY CLARKE



All Saints Catholic Church - Wednesday 26 August 1925
Joseph Shaw & Dorothy Clarke
(Witnesses: Claude Hilliar & Annie May Clarke)
(Celebrant: Father Thomas Segrief - visiting Priest)

WEDDING OF ALBERT 'Jack' BOOTH and LORNA CAVANAGH

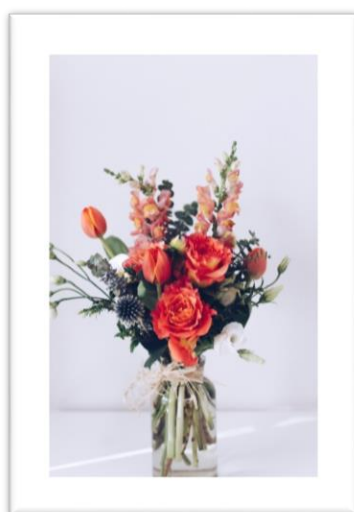


**All Saints Catholic Church - Sunday 13 February 1938
Kathleen Merchant, Jack & Lorna Booth, Victor Booth
(Celebrant: Father Thomas Joseph Morris)**

WEDDING OF DARCY STEWART and ANGELA SHAW



All Saints Catholic Church - Wednesday 20 June 1951
Witnesses: Mervyn Shaw & Isabelle Shaw
(Celebrant: Father John Kevin Buckley)



WEDDING of GREG McLEAN and KAY CLARKE



**Greg McLean married Kay Clarke at All Saints Catholic Church, Kempsey,
7 March 1981.**

Greg & Kay with her grandmother Dorothy Clarke (nee Mainey)

**Greg and Kay started their married life in Sydney then moved to Lismore
where they spent the next 36 years before retiring to the Central Coast.**

**They have two children, Michael and Jenna and two grandchildren Patrick
and Felicity.**

WEDDING of MARK BURNET-SMITH and SUE CLARKE

SUE CLARKE MARRIED MARK BURNET-SMITH IN ALL SAINT CHURCH IN FEBRUARY 1989



Groomsmen & Bridesmaids were : Katrina Clarke, Joe Clarke, Jennielle Clarke, Andrew Clarke, Cindy Clarke, Simon....., Lorraine....., flower girl was..... and the Page Boy was Newman Hollis.

WEDDING of JOE CLARKE and NOLENE CARROLL

JOE CLARKE MARRIED NOLENE CARROLL IN ALL SAINTS CHURCH IN MARCH 1989



Groomsmen were Andrew Clarke & Glen Clarke and Bridesmaids were Tania Mainey & Tania Clarke

TOP PHOTO: MARRIAGE OF MICHAEL HASSETT, SON OF COLIN & PAT HASSETT & RENAI WEATHERSTONE, DAUGHTER OF TREVOR WEATHERSTONE & JOAN WEATHERSTONE- 1997

L-R: TREVOR WEATHERSTONE, RENAI WEATHERSTONE, MICHAEL HASSETT, JOAN WEATHERSTONE.

BOTTOM PHOTO: BAPTISM OF FIRST CHILD OF MICHAEL & RENAI HASSETT – ABBY HASSETT, 2000

L-R: FATHER DENNIS BYRNES, JOHN HASSETT, MANDY WEATHERSTONE, MICHAEL HASSETT, ABBY HASSETT, RENAI HASSETT.





WEDDING of GARY ROGERS and SUZETTE PATTERSON



Suzette Patterson married Gary Rogers from England on 6th 8th 1994 at All Saints Catholic Church Kemp St. Kempsey. They went back to London for 6 yrs. before returning to Australia. Best man was Anthony Patterson Bridesmaid's Anne-Maree Patterson, Elizabeth Oakes, and Kate Rogers. Two children Eleanor and Sebastian. They now live in Freshwater "North Shore"

MEMORIES OF THE RIORDAN FAMILY



**The Family of Joseph and Ada Riordan celebrating
Ada's 100th Birthday**

Back Row L - R: Peter and Tony

Middle Row: Tom, Valarie, Mary, Enid and Carmel

Front Row: John, Ada and Fred

***Enid was one of the first babies to be baptised in the new
building of All Saints Catholic Church in 1922.***

Enid celebrated her 100th birthday in June 2022.



MEMORIES OF MEGAN BARBER

My favourite memory in St All Saints Catholic Church is the day Robert became Catholic on Sunday 10 August 2014.

We were married in the Church in 1989. Our two children, Lucy and Bridget, were baptized, made their first reconciliation, communion and were confirmed in this church. The lives of both my parents were celebrated here with Requiem Masses (Dad in 1995 and Mum in 2020). All through these significant moments, Robert was there, attending church and supporting me and the faith of our family unit.

I remember it was a sunny Sunday morning and the Church was full of light as it so often beautifully is. Parish Priest, Fr Paul Gooley celebrated the Mass and conducted the ceremony for Robert.

I will always treasure the memory of being in this sacred building surrounded by a community of friends who were just as delighted as we were by Robert's decision to, formally, join our family of faith.

Megan Barber



Robert, Lucy, Bridget and Megan Barber with Fr Paul Gooley on the day of Robert's reception in to the Catholic Church on 10 August 2014.



**Marriage of Robert Barber to Megan Watson 12 August 1989
Celebrant: (Father Peter Perry)**



Baptism of Bridget Barber 1998



Bridget Barber's First Holy Communion Group 2006



Lucy Barber's Confirmation Group 2004

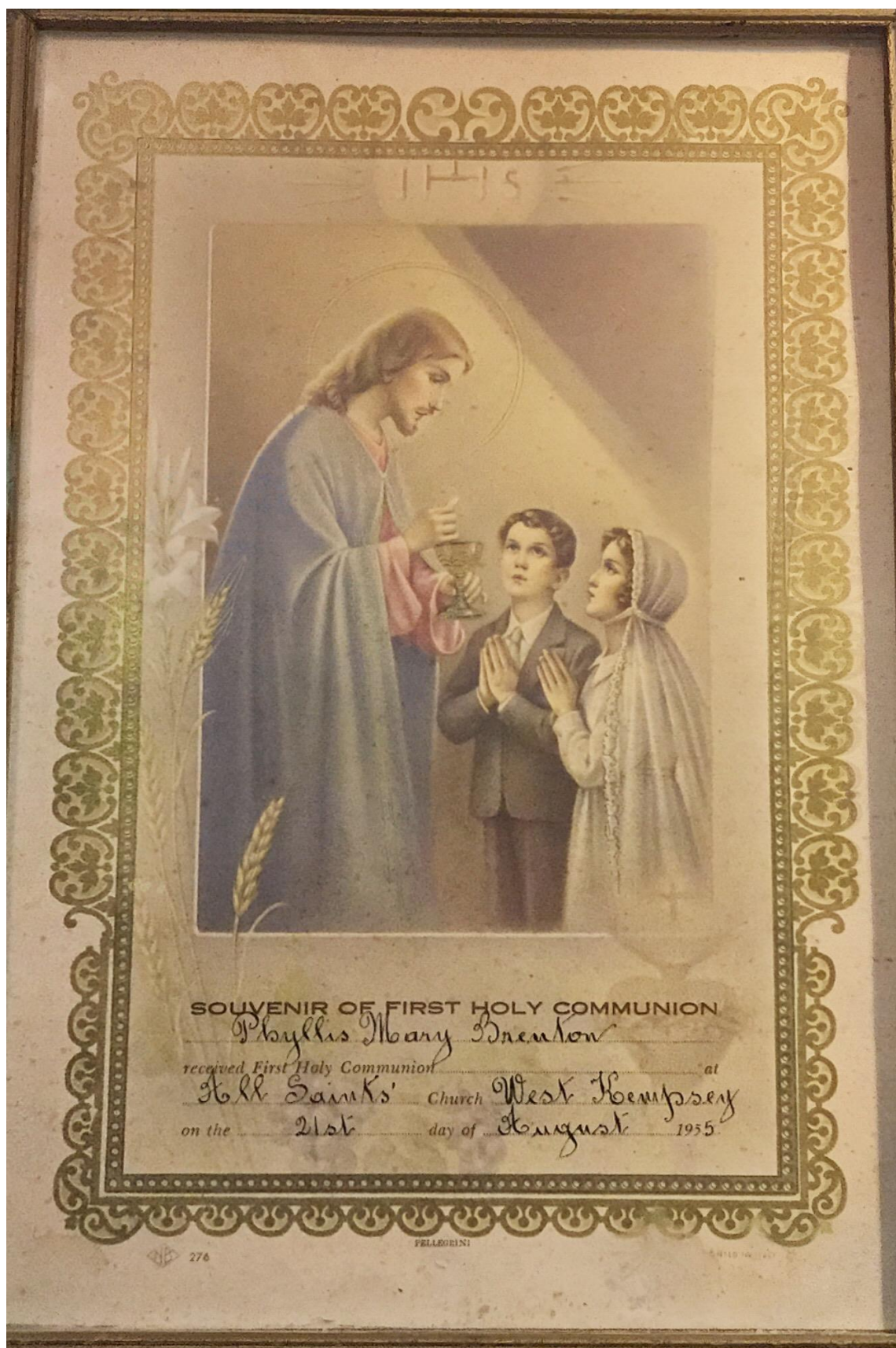


FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SOUVENIR



Maisie Quinn (nee Henry) First Holy Communion Souvenir





Phyllis Brenton (Wooderson) 21 August 1955



Remembrance of first Holy Communion

Therese Kathryn Hanrahan
received first Holy Communion on the 7th day of May, 1961.
in All Saints' Church, Kimpsey
Father Foley Pastor.

Therese Hanrahan (Tedd) 7 May 1961

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION GROUP PHOTOS



St Joseph's Boys 1944



St Joseph's Girls 1944



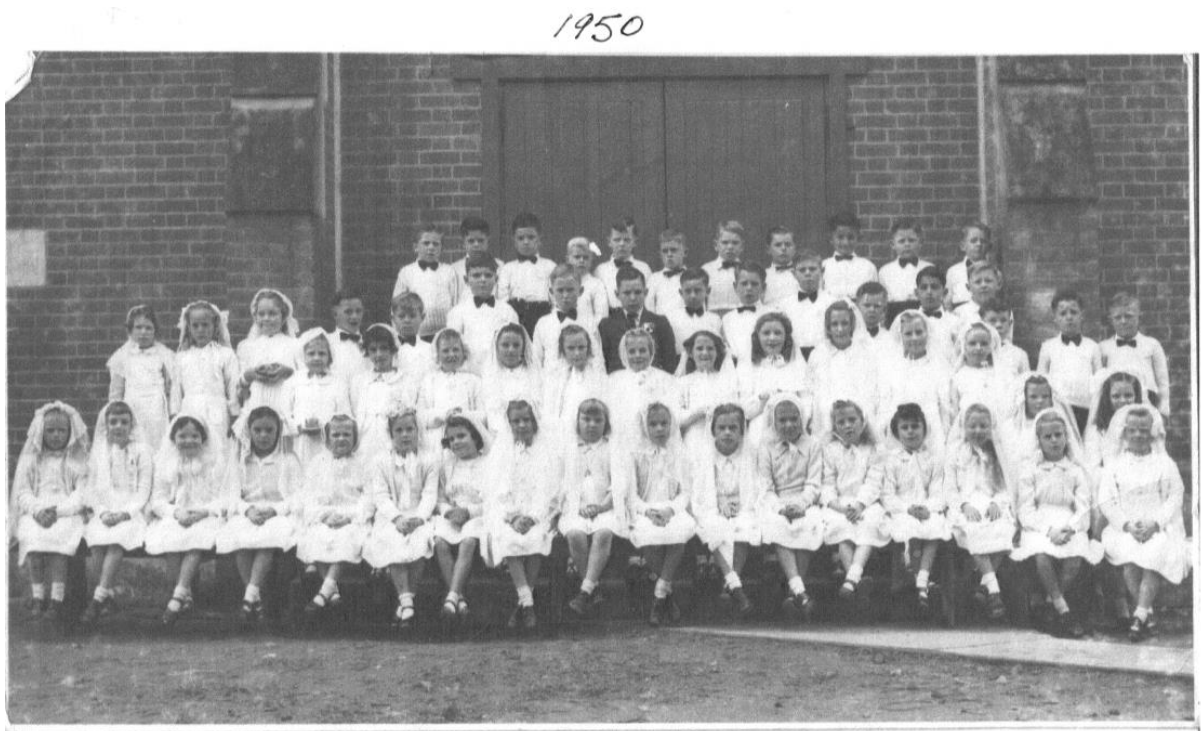
YEAR 1943 or Possibly 1945



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS OF 1946 – Father Tom McEvoy



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS OF 1948 – Father Tom McEvoy



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS OF 1950



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS OF 1964



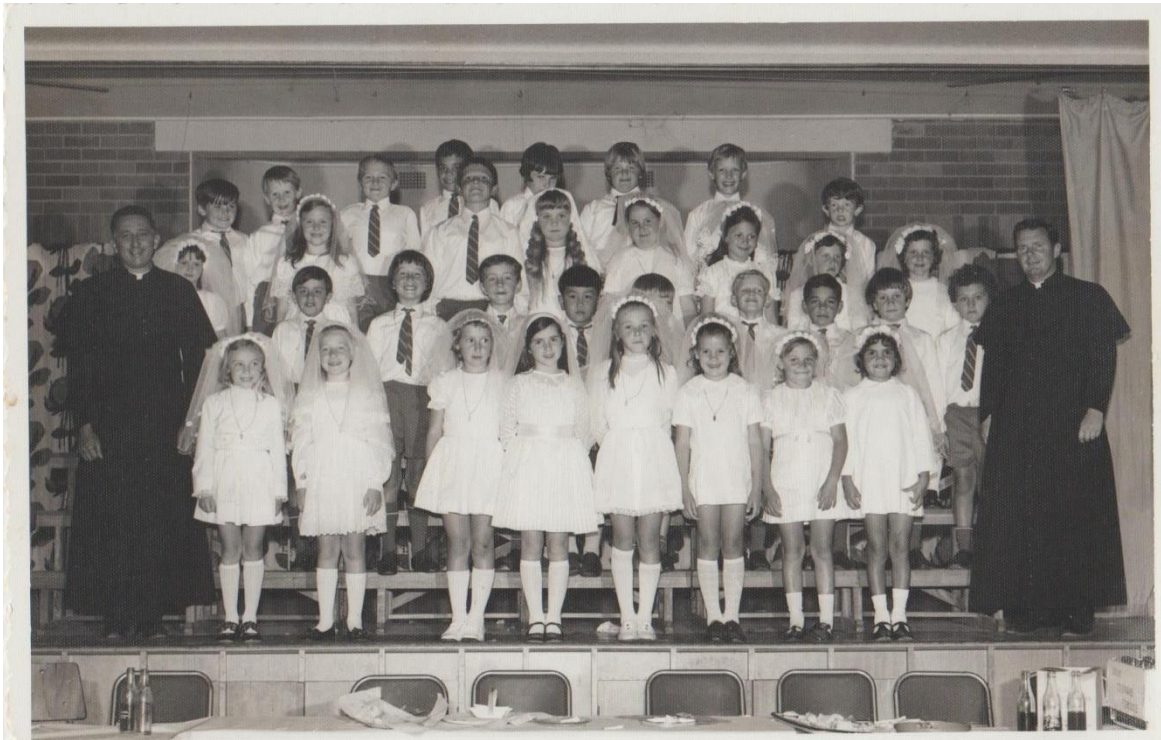
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS OF 1965 – Father William O'HARE



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS OF 1966 – Father Anthony CASEY



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 8 JUNE 1969 – Father Clement Dick



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS OF 1971 – Fr William MILLS & Fr John KELLY



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS OF 1978



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS OF 2002



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



Beth Borger, Kaye Fisher, Peter Shaw, Shane Mainey, Derek Sillitoe

With Father Anthony Casey



Gary McCudden, Michael Shaw & Chris Mainey

First Holy Communion 1968

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



Maxine Purcell, Leanne Shaw, Susan Mainey, Father Clement Dick

8 June 1969

Sister Genevieve with Leanne Shaw

8 June 1969



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



Judith Nolan and Leanne Shaw

8 June 1969

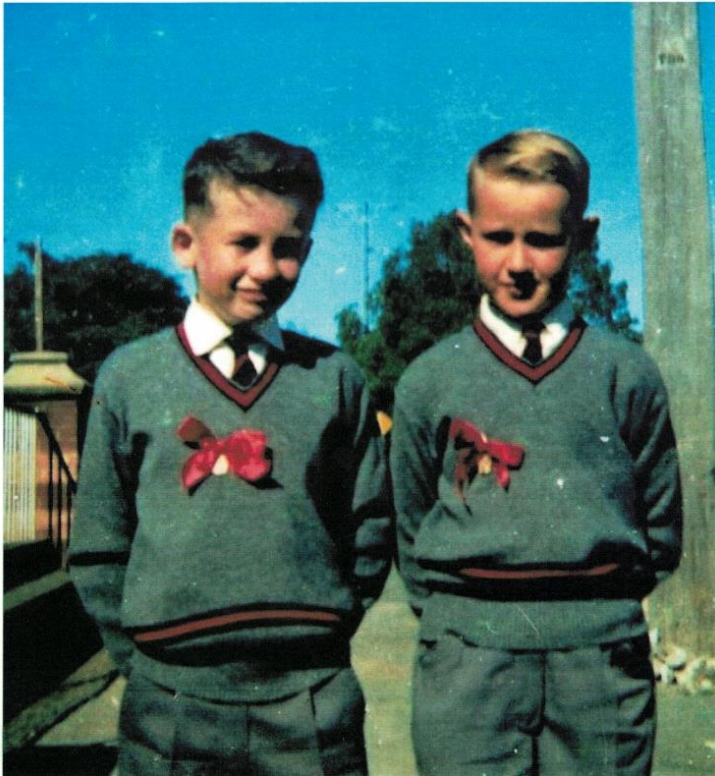
CONFIRMATION



**Karen Toms
with Sponsor
Faye Shaw
1969**



**Peter Shaw and
Derek Sillitoe
Approx 1968**



**Confirmation
Thomas Fisher
And
Paul Kerr
1969**



Confirmation 5 July 1970

Father Anthony Casey

Rodney Sillitoe, Michael Shaw, Karen Toms

Peter Shaw, Leanne Shaw, Greg Toms



Confirmation

5 July 1970

Greg Toms,

Bishop John Satterthwaite,

Michael Shaw



Confirmation

22 October 1972

Bishop John Satterthwaite,

Father William Mills,

Maxine Purcell, Leanne Shaw,

Susan Mainey

MEMORY OF LOUIS (LOU) KESBY



Lou Kesby – Altar Server 1955

Lou worked on the Church renovations (The Sanctuary, Sacristy and Nun's Chapel) in 1957 -1958 as an apprentice.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION MASS

OUR ANNUAL VOLUNTEERS
APPRECIATION MASS AND SUPPER
WAS ENJOYED BY ALL!



2022

MASS DURING COVID LOCKDOWNS

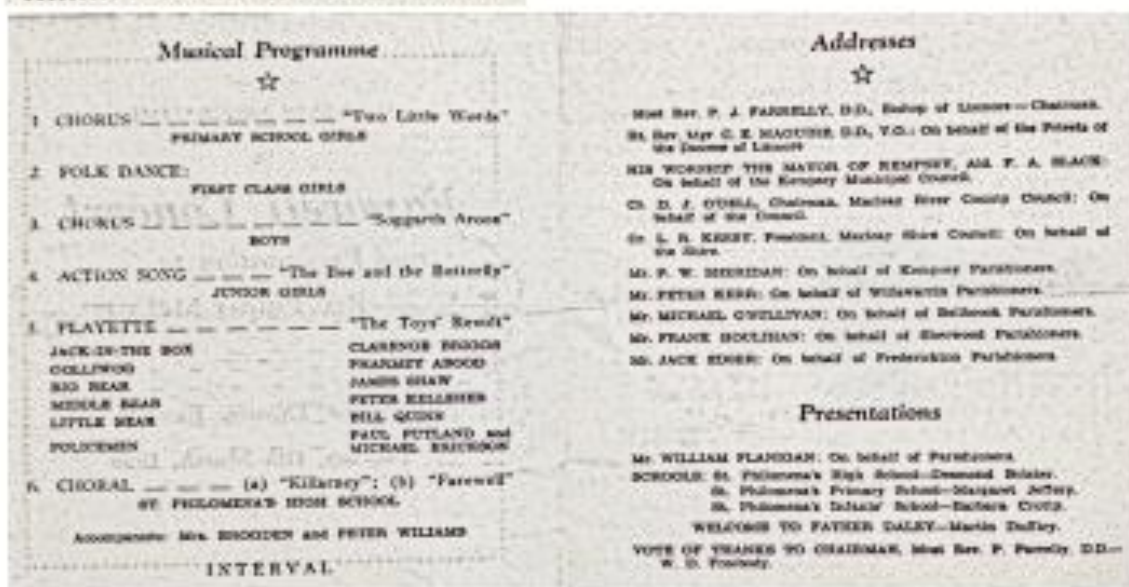
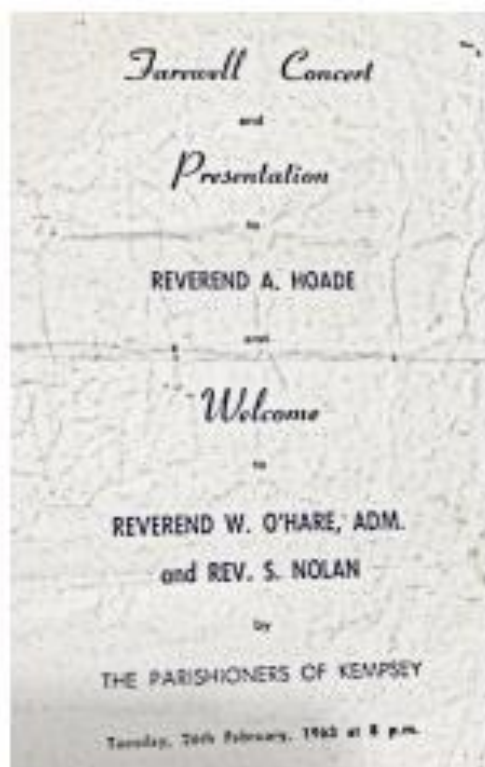


This is what Mass looked like during the COVID TIMES 1919 – 2021.

Father James placed photographs of parishioners in the pews. He live streamed (live video of him saying Mass) the Mass, and anyone who joined the link could involve themselves in the Mass, while they were at home. This way of delivering Mass to parishioners, gave them the sense of being at Church so they could experience their spiritual nourishment.



MEMORIES OF SOME ALL SAINTS COMMUNITY FUNCTIONS

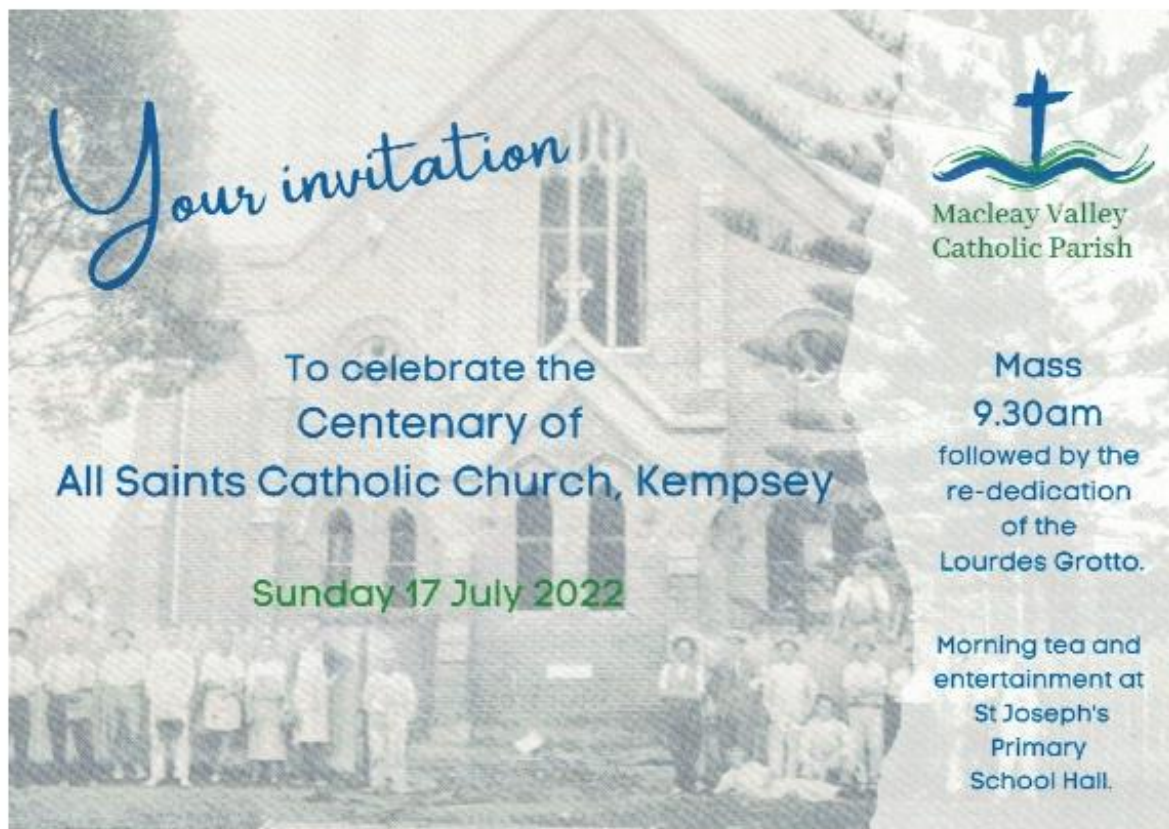


JAN FAULKNER MAKING HER DEBUT IN 1957 WITH BISHOP FARRELLY





Cloche and Beanie Fundraiser in Church Hall 2017



Invitation designed by Margaret Haydon and Father James Foster for the Centenary.

A LOOK AT THE HALL SETUP FOR THE CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS HELD IN ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL HALL 17 JULY 2022



Panoramic Photo of the Hall Display of Memories



Display of different Vestments worn over the Century of the Church



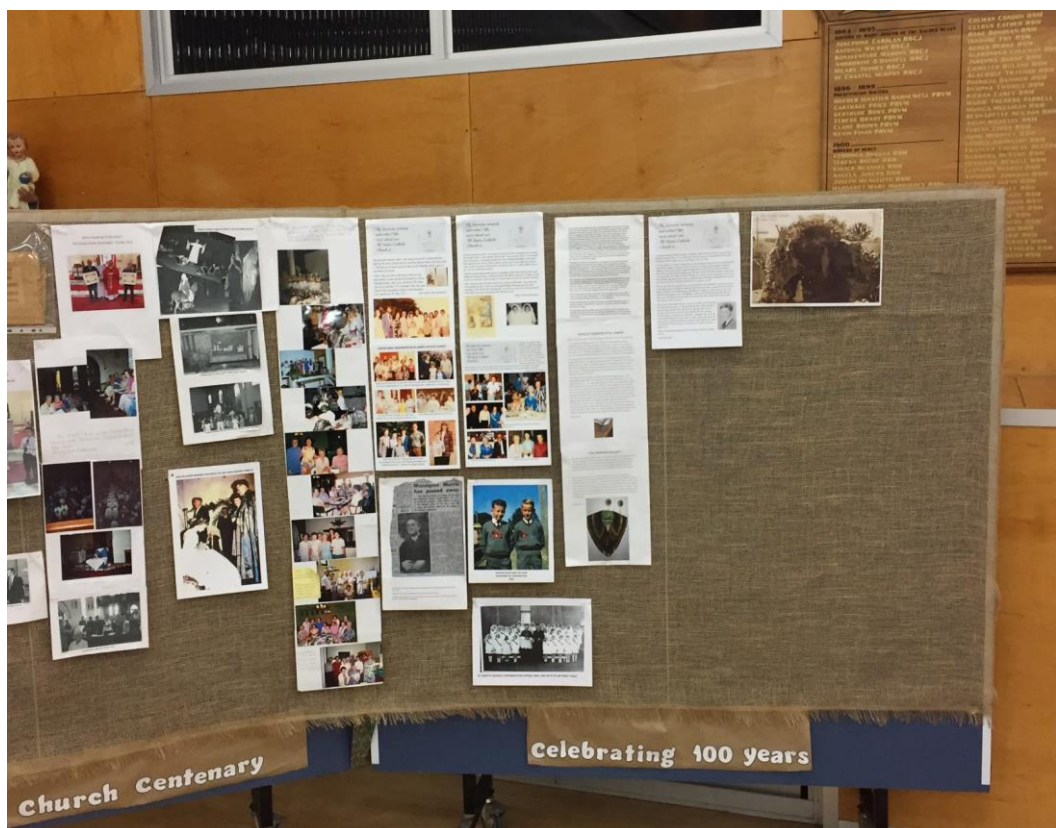
Old Missals, Monstrance, Mobile Mass Kit



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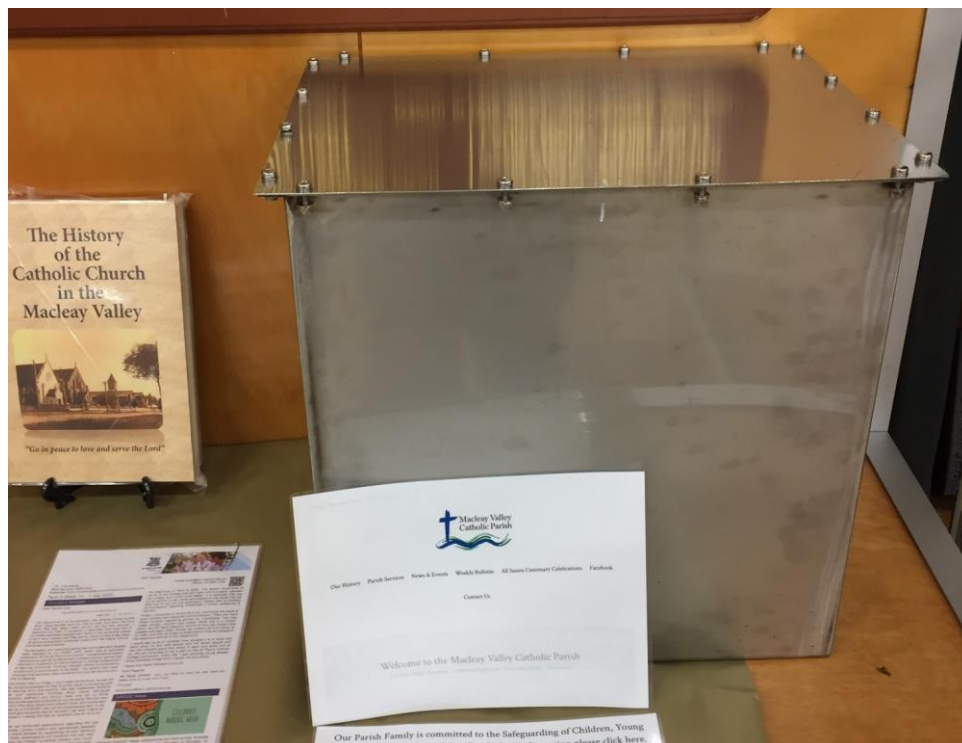




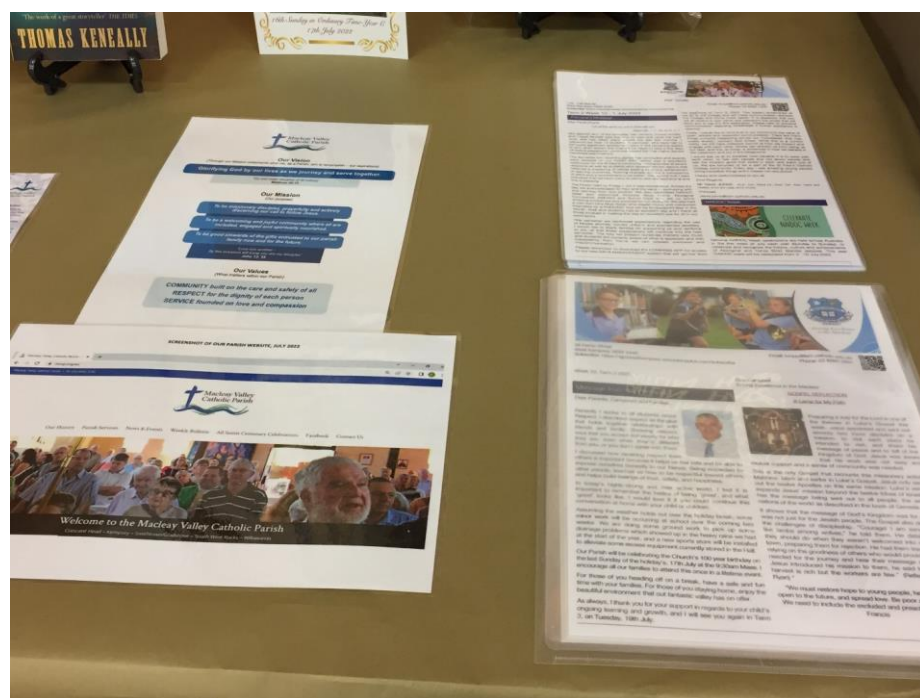
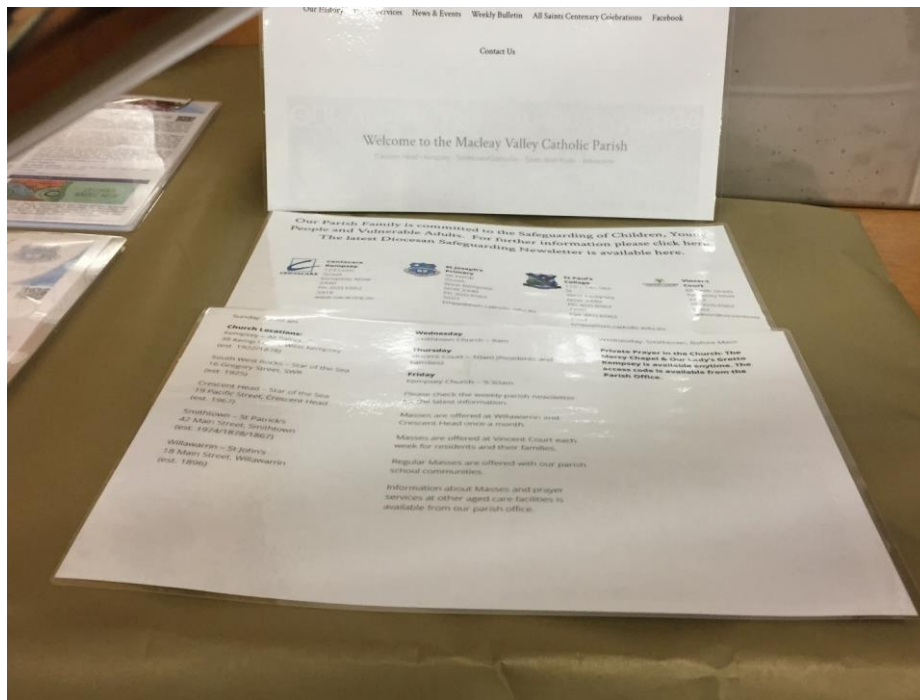


The last photo of the Wall Display of Memories

THE TIME CAPSULE CONTENTS



The Stainless Steel Time Capsule to hold the memories of our last 100 years, which can be opened by the future generations, in years to come.



TIME CAPSULE ITEMS

- Copy of MVCP NEWSLETTER dated 14 June 2020
- Popes prayer to the Virgin Mary for protection during the covid-19 pandemic
- Rat test kit(rapid antigen test) for self testing of Covid-19
- Screenshot of our parish website on the internet – July 2022
- Commitment of safeguarding of children, young people & vulnerable adults
- Copy of signed book “A River Town’ By Thomas Keneally
- A Centenary (2022) key ring
- Copy of Centenary Invitation
- Copy of Centenary Mass of Thanksgiving 17 July 2022
- USB stick containing digital information sourced by Bruce Cane for producing book “History of the Catholic Church” and digital photos & memories of information given by parishioners so as produce a Book of Memories by Kevin Lewthwaite also a Powerpoint produced by Kevin of the History of the current Catholic Church celebrating 100 years.
- Copy of All Saints Vision, Mission and Values Statements
- Photo of Centenary organising committee
- Copy of “The History of the Catholic Church in the Macleay Valley” – Bruce Cane – for the Celebration of 150 years of the Kempsey Parish
- Copy of St Paul’s College newsletter dated 1 July 2022
- Copy of St Joseph’s Primary School newsletter dated Week 10, Term 2, 2022
- Copy of highlights of our journey of missionary and outreach during the Covid pandemic (April 9, 2020)
- Copy of a magazine produced September 1987 (Saints & Sinners)
- Stainless Steel time capsule

PHOTOS and MEMORIES of the CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

The Celebrations were conducted as per the Copy of Centenary Mass of Thanksgiving 17 July 2022.

The day was pleasant with a few clouds forming later in the afternoon.

Bishop Greg, Father James and Thomas Keneally arrived at the church in a sulky pulled by two draught horses. This was to re-enact the way the Bishops and Priests travelled around the outer parts of Parishes and Diocese back in 1922.



Back in 1922 the Sulky would not have had rubber tyres nor would there have been people to drive the horses, this would have been done by the Priest himself.

This Photo shows Thomas Keneally (hat, glasses and beard) with Bishop Greg seated behind Thomas. They drove through the main street of West Kempsey and are passing a Historical Building which is near the West Kempsey Post Office.

A very large gathering of people welcomed Bishop Greg, Father James and Thomas Keneally when they arrived at the Church.



Photo of some of the congregation gathered for the Centenary Mass.

This photo was taken from the old choir loft above the Church proper, by Margaret Haydon.



Some of the Choir for the Centenary Mass. (The old choir loft can be seen above and behind the choir)



Outside the restored Lourdes Grotto which was blessed by Bishop Gregory Homeming OCD, (6th Bishop of Lismore) during the Centenary Celebrations.

(L-R) Father Paul Gooley (Vicar General, past Parish Priest of Kempsey, current Parish Priest Port Macquarie)

Bishop Geoffery Jarrett DD, Bishop Emeritus of Lismore (5th Bishop of Lismore)

Bishop Gregory Homeming OCD, Bishop of Lismore

Father James Foster, Parish Priest of the Macleay Valley Parish

(Front to Rear) Altar Servers : Jason, Dylan and Dominic

Father Joseph (Joe) Holloway (past Assistant Priest of the Macleay Valley Parish) was unable to be present because of illness.



At the morning tea, held in the Catherine McAuley Hall (the Saint Joseph's Primary School Hall) Sister Cabrini, a Mercy Sister, was presented with a Papal Blessing. by Father James Foster. for her outstanding service to the Kempsey Community.

Sister Cabrini then was asked to cut the Centenary cake which was beautifully decorated by Mrs Judy Brady.

This hall is where the second Presbytery, which was opened back in 1886, once stood. The Presbytery was given to the Sisters of Mercy in 1911 to use as their Convent. Over the years' expansions were made until in 2011 the Convent was deemed unsafe and therefore had to be demolished. The hall was opened in 2012.