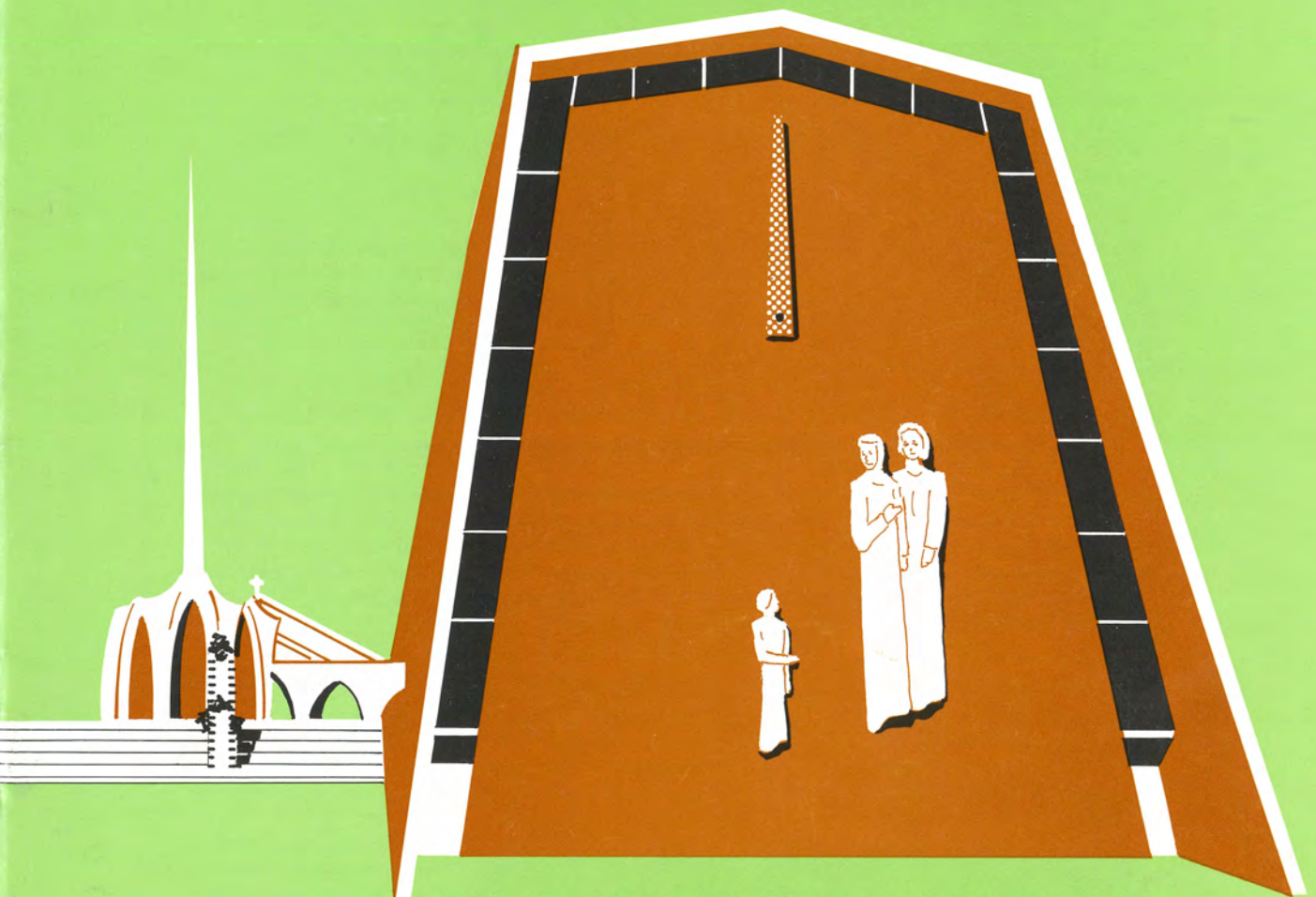


Diamond Jubilee

Holy Family Parish

Indooroopilly



Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple
From St. Luke's Gospel, Chapter 2, Verses 41-52

1926~1986

Mankind's mission today is to find Jesus, the Word of God



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FOREWORD

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G.K. Chesterton died in 1936. The 50th anniversary of his death is being marked by an exhibition at London's National Theatre illustrating his life and work and by the publication of yet another Biography of the great English convert. His latest biographer suggests that "The Everlasting Man" is Chesterton's greatest monument as a religious thinker.

Chesterton wrote "The Everlasting Man" only months before the foundation of your Parish.

On 30th January 1926 The AGE, the Catholic Weekly newspaper of those days, announced the establishment of the new Parish of Indooroopilly and the appointment of Father Prout as first Pastor. Father Prout arrived in February. The Parish was dedicated to the Holy Family and a church school bearing that name was begun in March and opened in July. The Brigidine Sisters arrived the following year.

Today the Christian Family is even more beleaguered than when the Holy Family was chosen as your patron. But if Chesterton were still alive he would be no less sure of the Christian Family's ultimate triumph than he was when he wrote in its defence sixty years ago. The modern attack on the Family is no worse than many another trial that Christianity has outlived. Chesterton wrote in "The Everlasting Man": *"At least five times . . . the Faith has to all appearances gone to the dogs. In each of these five cases it was the dog who died."* [P.290].

Chesterton saw in the appreciation of the Family the only hope for modern society. He was confident that there would be a return to sanity; that love, marriage and the Christian Family would survive and that only the barking dogs would die.

I congratulate Father Howe, the Brigidine Sisters and all of the people of Holy Family Parish on your Diamond Jubilee. I hope that by drawing the Christian Family to the attention of the Archdiocese your Jubilee will strengthen our resolve to defend and promote it.

† Francis Ruhl.

ARCHBISHOP OF BRISBANE



Holy Family Catholic church — view from Ward Street.

Dear Holy Family Parishioners of the present and the future,
A priest who has been in a parish for ten or more years becomes increasingly aware of the history being created around him. From his chair at the weekend Masses, for example, he watches children grow into teenagers and young adults, and young adults grow into husbands and wives, and husbands and wives grow into fathers and mothers. Sadly he also observes the reverse process: parishioners grow older and slower, and families diminish, and leave us, and sometimes seemingly disappear.

But all of this is what human history is about. The Church is immersed in history, and history is an essential dimension of the life of the Church.

In his encyclical "On Human Work" the present pope, referring to the primary importance of human work, reminds us of the debt we owe to those who have been here before us. He says:

"... A man can easily see that through his work he enters into two inheritances: the inheritance of what is given to the whole of humanity in the resources of nature, and that inheritance of what others have already developed on the basis of those resources ..."

This booklet is an attempt to recall and retell the inheritance we of the present Holy Family Parish have received from those who were here before us during the past sixty years — and some of them have been here for the whole of that sixty years. The story of where we have come from, our roots, must evoke from us gratitude for and appreciation of the efforts of all of those who built the inheritance we have received. It must also remind us that it is not enough to be receivers only of an inheritance; we have an obligation to cherish, safeguard, develop, and pass on that inheritance to those who, in turn, will inherit from us.

I have been told that copy of this booklet will, with other things, be kept in a safe place for those who will be the Holy Family Parish in the year 2026 — and even maybe in 2086. From this present time, 1986, I greet you of the future and entrust to you the inheritance we are preparing for you. We hope that your memories of us will be as happy as are our memories of those who were here before us.

I cannot finish without acknowledging the huge debt that both the parish and I owe to the committee who undertook to produce this booklet. It enshrines a great deal of loving labour, especially on the part of the many contributors, but above all on the part of Erin Ahearn and Jack Rooney, just two of our many present parishioners who can justly claim to be pioneers of this parish.

May God, the Father of us all, continue to hold our Holy Family Parish in his hands.

Morgan Howe
Parish Priest

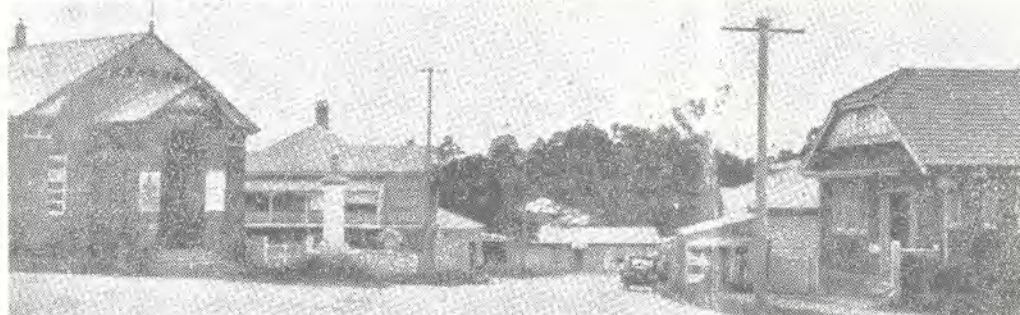
INDOORROOPILLY, seven kilometres from the centre of the city of Brisbane, is a well-endowed, heavily populated suburb. Noted for its mantle of trees, it is set on the foothills and the undulating terrain which rolls from Mt Coot-tha to the upper reaches of the Brisbane River.

Sixty years ago it was designated as a "rural suburb" because it was given mainly to dairy farms and small crops. Towards Long Pocket, Lambert's Wines — one of the earliest wineries in Queensland — had cultivated ten acres of experimental wine grapes; hence the origin of "Lambert Road." There were several estates crowned with spacious tropic-styled villas and a minor mansion here and there.

The district was a goal for city picnickers to explore Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary (opened 1927); the Cascades (now drained off); the Goat Track to the crest of Mt Coot-tha; Thomas' Bougainvillea Gardens, Long Pocket; the Sand Patch beneath the far side of Indooroopilly Bridge; swimming, fishing, boating, sailing on the river; the popular Golf Course; and it was the last stop before crossing the river by rail/footbridge or for motorists to board the vehicular ferry.

In the mid-twenties word reached the public that a Catholic church (with school) was to be built at Indooroopilly. An immediate surge of interest led to paddocks being subdivided into allotments. Houses were erected: small shops emerged: trains became more frequent: demand brought improved civic facilities.

... It is well for people to remember — and for the civic-minded to acknowledge — the founding of the Holy Family Catholic Church (1926) and the Brigidine Convent (1927) opened a new and exciting era at Indooroopilly where development moves ever onward.



Station Road to Indooroopilly station. Old Stamford Hall and Hotel on left: old Post Office and shops on right.



The Sand Patch on the far side of the river, under the railway bridge. The vehicular ferry crossing the river.

Some names (many of whom are deceased) have been mentioned in connection with events of the past and others given in activities of the present. Many, many more people have been equally involved but not all could be included in this publication. We stress they and theirs are with us always in thought and prayer.

THE HISTORY OF THE PARISH

The 14th March, 1926 was the day which brought to fruition a long cherished hope for the Catholic people of this district. On that day the foundation stone of the Holy Family Catholic Church at Indooroopilly was blessed by the Vicar-General, Right Reverend Dr J. Byrne, representing the Archbishop, Dr James Duhig, who was away at the time.

About four months later (on 4th July) Dr Byrne opened the new church, which was built to serve for a time as a combined church/school, after the arrival of the Brigidine Sisters.

The new parish embraced Moggill, Pullenvale, Brookfield, Kenmore, Figtree Pocket, Taringa, Indooroopilly. Previously the entire area was part of the Toowong parish under the care of the Jesuit Order — in turn Fathers Richard Murphy, John Roney, Robert Little. Their parish was extensive, the people were scattered and transport was erratic. In the early days the priests had only the use of a bicycle to carry out their calling and the work increased dramatically.

To ease the situation, in 1917 the Sisters of Mercy (Toowong) taught Sunday School at the home of Mrs M. E. MacDonnell, Grosvenor Road, Indooroopilly. Mass was celebrated at various homes (mainly John O'Reilly's, Moggill, and Charlie Lane's, Long Pocket).

Mass was held more regularly at the Stamford Hall which stood on the triangular island site bordered by Coonan St, Station Rd and Westminster Rd. The use of the hall was given by the owners — first Mrs M. Coonan, then Mr Lou Keating and M. F. Underhill (Mrs Walter Underhill). For Mass in the Hall, Mrs Jeannie Elliot and three of her grandchildren, Sylvia, Clayton and Eugene, would set up a makeshift altar (from boxes or whatever was available). Simple, even crude though it may have been, it was covered always with a fine white linen cloth, expertly embroidered by Mrs Elliot and there would be flowers from her own garden. Jack McCann and Clayton Elliot were altar boys. Later, when the church was built, Michael McCann and other lads — who were "larrikins" during the week — became pious altar boys on Sunday!

To attend Mass more frequently, it was necessary for people to walk to the Catholic Church, Toowong — then St Michael and All Souls in Holland Street.

In the early twenties it was obvious a church was desperately needed at Indooroopilly and in 1924 the Jesuit Order surrendered the Taringa-Indooroopilly-Moggill portion of their Toowong parish to the Archdiocese of Brisbane. Extra pressure of "woman power" was brought to bear on the Archbishop. A deputation of women

(30 to 40 in number), led by Mrs Sarah McCann of Cecil Street, approached the Archbishop to plea the urgency of the situation.

Archbishop Duhig — true to form — moved quickly to find a hilltop site for a new church in this district. Eventually he acquired from Dr Gilston Foxton, his gracious home, "Warrenoake," which was set in an estate of four acres at the corner of Cecil Street and Central Avenue.

He selected Father James Prout, P.P. of Oakey to take charge and draw a new parish out of obscurity. Father Prout, his cheery manner enhanced by a soft Irish brogue, won instant support from the people. Committees were formed for fund-raising and Jean Harrington became the first secretary of the parish. Certainly there were wealthy people amongst us and they gave generously over the years. However, compared with later standards, most of us were poor — but we didn't know it! Money was useful but not necessarily prestigious in those days. Volunteers grouped to transform the property from its raw condition and prepare the way for development.

The quicker the project developed, the more vigorous became religious activities. Sodalities were formed: Children of Mary, Sacred Heart, Holy Name Society and Holy Angels (children), were earnest groups of faithful in the parish.

Family. *The parish assumed its place on dedication of its church to The Holy Family. It followed that, from the outset, there was a special awareness of the significance of family — near and extended — in the life of church and society. This attitude was understandable too, because the parish had been founded principally to meet the needs of young families who had flocked to the newly-developed suburb.*

An added dimension was the fact that "loners" were drawn into the warmth of parish life where they found a sense of belonging to the community.

At this time — the year 1986 — the aura of family is still with us. As a prelude to Sunday Mass the priest reminds us that, as a congregation, we are indeed a family in Christ. We greet each other accordingly.

The presbytery was built at 52 Fairley Street and was blessed and opened by Archbishop Duhig on 19th February, 1928. It carries the style of architecture of its day.

Father Prout had little time to spend at home and no money to pay a housekeeper so it was arranged for him to have at least "one good meal a day" at parishioners' homes. The nuns helped out too. In fact they were ahead of their time in-

asmuch as they introduced their own version of take-away meals to send across to him.

Ultimately the matter was taken out of his hands. Miss Annie Bragg (sister of the wife of Frank Price — our first Treasurer), was appointed as housekeeper and she stayed on during Father Prout's tenure.



Father James Prout, P.P., Indooroopilly 1926-1938.

The parish was kept busy. The Brigidine Sisters opened the first school on 30th January, 1928. The roll that day recorded 101 pupils but the number grew rapidly, particularly with so many non-Catholic children attending.

The main schoolroom was an area partitioned off at the back of the church and more space was imperative. The parish was able to buy the former Toowong convent school and in 1931 that building (which dated from 1903) was moved to the Indooroopilly grounds. It was re-erected by Bill King (a builder by profession) and his merry band of tradesmen from the Working Bee. This provided more classrooms. At last the church reclaimed the full capacity of the church/school building. Throughout the years the old Toowong building has been renovated and it is still being used as the well-furnished Parish Hall.

The Working Bee. Expansion was constant and costs would have been prohibitive had not the volunteers come into action. They gave of themselves and their experience in doing the pioneering work in development. On Saturdays there were four regulars — Roger Ahearn, Bill Alexander, Bill King and Pat O'Hagan — but often there would be up to 20 men, depending on the task at hand.

With axes, saws, picks and shovels, they cleared the gumtrees and thick undergrowth. They erected the first fence surrounding the grounds; repaired the disused tennis court in the convent grounds and built a maypole stand. When you walk out from the back of the church,

remember you step on to the hallowed basketball court which they set down for the Brigidine girls.

Eventually the hill was excavated by a contractor to provide a level playground and tennis court. The spirit of the Working Bee arose again in the next generation. The team included Ned Kelly, Jim McArthur, Wally Mahony, Jack Neeson and they built the stone wall holding the banks.

Over the years, to meet the ever increasing need for more classrooms, extensions were made to the original church/school building. On 17th June, 1955 Archbishop Duhig blessed and opened a new building which added to the Holy Family school complex. It was noticeable that support from all sections of the local community was still forthcoming.

Ecumenism. To those stalwarts in the cause of ecumenism, there is a message from our community effort and the carnival environment of early years.

It was a close-knit community, arising probably from the fact that it was still somewhat devoted to rural pursuits. There was the stimulation of a new pioneering project which infected people — Catholic and non-Catholic alike — with enthusiasm and dedication. Neighbours helped each other in illness and stress; they automatically shared each other's joys. So it followed that many non-Catholic neighbours became involved. Their spontaneous participation was memorable.

We cannot mention all by name but we recall Mr and Mrs G. McCosker and the grandmother, gentle Mrs Bligh; and Charlie Meekin who was M.C. at our weekly dances. He and his wife brought with them a huge patronage of relatives and friends from all parts of the district.

The older parishioners still with us say "Please extend our gratitude to our non-Catholic friends of long ago. We remember them with affection."

So ... ecumenism was alive and flourishing at Indooroopilly 60 years ago.

Father Prout was transferred to Kangaroo Point in 1938 — much to our dismay. His place was taken by Father Vic. Roberts, P.P. of Esk. He was a quiet man and the contrast in our pastors bewildered us ... until we learned to know him. He was a man of deep compassion for those in anguish and illness — because he too knew pain.

In 1939 he asked Mrs Alice Power (nee Lalor) a widow (whose elder son had just died after a long illness), to "help out" at the presbytery for a couple of weeks — she stayed 22 years.



Father Victor Roberts, P.P., Indooroopilly 1938-1973.

It was during his term of office we lost our old way of parish life. Our fund-raising schemes over the years had given us a "togetherness" rarely seen in a community. But the time had come for a business-like attitude to be adopted . . . Planned Giving was introduced. It was, of course, most effective and enabled us to build our present handsome basilica-styled church which was dedicated by Archbishop Duhig on 10th November, 1963.

The church is distinguished by its commanding position and unusual design and gained an award at that time. Connected by a covered walkway to the main building is a small but elegant baptistry with its seven stained-glass windows representing the seven Sacraments of the Church. The building aroused much public interest and, for a time, it was included as a tourist feature by a prominent Brisbane tour company.

Due to expansion in the area, new residents settled quite a distance from the church. To meet the difficulty, the parish bought its own bus to transport people to Mass and children to school. Regular volunteer drivers were Frank Panton and Danny Daniels.

The density of the parish grew and it was inevitable that a separate parish be formed to incorporate Kenmore and Moggill districts. To assist temporarily, an old building was transported from Beaudesert to Moggill and in 1952 it was consecrated as St. Catherine's. It became redundant when the new church of Our Lady of the Rosary, Kenmore, was consecrated in April 1961. Perforce, many of our old friends transferred their support and dedication to their own new parish.

Archbishop James Quinn. It all began a long time ago. The order of things to come only followed the vision of Dr James Quinn, the first Catholic Archbishop of Brisbane. He arrived at Brisbane in the good ship "Erin Go Bragh" in 1860.

He sponsored a series of Irish migrants, most of whom ventured farther afield by river boat and bullock wagon to Ipswich, which was then the main centre. They took up selections in the outskirts of Ipswich and branched on to the Bremer and Fassifern Valleys.

Some migrants chose to settle on tracts of arable soil in the bushland beside the river and in well watered areas near the port of Brisbane — such places as the Moggill district and the "pockets."

Archbishop Quinn set about to fulfil his dream of real growth of Catholic faith in the new colony and he urged the erection of modest churches wherever possible. So . . . as far back as 21st December, 1873 he blessed and opened a little church at Figtree Pocket for his flock in this region. The building became lost in Time and the absorption of people into established parishes — firstly Rosalie, then Toowong, Indooroopilly, Kenmore-Moggill.

Father Roberts' later years were spent at Canossa Hospital. It was a comfort for him to find that his parishioners were ever loyal and attentive to him during his long illness.

Perhaps this would have been a bounty for the comfort he had brought to families during World War II. During the war he would listen each night to overseas broadcasts which listed prisoners of war. He would then write letters to the families of those he was able to identify.

On his retirement, Father Morgan Howe, P.P. of Boonah, was appointed and he took up duty at Indooroopilly on 1st January, 1974.



Father Morgan Howe, P.P., Indooroopilly from 1974.

On recalling the lifestyle and incidents of this parish back over the years, it is noteworthy that each new parish priest appointed was confronted with a different and specific task.

Father Howe arrived at the time of Change. The challenge was for him to guide the parishioners into the new direction of the Church, as prescribed by Vatican II. The people were entrenched in the old tradition and it called for firmness and a smooth encouragement for them to understand and adapt to a new conception of Catholic faith.

The Parish Council and committees are active in the care of all people, liturgy, social justice, ecumenism, education, and the various responsibilities of citizenship.

Father Howe was appointed to Dean of Brisbane West on 26th September, 1984. This is an extensive area of jurisdiction and he is assisted in his parish work by Sister Dawn Humrich (Sisters of Mercy) who resides at St Lucia. She took the place of Sister Joan Ord (O.S.U.) who had served the Holy Family parish for seven years as the first woman Parish Assistant.

Culture. *Australia has become a multicultural society which one day will be part of history. Our forefathers brought with them the European culture but, with the influence of Asian people now with us, an interesting, new culture will inevitably arise in this country.*

For instance, the term "boat people" could cover all Australians who descend from pioneers up to fifth or more generations back. Such people are descendants from migrants who arrived on these shores in "boats" — sailing ships, steamers and later, aircraft. They too came to build a new life for their children and generations to come.

We greet migrants from many different countries and tell them the first strangeness will fade away and they too, will merge into Oneness with us all.

Aborigines. *Our ancestors drove you back: come forward now. Bring with you the ancient cultural heritage that is yours, the arts, the kinship and love of the land. Live your great legend which teaches "All Life is One." Let that belong to us all.*

The Holy Family Catholic Church, Indooroopilly, is a vital force in the community. In February, 1984 the Celebration of the Eucharist for the Feast of Christ the King was filmed by the Australian Broadcasting Commission in the Holy Family church. Rev Morgan Howe, P.P. was the celebrant and the combined choirs were under the direction of choirmaster, Mr John Rego. The performance was televised over the national stations on 17th November, 1984 and repeated on television in November, 1985.

So . . . the "baby parish" as it was dubbed in the twenties has now grown up to take its place on the national scene.



FOUR GENERATIONS STILL WITH US and three generations educated with the Brigidine Sisters.

Mrs Catherine Muldoon surrounded by her great-granddaughters **Emma, Frances and Louise Poultney**; back row her daughter **Mrs Gloria Cronin** (right) and Gloria's daughter **Mrs Colleen Poultney** (left).

THE HOLY FAMILY PARISH COUNCIL

A particular manifestation of the apostolate of the laity which has come to the fore since Vatican II is the establishment of Parish Councils. Indooroopilly was one of the first parishes in Brisbane to establish such a Council, which first met on 28th September, 1971.

Our Parish Council is elected for a two-year term commencing in March. The current Council has 23 members — 19 lay parishioners and 4 of religious orders. Included in the total number are:

The Parish Priest.
Parish Religious Assistant.
Principal of Brigidine College (or representative).
Superior of Brigidine Convent (or representative).
Chairman, Holy Family School Board (or representative).
Chairman, Holy Family P. & F. Assoc (or representative).

Since its inauguration more than eighty parishioners have served for one or two years on the Council. The current Chairman (until March, 1987) is Mr Ron Atkins.

The major Standing Committees for 1985/86 are:

Liturgy — This committee deals with all aspects of liturgy, including arranging rosters for readers, altar services, liturgy co-ordinators, special ministers, the church music and choral groups.

Social Justice — Activities held have aimed at bringing information to people in the parish so that they may better understand the issues that confront us all in the media and in talks to others. "Information Evenings" and discussions have been held on topics such as "Money and Society", "Industrial Relations", "Christianity and Politics", "Aid to developing countries" and "Youth and Unemployment." A seminar was held on "Nuclear Weapons" over several evenings with prominent speakers from the University of Queensland, Banyo Seminary and a Member of Parliament. The parish group also attempts to stay in touch with seminars and activities of other groups and helps publicise the wide range of interests.

Maintenance — The maintenance of parish property is co-ordinated by a council member whose constant responsibility and supervision is required at all times.

Finance — The parish operates on a three-year cycle planned giving programme. The parish currently is in the latter stages of paying off the loan raised to finance the Learning Centre/School complex.

Education — A large part of the input to this area comes from the P. & F. Assoc. and the

School Board. Sister Dawn Humrich co-ordinates programmes of Adult Faith Education within the parish.

Social Activities — The Council member representing this particular field arranges and co-ordinates the parish social functions. Presently the programme includes a Youth Camp at Mapleton Holiday Centre and Canoeing from the Jindalee Boat Ramp.

Youth — Every attention is given to the spiritual values and future welfare of the youth of the parish. Social activities cover sporting and outdoor pursuits and special studies such as those found in the ANTIOCH movement evoke interest of the young people. The youth ministry also deals with music, readers, community service.

Scripture Study Group: The main activities of this group comprise scriptural prayers and discussions and meetings are open for anybody to attend.

Children's Liturgy: This is in response to the document "Directory for Masses with Children" which was given Papal approval in 1973. It is necessary that children experience liturgy as far as possible at their own level i.e. Junior Group (4-8 years) and Senior Group (8-12 years).

Liturgy of the Word for children is totally distinct from the adult's. Children have readings, Homily and Prayers of the Faithful designed for their own needs in a place completely separated from the grown-ups. They return before the Eucharistic Liturgy begins.

Communications: Apart from Notice Boards the Sunday bulletin contains important upcoming activities; the monthly Parish News is the link between the Parish Council and the parishioners.

CARING.

It is both the privilege and duty of each committed Christian to care for his less fortunate brethren. There are three identifiable groups concerned with caring in this parish.

Caring Group — consists of about 15 active members and several auxiliary members whose aim is to give caring, support and help wherever needed. Some of its regular activities are:-

1. to arrange and supply transport to Mass, hospitals, therapy, shopping, etc.;
2. to visit the sick, the lonely, the depressed;
3. to arrange emergency home help;
4. to support activities by prayer;
5. to prepare liturgy for Mass in the Learning Centre 10.30 a.m. every fourth Friday of the month; and to supply transport for those who need it; serve morning tea after Mass;
6. to serve tea and biscuits after the 9.30 a.m. Mass on the second Sunday of each month;
7. to join with two parishes in sponsoring a house for pregnant girls under the jurisdiction of the Pregnancy Help Association.

THE PARISH SCHOOL

The Holy Family Parish School, established on 30th January, 1928, caters for boys and girls from 1-7 grades. For many years it was staffed by the Brigidine Sisters with teaching help from Miss Angela Cheetham who is still remembered. The staff now comprises both Sisters and Lay teachers. The enrolment is more than 300.

It is believed that our school is an educational institution charged with the development of the total person of each unique child. This development encompasses the intellectual, moral and emotional facets of each child.

The school provides a balanced academic and sporting curriculum. Optional extra tuition is available in speech and drama, piano, string and wind instruments; also tennis.

For higher education to University admittance level, the girls usually move on to the Brigidine College in the Convent grounds, thus allowing smooth transition from one scope to a new and higher challenge.

Principal — Sister Ann Harrison T.C., Dip. T., B.Ed.

THE SCHOOL BOARD

This Body was formed in 1981 to:

- ... permit parents to take an insignificant policy-making role in the school

- ... give parents greater opportunities to participate in framing the educational programme of the school

- ... to assist staff members to enter into a new kind of relationship with parents.

The Board comprises the Parish Priest, representatives of the Brigidine Sisters, teachers, parents, staff, Parish Pastoral Council.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

This Association has a three-fold role: educational, social and fund-raising.

Members have the opportunity of hearing visiting speakers, receiving information and expressing views on issues which have a significant social, educational (perhaps political) implications relating to Parish and School community.

PARISH HALL

Situated in Ward Street, this hall has a stage, dressing room, and kitchen facilities. It is available for use by parishioners for approved purposes.

PARISH LEARNING CENTRE

This is a large carpeted auditorium, a school library and several smaller rooms for use by the parishioners for approved purposes. It has access from Cecil Street. Kitchen facilities are located on the premises.

It was blessed and opened by Archbishop Francis Rush on 3rd July 1977 and has proved a much appreciated addition to the parish complex.

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*The School Bulletins issued at regular intervals during the year contains details of the school activities, reports from the School Board and the P. & F. Association.



The wing of the Primary School, opened in June 1955.

THE ECUMENICAL MOVEMENT

The ecumenical movement is directed towards the ultimate re-unification of the Christian Churches. It may be said that this is an impossible dream, given the bitterness of centuries of division but it is a task that should and must be undertaken with prayer, good-will and hard progress of all Churches in a world which exhibits much spiritual emptiness.

We live in a generation which has seen great advances in mutual respect and understanding between Churches. For example, at the local level interchange occurred in 1984 between the Holy Family and Anglican parishes in the surrounding district under the ARCIC programme; the co-operation thus established is continuing in many areas.

There is a small committee of the Parish Pastoral Council which is involved with the Western Suburbs Inter-Church Council. Member Churches include Toowong and Indooroopilly Uniting Church, Redeemer Lutheran Church, St. Ignatius and Holy Family Catholic Parishes.

Lively discussions on matters scriptural and doctrinal are held and guest speakers address the meetings regularly. Our Church participates in the Annual Women's Day of Prayer (International).

EMMANUEL COVENANT COMMUNITY

A number of our parishioners have a close interest in the expanding work of this Community. It is ecumenical though predominantly Catholic, with about 1000 people who are committed to support one another in the daily living out of Christian life. The quality of family life through teaching and example, encourages husbands and wives to fulfil their roles in line with Christian principles.

The charismatic dimension of the Community is evidenced by the use of charismatic gifts in worship and in healing and other ministries.

The missionary outreach now extends to South East Asia.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The Society was organised in 1833 by Frederic Ozanam and several fellow students of the Paris Law School in answer to an insistent demand for an increase in Catholic charity which has now spread to all parts of the civilised world.

"By their works ye shall know them" was uttered by Frederic Ozanam again and again.

Present office bearers — Lou Rice and Dick Grant.

ST LUCY'S CONFERENCE

The St. Lucy's Conference was formed in this parish in 1974. It arose from a bequest to the St. Vincent de Paul Society for the rehabilitation of women who were afflicted with the disease of Alcoholism. It is located in Lucinda Street, Taringa. Residents benefit from the professional expertise, kindness, understanding and humility shown them. In twelve years over 250 residents have passed through St. Lucy's House. That 80% have been able to rehabilitate themselves is sign of success of the therapy involved.

Present office bearers — Phyl Graham, Rhonda Harnischfeger and Sister Dawn Humrich.

SACRED HEART SODALITY

This group meets on the first Sunday of each month and holds a retreat every year, usually on a Sunday. Members also help the Legion of Mary Hostel.

Present Office Bearers are — Joan Rooney, Molly Daniels, Arline Nosovich.



Members of St. Lucy's Conference. L. to R. Sybil Erbetto, Rhonda Harnischfeger, Phyl Graham, Sister Dawn Humrich, Rita Lynch.

THE LEGION OF MARY

This hostel operates as a refuge for women — with or without children — who are in crisis and need shelter. Their special needs are referred to the authorities and they are cared for until new arrangements are made.

The hostel was officially opened on 21st August, 1955 in the presence of Archbishop James Duhig and Archbishop Furuya of Kyoto, Japan. The first executive comprised Jess Beahan (now president), Mary Mahony (vice president), Doreen Alexander (treasurer), Peg Hackett (deceased), Ronnie Bowen, Mary Duffy, Beth O'Hagen. The hostel carries on with the executive, Eileen Hall (resident supervisor/secretary) and ten members who help consistently.

The house is Queensland-styled and set in 189 sq. perches. It was owned originally by Dr J. Feather. During World War II it was the centre for the American Provost Corps and in 1945 it was used as a hostel for boarders from the Lutheran College.

The hostel is usually filled to capacity (35 persons); over the years thousands of people have passed through this shelter. The Legion is grateful for the support received from the archdiocese, Holy Family parish and the community generally.

The legionaries also carry out field work covering visitations to the aged, the ill and the lonely; special attention being paid to Canossa Hospital, Chez Nous and Berlasco Court Nursing Homes.

The female section of the prison is visited on Sunday mornings and on their release, prisoners are met and transported to their homes, the train or bus depots. Transport is provided also for prisoners' wives to visit Palen Creek and Numinbah Valley Prisons Farms.

ANTIOCH

One of the salient features of the attentiveness to youth is the ANTIOCH Group (16-20 years of age) which has become consolidated in the parish.

Little thought is given to the truth that young people today did not mould the world in which they find themselves. The world greets them with a fanfare of savage competition, injustices, violence, drugs. This ugliness drums out the glory of the universe, the essential fineness and courage of humankind.

ANTIOCH is a safety valve too, where young people can exchange confidences, talk with others of their own generation about their crises and fears, knowing there is no rebuke, no criticism. They help each other to cope with problems.

The youth talk together, pray together, sing together. They pause to help others in need of comfort. One of their projects is the Granada Home (for the mentally and physically disabled youth) at Ashgrove. This Home is sponsored by the Catholic Church in the Deanery of Father Morgan Howe, P.P. Indooroopilly.

It is well that youth can listen, understand, entertain and respect each other. Contact: Leon and Joan Ebzery (parental couple), 'phone 376 1129.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This interdenominational sharing of prayer and sacred song is held each year and has been hosted on two occasions by the Holy Family parish. The convenor was Margaret Henderson. Our Rosary Group joins world prayer for peace.



Members of the Legion of Mary. L. to R. Kath Gallagher, Tess Walker, Win Amos, Daisy Corrie, Doreen Alexander, Rita Brown, Eileen Hall, Sybil Erbetto, Mary Mahony.

THE CHOIR

Prior to Vatican II we knew only the Latin Mass. Some of us wistfully recall the glorious Gregorian sung Masses. Today we have the prayerful hymns at Mass led by younger voices with understanding, zest and joy.

From the beginning of the parish, choir members faithfully carried out their part. To name some of the early and later years . . .

Sodality choirs (Holy Name, Children of Mary, Holy Angels — children), Mrs Bertha Coren, George Rylatt, Jack Tunn, Jean Harrington, Sid and Ina Stacey, Mary Clancy, Vic O'Mahony Marie Gassman, Roy and Pearl McCabe, Lorna McDonough, Ron and Jean Hurst, John Lynch, Tony and Norma Forgiarini, Keith Benjamin, Margaret Ottaway, Hab. Ottaway, Margaret Connellan, Meg Byrne, Liz Fenwick, Athorp family, Eileen Hall, John Duncombe, Rego family, Patricia Thomsen, Lola Harris, Lorraine Gallagher, Phyl Graham, Rosemary Gibbins, Marie Roberts, Neil Duncomb, Sisters Anthony McGrath, Carmel Dowd, Eymard Keady, Vianney Chivers.

CATECHISTS

There are many children from our own and neighbouring parishes attending local State schools. Catechists from our parish visit these schools and give religious instructions in a classroom situation. Those presently engaged in this work:

Mr K. Benjamin
Mrs J. Comerford
Mrs J. Elliot
Mrs B. Esdaile
Mrs N. Forgiarini
Mr M. Greenhill
Mrs C. Holmes
Sister Dawn Humrich
Miss P. Keleher
Miss M. Mahony
Mr M. Rice
Mrs P. Todhunter

Pipe Organ: A feature of the Holy Family church is the pipe organ built in 1963 by a Brisbane firm which is eminent in the craft of organ-building. The pipes are suspended from the ceiling (supposed to be the first of this type built in Australia) and the console is fitted with pistons to give the player speed in changing to a pre-set arrangements of stops.

The Learning Centre, facing Cecil Street.



OUR PARISH PRIESTS

Father Morgan Howe (ordained 25th July, 1945). P.P. Indooroopilly from 1st January, 1974. Appointed to Dean of Brisbane West on 26th September, 1984.

Father Victor Roberts (ordained 19th December, 1926). P.P. Indooroopilly 1938-1973.

Father James Prout (ordained in Ireland: arrived in Australia 22nd July, 1919). P.P. Indooroopilly 1926-1938.

Over the years priests from other centres have come to our parish for long or short periods. They have stood-in to cope with illnesses and emergencies encountered by our own parish priests.

Some younger priests came to us and here they learned the vagaries and demands of their vocations.

We thank them all and are glad of this opportunity to remember them:

Rev Dr. E. Doody.

Dr C. O'Sullivan.

Father G. P. Elliott.

Father B. Taylor.

Father D. Carroll.

Father D. McQuaid.

Father Roch Allen.

Father R. McKeirnan.

VOCATIONS

(Given also are the home addresses and parents at the time of entering religious life).

CARMELITE ORDER:

Father Ted McNab (decd.); son of Mr & Mrs J. McNab, Taringa.

DIOCESAN PRIESTS:

Father Harry Bliss; son of Mr & Mrs Bliss, Indooroopilly. Father Tom Elich; son of Mr & Mrs T. Elich, Indooroopilly . . . (presently studying for Doctorate of Liturgy, in Paris). Dr Owen Oxenham; son of Mr & Mrs E. Oxenham, Indooroopilly. Father Paul Rooney; son of Mr & Mrs Jack Rooney, Indooroopilly.

SOCIETY OF THE DIVINE WORD:

Father Liam Horsfall; son of Mr & Mrs Horsfall, Indooroopilly.

JESUIT ORDER:

Father Frank Brennan; son of Judge & Mrs Brennan, Kenmore. Father Chris Dureau; son of Mr & Mrs Dureau, Indooroopilly . . . (presently serving in India).

SOCIETY OF MARY

(Marist Fathers):

Father Michael Rego; son of Mr & Mrs J. Rego, Indooroopilly . . . (the first ordination held at the Holy Family church).

REDEMPTORIST ORDER:

Father Michael McCann; son of Mr & Mrs M. D. McCann, Indooroopilly.

MISSIONARIES OF THE SACRED HEART:

Father Ted Lambert; son of Mr & Mrs E. Lambert, Indooroopilly.

CONGREGATION OF ST BRIGID

(Brigidine Sisters):

Elaine Barenoff (Sister Elaine — in New Guinea); daughter of Mr & Mrs Barenoff, Brisbane. Bernice Bugler (Sister Bernice); daughter of Mr & Mrs Mick Bugler, Indooroopilly. Kathleen Gaughan (Sister Finian); daughter of Mr & Mrs Gaughan, Indooroopilly. Betty Hayes (Sister Betty); daughter of Mr & Mrs Hayes, Toowong. Jessie McNab (Sister St. Jude); daughter of Mr & Mrs J. McNab, Taringa. Mary Reen (Sister Brigida); daughter of Mr & Mrs J. Reen, Taringa. Sheila Reen (Sister Anselm); daughter of Mr & Mrs J. Reen, Taringa. Joan Sutherland (Sister Joan); daughter of Mrs Margaret Sutherland, Toowong.

CARMELITE ORDER:

Monica Rooney (Sister Monica of Jesus); daughter of Mr & Mrs Jack Rooney, Indooroopilly.

MARIST MISSIONARY SISTERS:

Margaret Tish (Sister Gabriel); daughter of Mrs Peggy Tish, Indooroopilly.

SISTERS OF MERCY:

Bessie Harrington (Sister Florette); daughter of Mr & Mrs Harrington, Taringa. Kathleen Harrington (Sister Genevieve); daughter of Mr & Mrs Harrington, Taringa. Sandra Lupi (Sister Sandra); daughter of Mr & Mrs Lupi, Indooroopilly. Helen White (Sister Helen); daughter of Mr & Mrs T. A. White, Indooroopilly. Patricia McCann (Sister Constance); daughter of Mr & Mrs M. D. McCann, Indooroopilly.

OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART:

Dane Inglis (Sister Dane — in Papua-New Guinea); daughter of Dr & Mrs A. Inglis, Indooroopilly.

ROLL OF HONOUR

They were boys at school; then young men called to World War II. Those who lost their lives in that conflict are given herein . . . we remember them.

Hudson Ainslie
Maurice Barry
James Gibney
Edward Phillips
Maurice Roe
John Underhill

CONGREGATION OF ST BRIGID

The founder of this Congregation was Bishop Daniel Delany, in Ireland in 1807. In answer to a call from Australia, the first contingent of Brigidine Sisters arrived in New South Wales in 1883. They opened their first convent at Coonamble, N.S.W., followed by Randwick and other centres in that State. Gradually they fanned out into Victoria, Queensland, Western Australia, South Australia, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea. It is interesting to note that this Congregation is established also in England, Wales and the U.S.A.

It was in 1927 that His Grace, Archbishop James Duhig invited them to come to Queensland and establish a convent school in the new parish of Indooroopilly.

The Brigidine Sisters left their more orderly life of the convents in N.S.W. to take on something of a missionary task in sowing the seed of educational life in this parish. The first group from the Congregation were — Sister Brigid Foley (principal) Sister Anthony McGrath, Sister Ignatius Dunphy, Sister Finbarr Treacy, and Sister Columba Phelan.

They took possession of the house on 21st December, 1927 and set up residence on the property which had been acquired previously from Dr Gilston Foxton. They immediately set about to convert the residence into a convent home. Later the grounds contained a separate boarding school.

The parish priest Father Prout, the Ladies Committee and the Working Bee had done as much as possible to prepare for their coming, in furnishing the convent in a modest manner and setting up the makeshift classrooms as their school.

A section had been partitioned off at the back of the church to provide a main classroom. Each side of the building had a verandah — 10 feet wide — and they were divided into four

classrooms in all. Equipment was poor; some important items were non-existent. Hardly ideal teaching conditions!

It was indeed a miscellaneous body of children boys and girls — they had foisted upon them. Only a few of the children had been to a convent school (Toowong) previously; most of them had come from State schools and there were others whose school attendance elsewhere had been erratic to say the least.

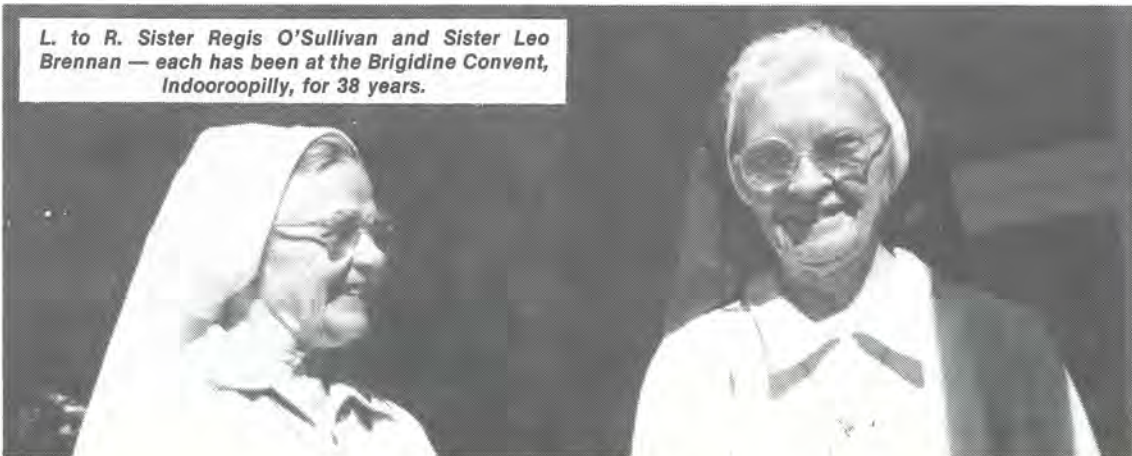
Whilst the Sisters had solid support from the parish, they must have trembled at the thought of the future. Perhaps they applied the spirit of their motto "*Fortiter et Suaviter*" (Strength and Gentleness) to gain the confidence of the children. It was a fact that, within a short time, the timid children were adjusted and the recalcitrant ones became subdued.

Enrolments increased consistently, particularly when many non-Catholics applied to have their children attend the Holy Family school. The former Toowong convent school, when it was purchased and re-erected in our school grounds, relieved the situation greatly. However, to keep pace with the ever increasing need over the years, a new primary school block was erected and opened in 1955 by Archbishop Duhig. In addition to classrooms, it holds an auditorium, administrative offices, library and computer room.

Still the complex grows, despite the fact that in 1963 the Brigidine Sisters undertook the responsibility of the new convent school, Our Lady of the Rosary parish, Kenmore. The number of children now enrolled at the Holy Family parish school is more than 300.

It is considered that each child is unique and needs intellectual, moral and emotional understanding and training. Primary school is the budding time for the higher education to come and that will lead eventually to a full and rewarding life.

L. to R. Sister Regis O'Sullivan and Sister Leo Brennan — each has been at the Brigidine Convent, Indooroopilly, for 38 years.



**BRIGIDINE SISTERS, INDOORROOPILLY — who spent some time — long or short —
at the Holy Family parish**

Sister Brigid Foley
Sister Anthony McGrath
Sister Ignatius Dunphy
Sister Finbarr Treacy
Sister Columba Phelan
Sister Gerard Coady
Sister Borgia Morrin
Sister Canice Bolger
Sister Lawrence Kinhead
Sister Perpetua Hendrick
Sister Thomas Keating (Patricia)
Sister Rita Noone
Sister Celestine McMahon
Sister Theophane Bourke (Pauline)
Sister Leo Brennan
Sister Regis O'Sullivan
Sister Dorothea O'Hara
Sister Joachim Burkett
Sister Raymund Dowd (Carmel)
Sister Matthew Jones
Sister Clare O'Connor
Sister Brigida Reen
Sister Laurent Dwyer (Kathleen)
Sister Aquin Bernasconi
Sister Eymard Keady
Sister Justinian Borthistle
Sister Aidan Ryan (Patricia)
Sister Vianney Chivers
Sister Gregory Milgate (Adah)
Sister John Flynn
Sister Philip Flynn
Sister Edward Mogan (Sheelah)
Sister Beatrice Grant (Beryl)
Sister Anita Murray
Sister Pauline Lonergan
Sister Genevieve Lewis
Sister De Montford Foster
Sister Savio Taylor
Sister Valerian McGrath
Sister Jane Frances Keogh
Sister Dunstan Ellis (Patricia)

Sister Emerita Gatehouse (Lorraine)
Sister Helen Maher
Sister Michael Mooney (Mary)
Sister Philomena Cleary (Phillipine)
Sister Camillus McEwen (Carmel)
Sister Finian Gaughan
Sister Patricia Buckley
Sister Guiseppe Marsh (Jeanette)
Sister Sarto Ladewig
Sister Enda Dunne
Sister Therese Fuller
Sister Loyola Fraser
Sister Joan Smith
Sister Patrick Nagle
Sister Brigetta Garvan (Anne)
Sister Leonard Singer
Sister Noelene Veness
Sister Aquinas Butler
Sister Fintan Fitzpatrick (Anne)
Sister Hilary Barry
Sister Luke Henry
Sister Leila Whittaker (Elaine)
Sister Patricia Donlan
Sister Scholastica Cullen (Christina)
Sister Clare Riley
Sister Mary Ryan
Sister Zita Barron
Sister Irene Barron
Sister Casimir Dawson
Sister Cephas Green (Lynne)
Sister Maree Marsh
Sister Eugenie McGrath
Sister Patricia Zeller (Trish)
Sister Joan Sutherland
Sister Dorothy Costigan
Sister Margaret Mary Coleman
Sister Frances Flint
Sister Frances Doyle
Sister Ann Harrison
Sister Gwen Norton
Sister Justin Whitby (Patricia)



**Sister Vianney Chivers who has been at the
Brigidine Convent, Indoorroopilly, for 23 years.**



**Sister Matthew Jones who was at Indoorroopilly for
25 years. She sent this photo at our request but she
said mainly to greet her friends here. As it happens,
she died suddenly a few days later in Sydney. R.I.P.
Sister Matthew.**

THE BRIGIDINE COLLEGE

The College is a secondary school for girls and is owned and operated by the Brigidine Sisters. Although a large number of its students come from outside the parish, it provides "on the spot" facility for girls leaving the Holy Family primary school to continue to secondary education which could take them to matriculation for University. Current enrolment is about 500.

The College has gained a high reputation for academic, sporting, cultural and deportment achievements. A wide range of tuition is provided — the usual academic subjects, commercial training, computer awareness, accounting, science, art, drama, speech and music, including string and wind instruments, thus providing for a school orchestra.

In 1961 Archbishop Duhig blessed and opened a new Secondary school building to accommodate the science, academic and commercial students. In 1969 the Delany Wing was opened. In late 1973, the boarding school was phased out to meet the incessant demand for admission to the College. On 12th October, 1975, Bishop Gerry blessed and opened the fine swimming pool. This facility has proved invaluable in the physical development of students and has also encouraged good fellowship in competition with other colleges. In 1983 the Brigid Foley Wing

was blessed and opened by Bishop J. Cuskelly, M.S.C.

The Brigidine College expands continuously. The convent house still holds its original grace and charm, although it too, has been extended. The garden still holds its old jacaranda and pine trees and the roundabout drive is still with us. But . . . beside it, near the front gate stands the handsome grotto to Our Lady. The original grotto which stood in the parish grounds was built by Walter Mahony, Noel Lyons, Kev Donovan and Cliff Evans, who were then youths. They built it with loving hands to commemorate their old friend and teacher of their early years — Mother Brigid Foley.

The Brigidine Sisters with courage and skill set their goal to inspire students with the hope and vision of what a committed Christian can be and do in this world:

- . . . a person who seeks truth, wisdom and genuine freedom;
- . . . a person dedicated to the promotion of human values;

Thus the qualities bequeathed by the Brigidines will remain with their students as goals to seek in life.



Brigidine College — Foley Wing, blessed and opened in 1983.

Principal — Mr Robert Hannon-Burt, T.C., B.Sc., Adv.Cert.Ed. (Oxon.) Dip.Theol.

The Queen Carnival

In the early days fund-raising was indeed a pleasure.

The inaugural campaign in fund-raising was the well-remembered Queen Carnival. The campaign was launched early in May, 1926 and was terminated by Archbishop Duhig on Saturday 31st October, 1926 at a Grand Fete held in Hemming's Paddock (now occupied by Witton Military Police Barracks), near the railway station.

Four contestants entered the contest — Eleanor Brown, Una Lalor, Kath MacDonnell, Eva O'Mahony. Each was supported by a vigorous organising committee.

There followed a round of fetes, garden parties, sports events, tennis parties, balls, dances, concerts, bridge parties, and the Convent "At Home".

Enthusiasm was rampant. Gifts, heirlooms, even unused wedding presents were taken out of wraps and handed over for the endless raffles. Families — both Catholic and non-Catholic — held Home Evenings with dancing on verandahs and euchre under the house (most homes then were old-style Queensland style). An outstanding event, the "Bushmen's Carnival", was staged at Moggill, sponsored by the O'Reilly, O'Brien, the Mick Lyons and Francis families.

In fact, over the whole period it became the "In Thing" for people throughout Brisbane to be able to say they had attended some function in connection with the Indooroopilly "Queen Carnival."

On the evening of 6th November, 1926, Archbishop Duhig crowned the winner — Una Lalor of Long Pocket — at a gala ceremony held at the Stamford (now Eldorado) Theatre, Indooroopilly.

The Queen Carnival was a brilliant success inasmuch as the monies raised completely cleared the debt incurred up to that time by the establishment of the Holy Family church.

Noteworthy too, is that the carnival welded the people together and thereafter neighbours became friends and formed a bond to organise fund-raising events in the years to come.

The Princess Carnival

By 1932 the parish was beset by the problem of meeting the need for expansion of the church and school. It was decided there was no better way to raise the money than to emulate, in a smaller way, the successful Queen Carnival of 1926.

A Princess Carnival was launched. A group of 12 school girls, nominated by their parents, contested the event. Committees were formed and another heavy programme was scheduled. Once again the community entered into the carnival spirit with great gusto and this event too, was an outstanding success.

The winning princess was Sheila Wieland — a popular win too. She was sponsored by her parents, Mr & Mrs W. Wieland (Bill and Mag.), who encouraged all contestants in support of the church and convent.

L. to R. Children — Paul Tunn, Nell Blasdale, John Tunn Jnr, Mary Mahony. Centre. Una Lalor, the "Queen", Ladies in Waiting — Mona O'Sullivan and Rita McCloy.



— TENNIS TALES —

A grass court in disrepair on the Foxton property was the spark that fired tennis activity in the parish. The court was located on the area presently occupied by the office of the College (off the Ward St entrance) and our pioneers remind us that the Grotto, at present at the front of the Convent, was located nearby.

With the driving force of Eileen Alexander and Erin Ahearn, supplemented by industrious working bees, and the enthusiasm of Father Prout, this court was put into working order. With extra courts at Joe Costigan's and O'Sullivan's available, a growing club membership was well accommodated until the construction of a new court (bitumen) on the site of the existing swimming pool, and later two courts (ant-bed) on the site of the existing flexi-pave courts.

Mention of the original College tennis court brings to mind the keenness of Mother Finbarr, who was responsible for entering teams in the inter-convent competition as early as 1936, and the College has been well represented in that association since that time.

The parish club first participated in the Queensland Catholic Tennis Competition in 1936, with Joe Costigan as President and Eileen Alexander as Secretary. In 1937 Noel Tottenham was Secretary and 1938/39, C. Gallagher.

The era prior to the War years and well on into the 50s were days of enthusiasm and many

social gatherings. Names that appear prominently over that period are — Bill Lane, Wal Mahony, Noel Tottenham, Pat Wagner, the Sweeneys, Underhills, Grants, Whimps, McGuire's, Lamberts, Brooks, Neesons, Denmeads, Gassmans, Ravens, Duggans, Grays, Buckley, Morrissy, Geraghtys, Browns, Henshalls, Kings, Thomsens, Fitzgeralds, Warners, Staceys. Gradually adults were giving way to teenagers.

The age group of participants today shows a marked difference to earlier years; when you spoke of 17-year-olds as 'up and coming players' today that age group is established as advanced players of the game.

Coaching facilities readily available for school children today has meant younger age groups being more widely catered for and the greater emphasis on competition has practically eliminated opportunities for social club play.

The upsurge of the younger generation participating in competition started in the club in 1976, with the average number of three teams taking part in the Queensland Catholic Lawn Tennis Association, from that time.

When you speak of the tennis club today you are referring to teams participating in competition. Sadly, club play as such with the old social atmosphere does not exist today. It behoves the younger fraternity to bring back the old social spirit to the clubs.

Jack Rooney



**VICTORY CELEBRATION — Holy Family Tennis Club "A" Grade Premiers Q.C.L.T.A. 1952
Father Roberts Presides.**

The names are mentioned in the "Tales" above — can you pick the faces in the photograph?

ALONG MEMORY LANE

As a nonagenarian I have spent most of my years in the lifetime of this parish. I remember so well the days when we all united to found the Holy Family church and welcome the Brigidine Sisters. I remember too, the great Queen Carnival when I was on Una Lalor's committee. Those happy times are still with me after all those years. I send warm wishes to some who still remember and greetings to those who were not part of our very early days.

NORAH O'SULLIVAN



From the Mustard Seed — I recall with a smile the beginnings of the Holy Family parish through the eyes of three children (the McCanns) — Trish (Sister Mary Constance, Sisters of Mercy), Jack (who used to send you Mater Art Union tickets) and myself (Father Michael McCann CSsR). As a child I was most impressed with Mass at the Stamford Hall. The hall was the community centre of The Pilly. Here were the concerts, fancy dress balls, political meetings, the "Pictures" on Saturday night and Mass on Sunday. We'd settle ourselves on the "Picture Seats" and religiously study the posters on display from the night before — some with cowboy gunslingers and others we were too young to comprehend. The parish has risen to heights today and it proves again that Faith surfaces above all environments.

FATHER MICHAEL McCANN CSsR



A tender memory for me was the day the Brigidine Sisters arrived at Indooroopilly. My mother, Sarah McCann had worked, harangued and plotted for a long time to get the Sisters to Indooroopilly. Father Prout met them and he drove them to our house in Cecil Street. You see — my mother was dying. When they came to her, she knew at last the campaign was won and she was content. She died about two hours later.

SISTER MARY CONSTANCE (McCann)
of the Sisters of Mercy



Happy Times — The incessant fund-raising and confusion from the change to planned giving were but a backdrop to the joy the parishioners found in Getting Together. Glad and I remember well the wonderful Moggill parish picnics of Father Prout's day and Mick Connellan's splendid Irish Concerts in Father Roberts' day. We always find a reason to have happy times in our Holy Family parish.

JIM O'SHEA

I don't remember that day of course, but I was the first baby baptised in the Holy Family church. I feel I'll always have a place of honour there.

NORMA LUMCHEE (nee Wynn)

(P/S: Norma died unexpectedly during the processing of this publication. R.I.P. Norma).



Father Vic Roberts worked very hard . . . too hard because it affected his health we felt. He had the whole district, Indooroopilly to Moggill which was fast growing. Constantly our son Neil would drive him on his calls when he would be too weary to drive himself, and would give him all the help he could.

BILL GASSMAN
ANN GASSMAN (nee Francis)



Father Prout, the Tornado — His six-cylinder Nash Tourer (chocolate with yellow trim) was known throughout the district. When he wasn't driving it — I was. What he did for the destitute during the depression years! Many a time I would have to deliver parcels on his behalf. He demanded "Keep your mouth shut about this Bobbie — it's just between you and me." But now I can tell!

R. C. COREN (Bobbie)



The Convent's Springtime At Home — The Working Bees would be busy for weeks beforehand. The stalls would be all colourfully decorated around the outside rim of the Oval drive. Afternoon teas were served on the front verandah of the convent while we would watch the girls perform the maypole dance, square dances and ballet: there were the marching girls and gymnastics too. Added appeal was provided by choirs, verse speaking and other items — all performed on the green grass oval as the stage.

MARGARET CONNELLAN



Another Working Bee — Our cows would get up early down at Long Pocket as they too, were volunteers in the supply of milk to the presbytery and convent. Of course, Mick Carmody's cows competed with the Lalor cows for the privilege. So — each day as one of the family would walk to the church for morning Mass, the warm fresh milk would be available to be delivered en route.

MARY MAHONY

ALONG MEMORY LANE

Easter Sunday mornings — My mother Nancy (now almost 90 years of age) would remonstrate with Paula and me. You see, we'd sit at the back window and gaze across the fence to the presbytery expectantly. No . . . we were not agog with religious fervour but we were waiting . . . then it would come. Father Prout's voice "Pat, Paula, come and git yer Easter Eggs."

PAT REYNOLDS



St. Patrick's Concerts — weren't they wonderful! Audrey and I (twin sisters) were featured as the pair performing the Irish Jig. Mother Anthony insisted each year that we undergo "rehearsals." It was really her chance to do the Irish Jig (to show us of course!). She would draw up the hem of her heavy serge habit and affix it to her waist, revealing her black clad legs and dainty feet. Then hands on hips was the signal for the painist to bash out The Irish Washerwoman, etc., and away she'd go, veil flying, her brown eyes sparkling, her face lit in a wonderful smile and her feet in fascinating rhythm. We'd be breathless, watching. When it was over, she'd reassemble herself and say "Well done girls". How she could dance!

CLARE THOMSEN (nee King)
AUDREY PLANCK (nee King)



The doctor patted my head as he left. Mum was in bed — very still. At 6 years old, I took fright and ran down to the presbytery. I burst in to confront a strange, tall priest who had just arrived. I blurted out "Mum's sick — come quick." He dropped his baggage and said "show me the way." We sped off and rushed into our house. There was Mum sitting up in bed talking with Mrs Alexander who had dropped in. We all stared at each other. (The doctor's visit had been purely routine!) That was Dr Doody's dramatic introduction to Indooroopilly.

CLARE TILEY (nee Ahearn)



Our mother Ellen Wheatland was one of the ladies foremost in the historic deputation to Archbishop Duhig to get a church built at Indooroopilly. The first site considered was at the junction of Station Road and Moggill Road but when the Foxton estate became available the Arch snapped it up. Although we have scattered over the years we still keep contact with some old friends in the parish and we send our greetings to all parishioners on the Diamond Jubilee of our own old parish.

MERV. and CHARLIE WHEATLAND
LUCY (Girle) ELLIOTT (nee Wheatland)

The first church/school is a dear memory for me. Members of the Goopy family were christened and confirmed there. We went to the school. I was married there and my father was buried from there. Also, I cherish an Autograph Book given me by Mother Brigid; it holds names of the early nuns and my schoolmates.

MARIE CAREY (nee Goopy)



I was altar boy in Father Roberts' day. He paid close attention to Kenmore, Brookfield, Moggill. Each local hall was provided with a piano which we utilized as an altar. Patty and I have happy memories of our schooldays at the Brigidines. Happy Diamond Jubilee.

CHARLES MORRISSEY
PATTY MORRISSEY (nee Jones)



Father Brian Taylor — I recall that he was one of the few people of that time who realised the particular needs of young people. There were not the facilities and groups that are available now specifically for youth. Kath Henshall (nee Sweeney) and I were the first chaperones; then there was Kitty Francis, to assist with his Youth Group and their many outings. His wise companionship, trust and encouragement is something the young people of that era would always remember.

CLARE THOMSEN (nee King)



In the first church, Dad was the volunteer who built the confessional. Later, one Saturday afternoon when I was playing with others in the backyard, Mum called me to go to Confession. I dawdled and she scolded me "Bernie, you go off to Confession — after all, it's your father's!"

BERNIE DRANEY



"Introibo ad altare Dei,
Ad deum qui laetificat juventutem meam
..."

"I will go unto the altar of God,
To God Who giveth joy to my youth . . ."

Tony and I, Joseph and Peter, have so many happy memories of life in this parish of Indooroopilly. The Graff family was part of the beginnings of the parish. My father (Norman), mother (Annie Eileen) and brother (Norman Gerard) have since entered eternal life, but would wish me to convey their spiritual kinship in this year of the Diamond Jubilee. May all who have gone before us rejoice in God's Presence and may the present celebrations carry us (and those who follow) towards eternal joy through Christ, Our Lord. Deo Gratias (Thanks be to God).

NORMA EILEEN MARY FORGIARINI
(nee Graff)

JUST TO SAY . . .

Some parishioners have been noteworthy in their enthusiasm and support for the P. & F. Assn. and the projects undertaken for the parish school and the college. Two who served as presidents are worthy of mention for their individual efforts . . . the late George Casey, a tireless worker, who placed his Carrying Business at their disposal for the Annual Fete; and Pat Faulkner who was well-known for his "chook raffles" at the Indooroopilly Hotel to assist in the installation of the Swimming Pool and Dressing Shed.

JACK ROONEY



A word about the Youth Ministry. The young people are the Church NOW as well as the Church of the future. For that reason we play a more prominent role in Liturgy, Special Ministers, Caring. Our immediate aims are:— to provide an appropriate spiritual basis; to continue contact with the Indooroopilly Anglican Youth; to develop further the leadership skills of young people; to welcome new people to the parish; to join up with neighbouring parishes in our mission. We look to provide a broader ministry and pursue Social Justice and other aspects of the mission of the parish.

GREG HESSE



Things began to happen in 1974 when Sister Joan Ord O.S.U. was appointed Parish Assistant. With new directions from Vatican II and under her wise guidance, encouragement and gentle diplomacy women planned Children's Liturgies, studied the Gospels and were fed by Lenten Programmes. Women began to take their rightful place in parish affairs.

An event I shall always remember was in November 1979 — the Year of the Child — when, at the 9.30 a.m. Mass, Mercy Dickinson gave the homily on the Rights of the Child. I look for the day when women again can give homilies. Meanwhile our lives are silent homilies as we work for Justice, Peace and Love.

MARGARET APELT



This parish played a part in the settlement of Vietnamese refugees into the community. In 1980 we formed our own Refugee Assistance Committee. In that year we were able to settle two Vietnamese families from Wacol Centre. The parishioners gave furniture and funds for rental bonds and two weeks rental for each house. These families settled in quite happily. They have since moved on but they keep contact with us as they well remember the helping hand and courage we gave them.

BILL GRAHAM

The strong dedication to this parish by so many people always impressed me and I'm glad that, in my retirement, I can play a more active part.

Brian Byrne and I were instrumental in organising installation of the new public address and lighting systems in the church. I assist the Council in its responsibilities by training new altar boys and when necessary, serve at Mass. I arrange rosters for Readers, Special Ministers and share with Mary Mahony the duties of Sacristan.

Carrying out simple but essential tasks in the parish makes my retirement a purposeful and happy time.

LEO ERBETTO



It has been a privilege for me to have served under four presidents of the St. Vincent de Paul Society during my 13 years at Indooroopilly. From each of them dedication and zeal spun off to the members. May I mention them:— Albert Goosens whose keen interest was in welfare of handicapped persons and assisting the Legion of Mary; Gerry Schriek, who kept his ear to the ground to find the silent poor and needy; Bernie Bishop who also organised drives for medical supplies and funds for underprivileged countries; Lew Rice, a tireless worker for all, regardless of their need.

With such men at the helm, it follows the work of the Society is carried out faithfully.

BART FOX



The Commission on Ecumenism reminds us that Jesus asked all Christians to be committed to Christian unity.

The Western Suburbs Inter-church Council came into being as a result of meetings held to plan an Inter-church Service at Toowong in October 1971. Since then, regular meetings have been held between members of Uniting, Catholic, Anglican and Lutheran congregations in the western suburbs.

The chief activities have been (a) the Ecumenical Dinner at Toowong on or near Pentecost Sunday (b) combined prayer services at different churches (c) discussion groups (d) Christmas Carol service involving different churches including Salvation Army at Shoppingtown (e) Christmas Bowl Appeal outside Woolworths, Toowong.

I am proud to say the Holy Family parish has been actively involved with the Inter-church Council since its formation.

KEITH BENJAMIN



*Holy Family church/school, Indooroopilly, building
blessed and opened on 4th July, 1926.*



*The makeshift altar faithfully assembled before
Mass at the old Stamford Hall, Indooroopilly.*



*Group containing the first pupils and Brigidine nuns on the opening day of the Holy Family school on 30th January,
1928.*



***The Holy Family Catholic Church, Indooroopilly.
Blessed and opened on 10th November, 1963, by
Archbishop James Duhig.***



***Brigidine College, Delany Wing from Convent
grounds.***



***The convent with a glimpse of the grounds and
Delany Wing.***