

Significance of the milestones: Quotes from Deacon Russell Nelson

Separation from Indooroopilly Parish of Kenmore and Moggill districts in the 1960s.

Background: When Indooroopilly Parish was formed in 1926 it encompassed Kenmore, Moggill, Bellbowrie Brookfield and Pullenvale as well as Indooroopilly, Taringa and Fig Tree Pocket.

As the population in the Western suburbs grew, there was a need in the early 1960's to create a separate parish to encompass Kenmore and Moggill districts. As a result the Parish of Our Lady of the Rosary Kenmore was opened.

Quote from Deacon Russell Nelson

"There was a need to create a separate parish with a land area suitable for the administration of one priest rather than having a huge area that was beyond the reasonable care of one priest. This helped to match the workload of administering the parish with the available resources"

Opening of the new Holy Family Church Indooroopilly in 1963:

Background: The new Holy Family Church opened on 10 November 1963. It was a major change and milestone in the life of the Parish.

Quote from Deacon Russell Nelson

"The new Church opened in 1963 and the old Church became part of the school. This provided the school with additional classroom and working space. The new Church with its bigger capacity represented the hopes and dreams of all sorts of parishoners that we would be able to provide a better liturgical experience. The high ceiling and very large Stations of the Cross aimed to assist people on focussing their prayer more easily and more effectively and to provide the opportunity for growth."

Opening of Indooroopilly Shopping Centre and change to trading hours: 1970s

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In 1970 Indooroopilly Shopping Centre as it is now called opened. A few years later Thursday trading and then Sunday trading commenced. The Sunday trading especially had an impact on the ease of people getting to Church and with having conflicting events. Sunday opening meant there were employment opportunities for the older students at Brigidine College and older students throughout Brisbane. It meant that they would be working when Mass was on and as a result, getting to Mass became more problematic"

Commencement of Community of Communities : 2024

Quote from Deacon Russell Nelson

"In early 2024 the Jesuit priests returned to what we call the Community of Communities – the parishes of St Ignatius, St Thomas Aquinas and Holy Family coming together. This was a recognition by the Jesuits that they have strong roots in Brisbane. It was also a recognition by the Archdiocese of the need for some consolidation by having one group of priests handling multiple parishes. As a result it became the Community of Communities.

In becoming the Community of Communities it meant we had to shrink the number of masses offered over the three parishes and Holy Family Parish was keen to keep their 8.30 Sunday morning Mass so they volunteered to shrink from three masses down to one weekend mass. This was willingly accepted. The attendance at the 8.30am Mass has seen a modest increase over the previous time when we had three masses on the go. It would seem to be a permanent arrangement for the foreseeable future."