

Holy Family Parish - Along Memory Lane by Colin Apelt

My late wife Margaret and I first joined Holy Family Parish in 1960 when we were leasing a home in Fig Tree Pocket. We were members until 1962 when we moved to our new home in Kenmore. Our first child, Ruth, was Baptised during that period.

The family relocated back to a larger house in Indooroopilly in 1971 and we have been members of Holy Family Parish since then.

The parish was greatly blessed to welcome Fr Morgan Howe as Parish Priest in January 1974. He served as PP for nearly 25 years until July 1998. Father Howe embraced the reforms prescribed by Vatican II and he imbued the parish with enthusiasm for these reforms, particularly in matters of increased participation of the laity in all aspects of parish life and in issues of social justice.

Fr Howe was appointed first Chair of the Brisbane Archdiocese Catholic Justice and Peace Commission, established by the late Archbishop Francis Rush in 1985, when it held its first meeting in what was then the Indooroopilly Parish Education Centre.

Those of us who knew Father Howe will always remember with love and gratitude;

- his easy-going friendliness and great sense of humour
- his consistent preaching of the Word of God, as he opened the Scriptures to us in his homilies,
- his openness and enthusiastic support of initiatives from the Parish Pastoral Council,
- his enthusiastic long-term dedication to social justice, and
- his faithfulness to his vocation as priest and his selfless ministry to Holy Family Parish for nearly 25 years.