

# JUBILEE

OF THE SISTERS OF OUR LADY OF MISSIONS  
AND ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL

1926 ~ 1976



KATANNING

## INTRODUCTION

In this book we have endeavoured to put together the history of St Patrick's Parish, the School, the Sisters of Our Lady of the Mission at St Rita's and the parishioners who after all are the reason for the development of the Parish.

In compiling this Parish History the individual and team effort of priests, sisters and parishioners, have built St Patrick's an excellent record of achievements.

From the humble beginnings of the first parish priest, in the 1890's, to the first sisters in 1926. The building of the two storey convent in 1930 and then from 1958 to 1975 the complete rebuilding of the church, school and convent.

1976 finds St Patrick's School changed in many ways. The introduction of lay teaching staff, some years ago are among the changes that has benefited the school. There are many other changes which you can see for yourself in this book. A chance to see the past of the Parish in book form and then continue to build for the future and improve on the achievements of the past.



T. J. Noonan

**Jubilee of St Patrick's School  
and the  
Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions  
October 2nd & 3rd 1976**

More than 1,000 people attended the celebration at Katanning last weekend. The festivities began with a Civic Reception for the Sisters of the Katanning Shire Council in the Council Chambers on Saturday afternoon. President of Katanning Shire Counciller Ross Anderson congratulated the Sisters on their achievements in Katanning, and the influence they have on the balance between spiritual and material living.

Mr Terry Noonan responded on behalf of the Sisters thanking the Shire for assistance given to School and Church.

Over 300 people attended a Parish tea on Saturday night in the Katanning Town Hall, many old friendships between pupil and teacher and classmates were renewed, and incidents and happenings of schooldays relived for the moment.

The celebrations continued Sunday morning with a special Jubilee Mass at 10.30 at which over 400 people packed St. Patrick's Church. Parish Priest Father William Costelloe and Father Giovanni Crocette, Chancellor of the Bunbury Diocese concelebrated the Jubilee Mass.

Immediately after Mass Sister M. St. Vivienne one of the original teachers at St. Patrick's unveiled a plaque in front of the school to commemorate the occasion.

About 300 people stayed on and braved the blustery conditions for a barbecue lunch which finalised the weekend activities.



**Euphrasie Barbier, (in Religion, Mother Mary of the Heart of Jesus),  
Foundress of the Congregation of Our Lady of the Missions.**

On a wintry day in January, 1829, a frail little girl was born into a devout family in the old French town of Caen. Only relatives and close friends noted the birth of this tiny child; but in Heaven, her name was being registered with that of the great missionary, Paul, for she, too, was to learn what she must undergo to carry the name of Jesus to the ends of the earth.

Now, today, not quite one hundred and fifty years from the date of her birth, Sisters of the Congregation she founded are working wherever there are starving to be fed, homeless to be cared for, sick poor to be nursed or children and adults to be educated.

In cities as far apart as Paris and Bangkok; in countries as widely separated as England and Peru, New Zealand and Africa, Australia and Bangladesh, Canada and Samoa, New Guinea and India, they share the sufferings, the labours and the aspirations of the people they serve.

Here, for the past fifty years, the Sisters have been happy to share in bringing God's love and concern to the people and children of Katanning.

## TEACHERS AT ST. PATRICK'S

Sister Veronica Martin began the 1974 teaching year at St Patricks as Sister in Charge. School staff was a problem, and due to the efforts of parish priest Father Costelloe three teachers were engaged.

An English couple Clive and Helen Dann and a young Scottish guitarist Michael Slattery. This 'untried trio' commenced class in 1975 and their talents were soon to leave an indelible impression of pupils and friends alike.

Veteran 1st grade teacher Jean Stanton who commenced teaching at St Patrick's in 1974 had another successful year in 1976. Along with Sister Isobel who came to us at the beginning of 1976 from Carlton Victoria and 1st year teacher Miss Anne Lansey.

It is to Sister Veronica and her staff's credit that they begin the 1977 school year with a total enrolment above 170 pupils.

Mrs J. Stanton Year I 1976  
Miss Elizabeth Anne Lansey Year II 1976  
Sr Isobel Year III  
Mr Clive Dann Years IV & V  
Mr Michael Slattery Years V & VI  
Sr Veronica Martin Year VIII  
Mrs Clive Dann

Taught in our school three years '74, '75, '76  
First year at St Patrick's  
First year at St Patrick's  
Second year at St Patricks '75, '76  
Second year at St Patrick's '75, '76  
Third year at St Patrick's '74, '75, '76  
Remedial Teacher second year at St Patrick's '75, '76



Sister in charge, Sister Veronica Martin, Parish Priest Father William Costelloe and Mr Dick Old, M.L.A. for Katanning with children of St. Patrick's.

ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL TEACHERS



*Sister Isobel*



*Jean Stanton*



*Clive Dann*



*Helen Dann*



*Michael Slattery*



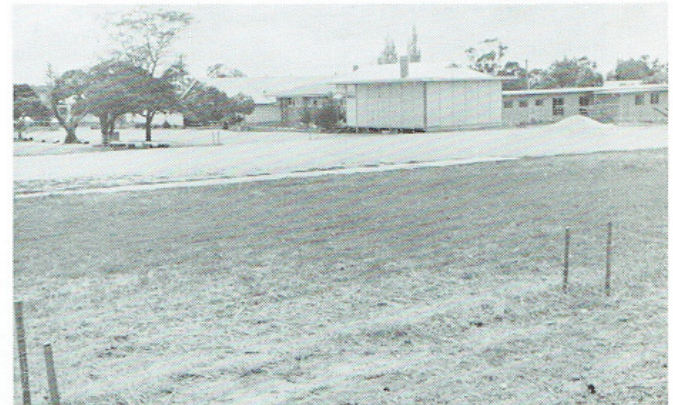
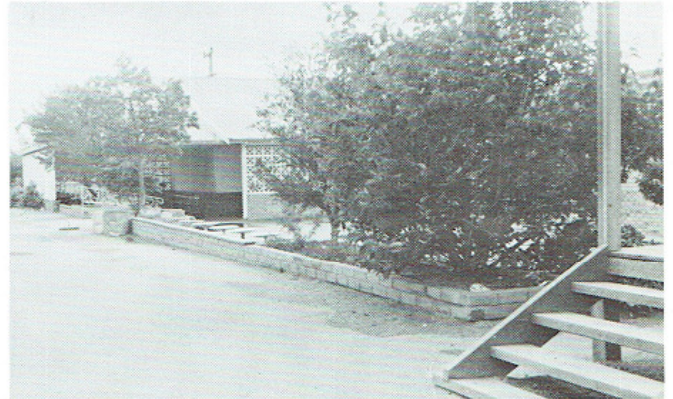
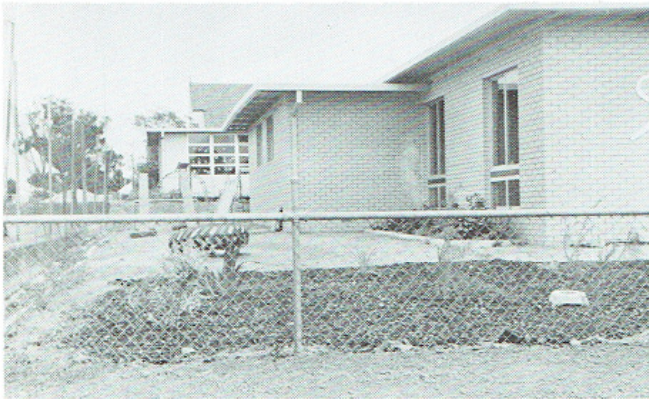
*Anne Tansey*



Two shields, with the word concern in bold lettering are prominently displayed on the exterior walls of St Patrick's school, Katanning. This is our school motto. The dictionary tells us that concern means to feel interest for a person, an anxiety for a person, to have a solicitude for a person. We are concerned about the children in our school. We have a deep interest in every one of them, we are anxious about them, concerned about their spiritual and temporal welfare. Concern for the children has been the hallmark of the attitude of the staff of St Patrick's School over the fifty years it has been in existence. The devoted concern of the many Sisters of the order of Our Lady of the Missions for the pupils under their care would I'm sure be attested to by the many ex pupils who celebrated the schools Golden Jubilee this year. That same concern, is apparent in the attitude of the religious and lay staff who teach the children today and who have the full confidence of the children's parents.

Fr W. Costelloe

ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL









## ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL KATANNING

On January the 29th 1926, the first Community arrived from Highgate. They were Mother Mary of Jesus, Sr M. de Ricci, Sr M. Paulinus, and Sr M. St Vivienne. They were met at the station by the Parishioners and were warmly welcomed. Then the Sisters were motored to a cottage, vacated for them by Mr and Mrs Norrish.

School was opened on the 3rd February, at 9 a.m., in the Church, with 47 pupils, 23 boys and 24 girls. Sr M. Paulinus took from IV Std. to IX consisting of 21 pupils at one end of the church and Sr M. St Vivienne took Infant Classes to the 3rd standard numbering 26 children at the other end. The children looked very bright and eager. The school started with 47 pupils and finished the first year with 108 pupils.

At first the Sisters lived in a cottage, No. 12 Britannia Street, but later moved into what had been a private hospital, in Amherst Street. This building consisted of fifteen rooms, which served their purpose until a large boarding school was built and opened in 1930. This functioned until 1959, when it was decided not to continue a boarding school any longer, in Katanning. The Sisters then moved into the altered boarding school, which is functioning as their Convent in this year of 1970, when we are commencing this Project. The demolition of the old building began on 3rd June 1959. That is the original 15 roomed building.

The Sisters continued to teach in the Church until 1927. Then three rooms and a verandah were built in the Church grounds. This was opened and blessed by Archbishop Clune on 5th December 1927. The original class rooms face Annie Street. In 1958, two additional rooms were added. These face Amherst Street.

Early in June 1966, we were able to take advantage of the convenience, that our practical, new Assembly Hall offered. It has proved a boon! God bless Reverend Father E. McSweeney for his foresight.

The First Superior of the Convent, Mother Mary of Jesus, died in 1930, and is buried in the Katanning Cemetery. May her noble soul rest in peace. Sr M. Paulinus was transferred to New Zealand in the early thirties and, though not in school, is still interested in education and assisting the Sisters, when her health permits. Sister M. St Vivienne was back here, assisting with the teaching of Music in 1969, but has been transferred to Maylands.

The present Sister in Charge of the Convent is Sr M. Monica O. Sister M. Bernard Kerins is in charge of St Patrick's. Sister came here in 1967, from Leeds, England, and has done a deal to up-lift the school. Sr M. Robertus, first Vocation from Victoria, in 1924, teaches Grades VI and VII. Sr M. St Anthony Keilor, a pupil from Sacred Heart Primary School, teaches Grades I and II, Sr M. Bernard has Grades IV and V. Mrs Walker, a secular, teaches Grades II and III. The Zealous Parish Priest, in charge of St Patrick's is Reverend Fr E. McSweeney, who has done so much to improve the church and school, especially to beautify the grounds. Our loyal gardener is Mr G. Bird.

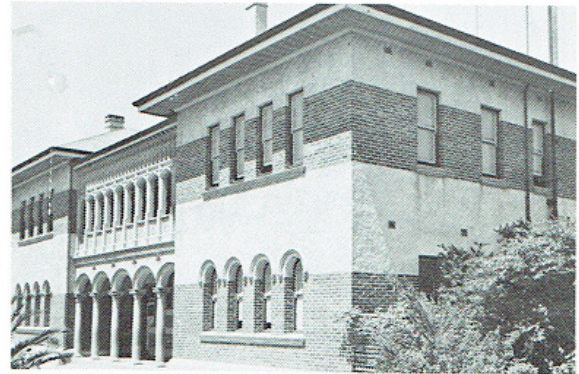
*Taken from St. Patricks History Book 1970.*



FIRST CONVENT 1926  
12 Britannia Street, Katanning



Building in foreground  
second convent  
formerly Brockhurst Hospital  
1928



Third convent  
in the 1950's.

#### ROLL OF SISTERS

Sr M. Paulinus  
Sr M. Roland  
Sr M. Michael  
Sr M. Robertus  
Sr M. Celsus  
Sr M. John Normoyle  
Sr M. Annunciata  
Sr M. Florence  
Sr M. Bernadette  
Sr M. Xaverius  
Sr M. Francis Therese  
Sr M. Ingatius  
Sr M. Lydia  
Sr M. Helena  
Sr M. Liavan  
Sr M. Bernard K.  
Sr M. Francis Colreary  
Sr M. Francis Gibb  
Mother M. of Jesus  
Sr M. Bartholmew  
Sr M. Calixtus  
Sr M. Ildephonsus  
Sr M. Clement  
Sr M. Rose

Sr M. Vivienne  
Sr M. Damian  
Sr M. John Crosse  
Sr M. Udo  
Sr M. Bernardine  
Sr M. Basilla  
Sr M. Marcellina  
Sr M. Flocel  
Sr M. Amedius  
Sr M. Magdala  
Sr M. Tarcisius  
Sr M. Kyran  
Sr M. Anthony  
Sr M. Mechtilde  
Sr M. Daria  
Sr Veronica Martin  
Sr M. Augustine  
Sr M. Francis de Sales  
Sr M. Teresa  
Sr M. Delphine  
Sr M. Lawrence  
Sr M. Hilaria  
Sr M. Modioena

Sr M. de Ricci  
Sr M. Austin  
Sr M. St. Brochan  
Sr M. Dulia  
Sr M. Raymond  
S. M. Gertrude  
Sr M. Camillus  
Sr M. Arcadius  
Sr M. Alphonsus  
Sr M. Euphrasia  
Sr M. Laurentius  
Sr M. Carmelita  
Sr M. Veronica McEncroe  
Sr M. Oswin  
Sr M. Monica  
Sr M. Stanislaus  
Sr M. Regina  
Sr M. Bride  
Sr M. de Chantal  
Sr M. Salome  
Sr M. Cyril  
Sr M. Emelian  
Sr M. Theodoret



Sr M. St. Paulinus 1924.



Sister Paulinus in New Zealand.

Sister died on 13th June 1976.



New Convent.

**On 29th January 1926**

The first community from Highgate arrived in Katanning.

The Sisters Mother Mary of Jesus

Sr M. Paulinus

Sr M. Vivienne

Sr M. de Ricci

motored to the cottage vacated for them by Mr and Mrs Norrish.

**On 3rd February 1926**

The school opened with 47 pupils.

In 1931, Mother Mary of Jesus first Superior in Katanning, died and was buried in the Katanning Cemetery.

1932, thirty children came in from the outlying areas to stay at the Convent during the August holidays and receive religious instruction "Bushies".

1942, February Evacuees from the city were housed in the boarding school during the war years.

1951, October Jubilee Choir.

1957, The Boarding School closed.

1957, Building of new school commenced.

1958, The official opening of the new school took place on 23rd of February by Mons. Cunningham as Bishop Goody was away.

1959, The Sisters move into the new Convent which was previously the boarding school.

1973, The Sisters moved from the old Convent on 10th March 1973

The official opening took place on the 13th April 1973 by Bishop Myles McKeon.

1974, The extensions to the school blessed and officially opened in November.

**PUKEKOHE**

17 June, 1976

Dear Mrs Taylor,

Your letter arrived for Sister Mary Paulinus just four days after her death so I hasten to let you know that she died at the Mater Hospital in Auckland on Sunday, 13th June. Her death was a very happy and peaceful one and quiet and ladylike as she had lived. Only two of us were with her for although we had known she was growing weaker very gradually, there was little warning that her death would be so sudden.

She had many faithful friends in Australia and often spoke of them. How delighted she would have been to read the account of the coming Jubilee and the information about the early days. On her behalf, thank you very much.

Rest assured that she will now be much more able to help us all and will be for us another intercessor in heaven. She will be interested in the coming arrival in July, and we, too, will not forget your intentions at this time.

Sister had been very happy here in Pukekohe where Sr. Mary Alexis had looked after her so well until she needed hospital care. At the Mater Sister settled down remarkably well and took her position there as another opportunity to exercise her apostolate with people whom she could help in her own way. The Sisters and nurses loved her.

Thank you for your interest and delight in Sister's communications with you. Let us pray for her to the good Lord whom she served so well and ask her to obtain for us something of her fidelity and her devotion to Our Blessed Lady. May God bless you and your family. Perhaps you could furnish the Jubilee Committee with the information about Sister's death and of her lively interest over the years in her teaching career in Australia. Sister would have been 91 years of age this year.

Yours sincerely,

Sister Mary Alacoque



**Brenda  
Taylor**

The letter on this page was written to Brenda Taylor on the death of Sister Paulinus. Brenda Taylor (nee Bessen) is the daughter of Gerda Bessen (nee Schluter) a pupil of Sister Paulinus in 1926.

When Sister Paulinus left Katanning for New Zealand in 1930, Gerda Schluter along with many of Sister Paulinus's pupils wrote to her often. When Gerda married Sister sent presents at Christmas time to her children and this started Brenda writing to Sister Paulinus annually.

Her pupils kept up the correspondence for many years, among them Kevin Cruickshank (the first pupil to sit for and pass the Junior Examination at St. Patrick's. "St. Patrick's School will always be associated with Sister Paulinus," Mr Cruickshank said. Joffre Berger and Inez Larsen were also constant writers, and spoke of Sister Paulinus with admiration and respect.

"We were indeed fortunate to have a teacher like Sister Paulinus to guide St. Patrick's through its first years," said Mr Charlie Antonio, (Mr Antonio died just a few weeks before the October Jubilee Celebration), "She was a strong and determined woman with a mind of her own. She was a good teacher and the children loved her very much."

## THE HISTORY OF PRIESTS AT KATANNING

### ROLL OF PRIESTS

Fr Duff	About 1890	Fr Fred Byrne	1935 - 50
Fr Timothy Dooley	1894 - 96	Fr Francis Regan	1950 - 52
Fr James Flood	1896 - 1901	Fr Corneilius Casey	1952 - 59
Fr James Phelan	1901 - 08	Fr Edmund McSweeney	1959 - 73
Fr Michael Reidy	1908 - 35	Fr William Costelloe	1973 -
Fr Peter Doddy	1935 - 37		

Relieving Parish Priests – Fr McCall, 1947; Fr Crocetti, 1967  
Fr Faulkener, 1975.

The Catholics in the Great Southern Districts were originally catered for in their spiritual wants by Priests visiting from either Perth or Albany. Many of the older inhabitants still remember the visits of Father Matthew Gibney. On his periodical journeys through the country on horseback he would call at the homes of the settlers on the way, say Mass for them, baptize the children, celebrate marriage and administer whatever sacraments were required.

It was on one of these visits that he nearly met his death through poisoning. He had visited the Treasure home at Martinup in the Gnowangerup district. The lady of the house made scones to supplement the bread supply but in mixing put arsenic in the mixture instead of baking powder. Fr Gibney was very sick for several days and it was feared that he would die.

Relays of horses had to be sent to Kojonup so that the doctor from "The Williams" might be brought with all speed. Fortunately he recovered and returned to Perth but it was many months before he regained full health.

On other occasions Fr Maton would come from Albany where he took up residence in 1876. He also would travel through the country, on horseback visiting the settlers. In those days the roads were merely tracks and many were the hardships suffered by those early priests. On more than one occasion Fr Maton became hopelessly lost. In one instance he wandered around all night leading his horse trying to find the road and some habitation. Very early on in the morning he heard of a rooster which directed him to an old mans cottage. Here he was made to rest, given food and directed to Oak Farm.

It is sad that these Pioneers have not left us diaries of their missionary journeys.

Others to visit the district in those early days were Fr Delaney and Fr Caul O.S.B.

The children in those days were mistrusted by their parents as much as possible and when the teams went to Albany to carry in loads of mallet bark or sandal wood and returning with provisions the children were sent of in town to the Sisters at Albany where they were instructed and prepared for their first confession and Communion. These journeys would take weeks.

The first resident Priest in the district was Frederick Chandick a Russian-Pole who was stationed at Kojonup about 1882 and was subsidised by the Government. He administered to the faithful in the district for many years.

One day in 1890 Mrs Reilly from Kojonup went out to visit him but found him kneeling at the table in his hut, as in prayer, dead. (Aged 76)

The Parish of Katanning at the end of the century comprised all the districts of the Great Southern embracing the present parishes of Katanning, Wagin and Narrogin.

The first Resident Priest in Katanning appears to have been Father Duff about 1890. He was responsible for the first church built in Katanning. It was a weather-board building. Over the sacristy at the rear of the church was an attic which served as the priests' residence. Fr Duff also built the original church in Wagin.

Fr Duff was succeeded by Father Timothy Dooley 1894 - 1896.

In 1896-came Rev Father James Flood who laboured in the parish till 1901 when he retired to the monastery of New Norcia and died as an Oblate of St Benedict in 1925.

Fr James Phelan took charge of the parish in 1901 and remained till 1908 when it was taken over by the Rev Michael Reidy.

In 1909 the parish was divided into the parishes of Narrogin and Katanning. Fr Phelan becoming first P.P. of Narrogin and Fr Reidy retaining charge of Katanning.

In 1912 the parish was again divided with the erection of Wagin as a Parish with Fr J. Molong as first P.P.

The Parish of Katanning now comprised the towns of Katanning, Kojonup, Tambellup, Gnowangerup, Woodanilling and Nyabing and Ravensthorpe. Ravensthorpe remained attached to this parish until 1932 when it seceded to Wagin.

The first building activity of Fr Reidy in this newly defined parish was the erection of the old Presbytery in Britannia Street because the attic over the sacristy was quite unfit for further use as a dwelling. The Presbytery was built at a cost of £700 and is good solid house. It still remains the property of the church and is let as a residence as it is too far distant from the new church for use as a Presbytery. (P.S. Old Presbytery sold to Mr J. D. Blair 15 March, 1946 for £605) FB.

In 1913 the first portions of a church was built in Kojonup on the hill above the town. In 1929 this church was extended by the addition of a Sanctuary,

Sacristy and Confessional at an extra cost of £1,000. The church is dedicated to St Bernard and was officially blessed by Monsignor Verling in 1929, the Archbishop being away in Europe.

In 19 ? an abandoned Baptist Church in Tambellup was purchased and renovated at a total cost of £500. This church was named St Michaels in honour of the patron Saint of the P.P.

In 1923 a splendid block of land on the north side of the town of Katanning was purchased for £300. The block is large enough to hold all the ecclesiastic buildings that may be erected in the future. On this block the new church was built and dedicated to St Patrick. It is a very substantial brick building but unfortunately is not finished as regards Sanctuary and Sacristy.

In 1925 the Sisters of Notre Dame des Missions made their entry to Katanning. They acquired an abandoned private hospital which they renovated and turned into a Convent.

In 1926 the primary school was built on the church block. This is a structure of three class room and a verandah. Cost about £1,000. In 1929 in spite of opposition a pretentious boarding school at an outlay of £10,000 was erected by the Sisters. Unfortunately the depression came when this building was complete and the meeting of the interest on this undertaking has been a heavy burden.

In 1928 the house in Annie Street which now serves as a Presbytery was purchased for £1,100 by Father Reidy. The original site of the old church and the building were sold to the Vacuum Oil Company for £450; the site being to close to the railway engine sheds.

A weatherboard school hall was built in Gnowangerup that same year. In 1939 a sacristy was added to this and in 1941 an altar and rails were made and donated by Mr James McKenna. Fr Reidy carried on his work throughout the parish firstly horse then by motor cycle and finally by car. He had charge of the parish for twenty seven years being transferred to Northam in 1935.

Father Peter Doddy succeeded and in spite of severe attacks of asthma increased the frequency of Mass in the parish. Since his time Mass is said every Sunday in Katanning and in one of the outstations. (Fr Doddy was transferred to the new parish of Shenton Park in 1937 and died there in 1939).

Father Byrne took charge of Katanning in 1937. In later years improvements have been made to the church by the erection of a Confessional box and the provision of new seating in 1938. Through the generosity of Mrs M. J. Garrity beautiful adoring angels and a statue of Our Lady of Lourdes were added to the Sanctuary in the same year.

Archbishop Clune visited the Parish of Katanning in 1912, 1918, 1923, 1926, 1929 and administered the sacrament of Confirmation on each occasion.

Archbishop Prendiville made his first Canonical Visitation in 1934 as Coadjutor. Again in 1938 at the close of the "Bushy School" of that year he visited Katanning and administered the sacrament of Con-

firmation to a hundred candidates. On this occasion he consecrated forty five foundation members of the newly formed "Holy Name" Society.

In 1941 His Grace again made Canonical Visitation and on this occasion visited all the districts of the Parish. After saying Mass in each place he visited the people in their homes.

Missions were given in 1938 by Fr John Walsh C.S.S.R. and in 1941 by Fr Carr O.M.I., by Fr Doody C.S.S.R. in 1945 and by Fr F. Wallace C.S.S.R. in 1948.

Since the advent of the Sisters good work has been done among the children. Besides teaching in the primary school in Katanning the Sisters accompany the priest each Sunday to the different districts and there give instructions to the children.

Each year, for the last eight years "Bushies schools" have been held at the Convent during the August holidays. At these schools the children from the country districts are gathered into the Convent for a fortnight and there are given intensive instruction and prepared for the sacraments and see their religion practised with all its ceremonies. Great benefit is drawn from these schools but it is a matter of regret that many parents fail to make full use of them.

Since 1942. A mission was given in Lent 1945 by Father Doody C.S.S.R. A week was spent at Katanning and two days in Kojonup, Gnowangerup, Tambellup. The fact of petrol rationing somewhat hampered the attendance but great benefit was received from the mission.

Canonical visitation was carried out by His Grace the Archbishop in 1945. It coincided with the Bushy School held during the August - September school holidays. His Grace confirmed some 40 children from Katanning and a further 15 attending the school of Instruction as well as half a dozen older children at Gnowangerup and two adults at Tambellup.

On this occasion His Grace spent several days in the parish and visited the outside places and said Mass in Gnowangerup, Tambellup and Kojonup. At a meeting held at Tambellup on the 25 August 1945 His Grace proposed to the people of Tambellup the formation of a parish with centre at Tambellup and embracing the towns of Cranbrook and Gnowangerup. This project has been delayed on account of the shortage of priests and is only being carried out at this date of March 1950. A block of land was purchased and donated to the parish by His Grace. This block adjoins the Church.

A Catholic Men's Rally was held in Katanning in 1947 when men from the Great Southern met. After Rosary, a occasional sermon by Rev Fr Cunningham and Benediction. All adjourned to the Town Hall for a banquet. Dean Gilroy presided. Addresses on Catholic Action were given by Dr Sullivan, Dr Goody and Fr McBride and on the Rural Movement by Fr Ryan. All declared themselves pleased and much enlightened by the function.

In March 1948 Fr Wallace C.S.S.R. conducted a mission throughout the parish. Good results were attained but the attendance was marred by the continuance of petrol rationing.



In September of the same year His Grace made Canonical Visitation. A Bushy school was in progress at the time. Some 65 children were confirmed. His Grace was attended by the Rev Fr O'Farrell on this occasion.

In 1946 the old Presbytery in Britannia Street was sold. It was in need of repairs and was becoming a liability with bad tenants so was disposed of for £605.

With this sum and a bequest from Mr Charles Cagnalo in 1947 of £500 the debt on the Katanning Church was greatly reduced and with the annual bazaars the debt is practically cleared.

In Kojonup a bequest from Mr Honner of £100 and steady work by the Committee the debt there has been also cleared and for the first time we have a credit at the Bank.

A five acre block of land at the corner of the Albany Road and the Katanning Road has been purchased for the purposes of a school and this land has been donated by Miss Gwen Cornwall and Mr George Church from the Estate of the late Mrs Emily Church.

A monument of the late Father Chmeliecik who died in 1909 has been erected over his grave and was paid for mainly by donations from the older inhabitants who knew him and from His Grace the Archbishop.

A further subdivision of the parish takes place from March 12th 1950 when Tambellup becomes a parish under the care of Fr Costelloe.

Fr Regan will take care of Katanning from that date also Fr Byrne being transferred to Albany.

In March 1951, the district of Kojonup was constituted as a separate parish Rev Fr Martin Brennan being appointed Parish Priest. In June 1950 a house in Kojonup situated on the Katanning Road, was purchased with ten acres of land from A Adams of Belmont, for the purpose of a Convent. The house was renovated by L. K. Woolaughan of Williams and extensions made for cells. The Sisters of Mercy of St Brigids of West Perth were in occupancy in the following year. The original cost of the house and property was 1,200.

In September 1950, the district of Broomehill was incorporated in the Tambellup parish and March 1951 two Masses on every Sunday were introduced in St Patrick's Church, Katanning, for the first time.

In September 1951, the children of St Rita's School brought glory and renown on themselves and teachers, for Katanning and Western Australia by winning the Commonwealth Jubilee School Choir Festival, in the B section for a choir of twenty voices. Competing against four other choir finalists they sung Sarson's "Pixie Haunted" before a huge crowd in the Exhibition Building in Melbourne. St Rita's choir was presented with the trophy by the Prime Minister, Mr Robert Menzies. Later, they travelled by air to Canberra where they gave a national broadcast with the Sydney Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Eugena Gossens. In their return to Katanning they received an enthusiastic welcome by some hundreds of people who had gathered at the railway station. As the train came in the Katanning Town band played "Here, the conquering heroes come". A few days later the

Road Board gave the choir a civic reception in the Town Hall, which was packed to overflowing. After congratulatory addresses from the chairman, Mr J. Bowden and others the children sang two numbers. They were then entertained at High Supper and each girl was presented with a beautifully framed photograph of the choir. The Sisters and choir and school received many well deserved messages of praise and congratulations from all parts of the Commonwealth including one from His Grace, the Archbishop, and Archbishop Mannix, and the Prime Minister, and also from Our Lady of Mary College, Deloraine, Tasmania the winners of A section for large schools.

On Sunday afternoon February 23rd 1958, additions to the parochial school were blessed and opened by Right Revd Monsignor Cunningham V. G. The new additions comprise two large class rooms 32' x 23' together with office, kitchen and cloak room facilities. These improvements were long overdue as the rooms in the old building were over crowded with the result that many parents were sending their children to the Govt. school. It can now be said that the Catholic people of Katanning possess a school building which should serve the needs of the parish for quite a few years to come! These classrooms have been erected by the hard work and drive of Father Casey.

As a result of the extra class room space provided all grades up to Junior Certificate are now brought together under one roof. This should prove advantageous to the school as a whole. It is now very much to be hoped that more parents will see to it that their children continue at school until they obtain their Junior Certificate. In the past the tendency with most children has been to leave behind forever the world of books and learning as soon as they reached the school leaving age of fourteen years.

During the last week of April 1956, a very successful mission was conducted in the parish by Revd Father Tally C.S.S.R. In all 271 confessions were heard and 842 Holy Communions received.

On Friday March 11th 1955, His Lordship Most Revd D. J. Goody, Bishop of Bunbury paid his first official visit to the parish. Early in the afternoon he was welcomed to the town and entertained by members of the Katanning Road Board at a Civic Reception held in the Town Hall. Later in the evening he attended a reception in the C.W.A. Hall where he was warmly welcomed by the Catholic people of the parish. After the usual speeches the function concluded with some songs, musical items and supper.

In February 1959 Rev Father Edmund McSweeney arrived as Parish Priest he was to have this role for the next fourteen years.

Father Casey in his time had completed the first major building additions since the school was opened in 1926. Father McSweeney carried on building and set about launching a "Wells" Fund Raising campaign to raise finance for additions to St Patrick's Church. The fully completed church was consecrated by the Most Rev L. J. Goody Bishop of Bunbury in August 1962.

Father McSweeney had formed the Parents and Friends Association, and it was becoming a strong movement,

guided by the P & F Federation in Perth, St Patricks played it part in State Aid for Independent Schools.

1967 saw Mr Barry Pollard lay the foundations of the school hall. It was a great addition to the school giving the children good protection from the weather as well as doubling for a school room and practice area for concerts and dancing.

Shortly after the canteen was opened with Joan Halpin, Bernadette Kowald and Doreen Pollard in charge in the opening years.

Prior to this the Tennis Courts had been rebuilt and colased, they provided many happy hours of tennis and basketball. The Sisters also about this time sold the block of land fronting Beaufort Street. This land was one time the cow paddock, and had also during the war been used as a trench shelter for the school children.

The closing of the Secondary School in the early sixties saw a lack of confidence by Parishioners in the future of the school and Father McSweeney had to use all the talents available to him, to convince his Parishioners that there were better days ahead.

Special word must be made of the work Joan Halpin and husband George had done for school and church. George had been active in Parish Council and P & F affairs holding office of President in both. Joan was Parish secretary for many years, played the organ at Mass every Sunday. Helped at the school canteen and she worked every hard for school and Parish.

The team of Father McSweeney, and Sisters Monica and Bernard (the latter of Walkathon Fame) combined well, they were a strong driving force behind every school and Parish activity.

About this time a builder by name Adolf Letter was engaged by Father to build flowerbed boxes and footpaths around the school and old Mr Bird would come up from the Convent and do the gardening.

Still more changes took place with the addition of 2 breezeways on the North and West sides of the rooms built by Father Casey, and large windows and doors on the South side of the original school. The builder was Adolf Letter.

In 1973 the Sisters sold the two storey Convent and surroungind land to State Government. Father McSweeney played a role in these changes, and made available land next to The Old Presbytry, across the road from School, where a very modern Convent was built for the Sisters. The builder was Adolf Letter.

Again plans were being drawn up, for addition to the school. But it was time for Father McSweeney to go in January 1973 he retired to Denmark. A very tired and sick man. However a very happy man, when looking back on his years at St Patrick's.

The first undertaking of new Parish Priest William Costelloe was to build 2 more classrooms, a new toilet, block staff room and office for the school principal. The cost of these additions was \$33,000. The builder again was Adolf Letter and Minister for Education Graham McKinnon opened the extensions in 1975.



First Presbytery  
26 Britannia Street



Fr Michael Reidy



Fr Fred Byrne



Fr Francis Regan



Fr Edmund McSweeney



Fr William Costelloe

## ST PATRICK'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

To the glory of Almighty God under the invocation of St Patrick, this Church was blessed and opened on 19th August 1923, by His Grace, Patrick J. Clune, C.S.S.R., Archbishop of Perth.  
Reverend Michael Reidy P.P.

M. F. Cavanagh, Architect.  
A. Thomson M.L.A. Contractor

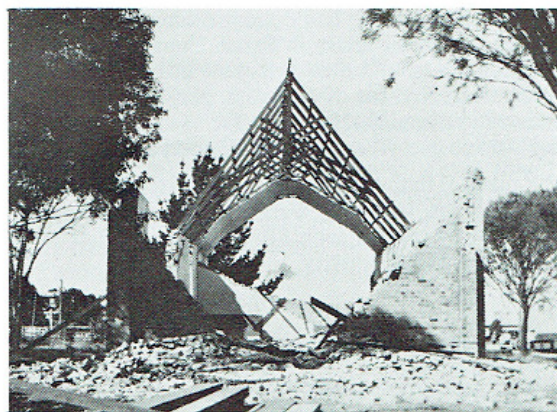
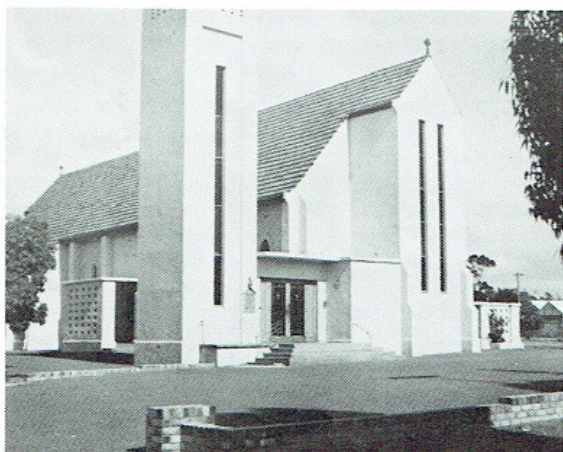
The completed Church was consecrated on 10th August 1962 by the Most Reverend L. J. Goody, Bishop of Bunbury.  
Reverend E. McSweeney P.P.

S. Costello, Designer & Builder

The very first Church built in Katanning, was St Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, in 1891. It was built on the site now occupied by the Vacuum Oil Company.



First Roman Catholic Church in Britannia Street, 1891, was wrecked by Mr Marshall.  
Rev Fr Phelan in foreground.



Wrecked Church



Interior St Patrick's Church April 1959.



St Patrick's Church, April 1959

**FOUNDERS, BENEFACTORS and WORKERS for ST. PATRICK'S**



Joe Clancy



Mr Charlie Antonio with his daughters in 1972. He died in September 1976, aged 92 years.

Joe Clancy, Frank Norrish, Cecil Norrish and Charlie Antonio were the original guarantors for the school in 1926.



Mr Stapleton 1862 - 1951  
Mrs Stapleton 1872 - 1950

Mrs Stapleton began the first lunches, morning and afternoon teas at the Katanning Sale yards with Mrs Garrity. All the proceeds went to St Patrick's Church. This was in the time of Fr Reidy.

Mr Stapleton helped build the flower and large vegetable garden at the Convent in the late 1920's and early 1930's. He also planted the row of gum trees between the church and the school.



Mr Harry Harken helped prepare the first school with the original guarantors.



Mr Frank Cronin and his sister-in-law Mrs Ellen Cronin. Mr Cronin was one of the early benefactors of St. Patrick's Church.

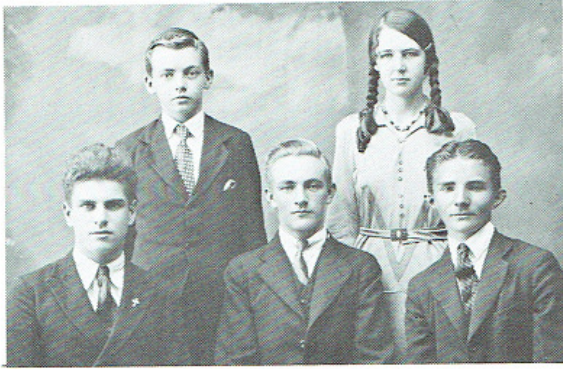


Paddy and Mary McAuliffe.

George is the Past President of St Patrick's P & F and Parish Council.  
Joan - St Patrick's Parish Secretary, organist.  
Joan along with Doreen Pollard and Bernadette Kowald started the canteen in the '60's.

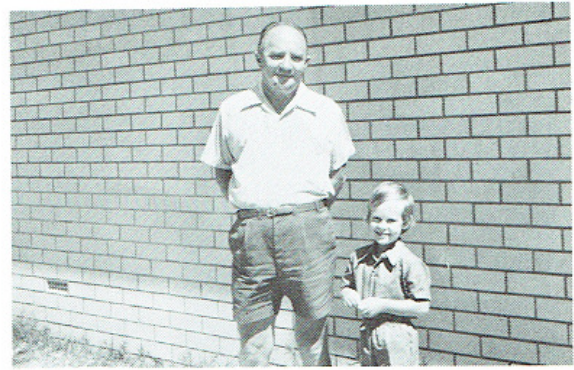


George and Joan Halpin.



*Back Row:* Bob O'Leary, Eileen Mouritz (Haddlitan)  
*Front Row:* Evan Nicholas, Frank O'Leary, Lawrence (Mick) Cruickshank.

(Successful Junior students 1931. Property of Mrs N. Haddlitan)



Mick Cruickshank and John Guidera  
 1st Pupil 1926      1st Pupil 1976



1929      Football Team

*Back Row:* Frank O'Leary, Harold Purkiss, ? Clayton, Alf Purkiss, B. Tanner, Laurence O'Meara, Bob Scott, Joff Berger.  
*Second Row:* Jerry McAuliffe, George Wilson, Ross Kemble, Aubery Fleay, Wally Spitty, Len Marshall.  
*Front Row:* Jim Tanner, Theo Harken, Jack Hastie, G. McRae, Bob O'Leary.



1970

*Back Row:* Sister Bernard, Rocco Debillis, Graeme Smith, Mark Jacobs, Bradley Lohoar, Kevin Barrett, Wayne Bunter, Michael Giles, Bradley Noonan.  
*Middle Row:* Trevor Green, Ralph Browne, John Olynck, Wayne Stapley, Ashley Hoglin, Michael Reynolds, Kim Chopping.  
*Front Row:* Robbie Selbey,      Tony Menna, Michael Quartermaine, Domenic Pontillo, Antonio Pontillo.

*Coach:* Athol Reynolds, St. Pats Under 11's.  
 Undefeated Premiers 1970



About 1932

*Back Row:* Bessie Crouch, Margery Weir, Shirley Tanner, Helen Penter, Kathleen Penter, Margaret Scott, Gloria Smith.  
*Middle Row:* Kathleen McAuliffe, Iris Tanner, Kathleen Levitske, Peggy McAuliffe, Barbara Gaze, Fanny Crouch, Laurie Fitzgerald, Keith Marshall.  
*Front Row:* Bert Wilson, Stanley Weir, Phil Turner, Francis Mouritz, Ray Hastie, Bill O'Leary, Jack Turner, Brian McAuliffe, Griff Davies.



Tom Turner, Tess Cronin, Marg O'Neil (Clancy), Molly McKenzie (Clancy), Father W. Costelloe, Sister Austin, Hugh Scott, Bob Scott, Mollie Wright (Scott), Dan O'Leary, Mick Cruickshank.



About 1933

*Back Row:* Mr Andy Windred, Molly Clancy, Marian Walker, Kathleen Toovey, Pat Nicholas.  
*Second Row:* Zeppie Silverthorne, Phyllis Yates, Marg Clancy, Mary McAuliffe, Shelia Logie, Ciss Hodgins, Molly Smith, Loral Harkin, Molly Scott, Jean McLeod.  
*Third Row:* Pat Underdown, Beryl Cruickhanks, Kathleen McAuliffe.  
*Fourth Row:* Roma O'Rourke, Joan Davis, Molly Mouritz, Molly O Conner, Audrey Foster.



*Back Row:* Fred Ford, Shaun Nicholas, Jack Treasure.  
*Second Row:* Hugh Scott, John O'Leary, Ross Wilson, Jim Tanner, Jock Nicholas, Ernie McIntyre.  
*In Front:* Ken Davies.



*Back Row:* Joan Simpson, Pat Turner, Ann Galloway.  
*Centre Row:* Abel Godfry, Fay Kett, Judith Norrish, Leslie Shearman, Mary Noonan, Pat McIntyre.  
*Front Row:* Noreen McAuliffe, Jean Porteous, Shirley Nagel.



*Back Row:* Noreen McAuliffe, Pat Lawlor, Judy Norrish, Carmel Clune.  
*Centre Row:* Colin Watson, Anne Galloway, Mary Noonan, Francis Hagan, Ian Watson.  
*Front Row:* Max Watson, Jimmy Crouch.  
*Seated:* Bruce, Ron English.



1948

*Back Row:* Ann Galloway, Fay Kett, Francis Hagan.  
*Centre:* Beverlet Solly, Leslie Shearman, Pat Turner.  
*Front:* Shirley Nagel, Noreen McAuliffe.



APRIL  
1947



## ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL – GOLDEN JUBILEE

St. Patrick's School in Katanning is 50 years old. A golden jubilee celebration to mark the occasion will be held on the weekend of October 2 and 3.

It will start with a civic reception by the Katanning Shire Council at 4 pm on October 2, followed by tea at 6.30 in the Town Hall.

A plaque to commemorate the 50th year will be unveiled at St Patrick's church after the 10.30 mass the next morning.

The celebrations will end with a barbecue lunch on Sunday.

Photographs will be taken during that weekend and will be used for a golden jubilee celebration book. The book will include pictures of the school's past and present students and teachers and should be available later in the year.

The school was built in 1926 with Messrs C. J. Antonio, Joe Clancy and Frank and Cecil Norrish as guarantors.

Mr Charlie Antonio said, "At that time, the only person with any money was Mr Joe Clancy. The priest of St Pat's Roman Catholic Church at that time, Father Michael Reidy was heard to have jokingly told Mr Clancy that if the debt goes bad, he (Joe Clancy) can live at the school."

Father Reidy's horse, Borgia, which won the Railway Stakes in 1924, was paddocked on the block where the convent now stands.

The school first opened on February 3, 1926 with 47 students. The first teachers were Sisters Pauline, de Ricci, and Vivienne.

There were only three rooms until 1958, when two more school rooms were added. Eight years later, a hall was added and the building was a great contrast to the 1926 version.

In 1974 two modern classrooms, a staff room, and an office were added. However, the three original rooms are still in use.

Mr Joff Berger, a former student in Father Reidy's geology class said he can remember Father Reidy used to conduct the class at the present O'Callaghan Park site. In those days it was the Richard Hooper Golf Club.

"He would hit a golf ball, send a student to look for it while he went on with the lesson," Mr Berger recalled.

Father Reidy used to pay Mr Eric Thomas, a former manager of Katanning Stock and Trading Company, who is now retired and living at Emu Point, Albany, sixpence to look for his golf balls on Saturday mornings.

Mr Noonan said past students can expect a very nostalgic time during the celebrations.

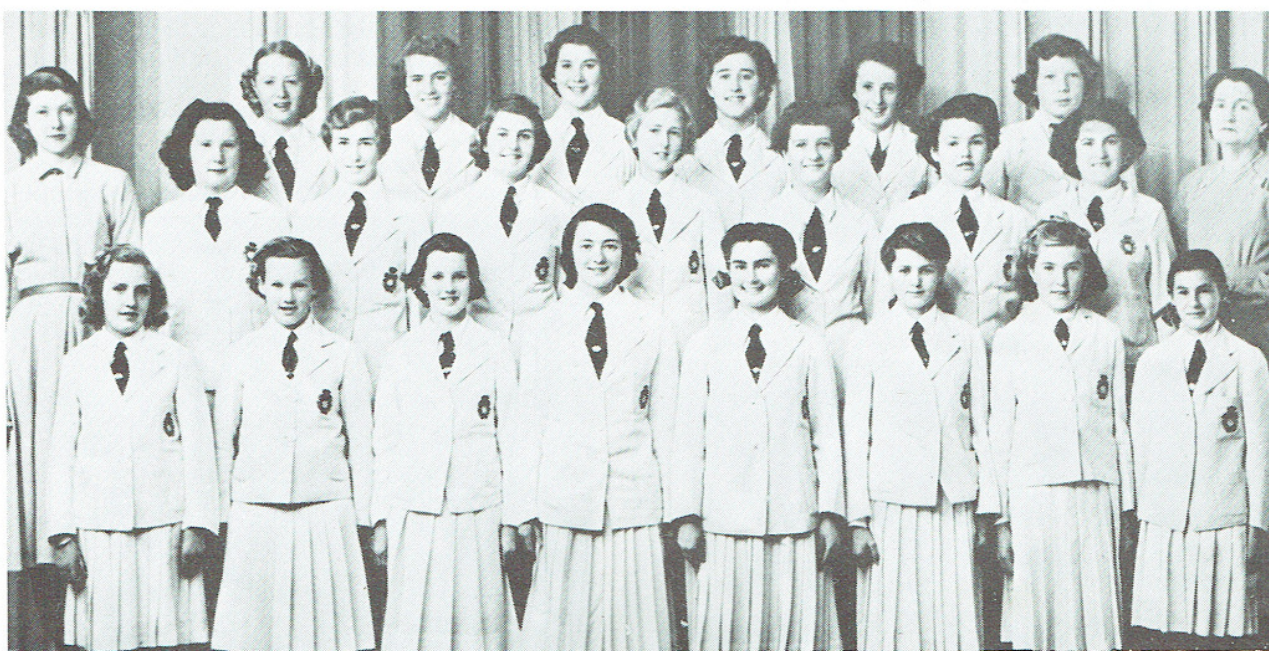
About 40 nuns from the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions in Perth will be attending the occasion.

*Back Row (From left to right):* Frank O'Leary, Harold Purkiss, Clayton, Alf Purkiss, B. Tanner, Laurence O'Meara, Bob Scott and Jock Berger.  
*Centre Row:* Jerry MacAuliffe, George Wilson, Ross Kemble, Aubrey Fleay, Wally Spitty and Len Marshall.  
*Front Row:* Jim Tanner, Theo Harken, Jack Hastie, G. McRae and Bob O'Leary.





*Back Row:* Marjorie Byrne, Noreen McAuliffe, Noreen Norrish, Pat Clayton, Mary Noonan, Shirley Clayton, Ann Galloway, Helen Mouritz, Eileen Thornton.  
*Centre Row:* Pauline Porteous, Pat Turner, Maureen Clancy, Leslie Shearman, Billie Allan, Yvonne Coventry, Betty Lucev.  
*Front Row:* Valmae Scott, Yvonne Taylor, Jean Porteous, Pat Noonan, Margaret Clayton, Joan Simpson.



*Back Row:* Yvonne Coventry, Shirley Clayton, Pat Noonan, Yvonne Taylor, Helen Mouritz, Margaret Hasserty.  
*Centre Row:* Mrs D. C. Pope, Veronica McAuliffe, Shirley Taylor, Kathleen Sullivan, Patsy Best, Noreen Norrish, Ann Trevenan, Barbara Clancy, Mrs J. D. Galloway.  
*Front Row:* Gillian Simpson, Pat Stayt, Kathryn Galloway, Pat Clayton, Joan Simpson, Joyce McHars, Irene Colohan, Shirley Holland.





*Front Row (Left):* Barbara —, Maddalena Mercadante, Peta-Anne Symes.  
*(Right):* Judy Haddleton, Jeannie Antonio, Maria Palumbo, Vinci Scurria.  
*Back Row (Left):* Peter Burges, Gary McAuliffe, P. Olynk, J. Amato, J. Komoroski, —, Stan Opalinski, Gary Antonio, Tony Halpin.



*Back Row (Left to Right):* Greg Pawlowski, Mathew Flugge, Deidre Sinclair, Stanley Carr, Hans Tion, Andrew Mouldan, Umberto Illiano, Heather Whittaker, Sister Anthony.  
*Second Row:* Jeffrey Mills, Mark Evans, Michael Guidera, Sebastiano Scurria, Daniel Dwyer, Graziella Benedetto, Christine Noonan, Kerry Stanford, Theresa Stjaher, Maria Pardi, Theresa Downes.  
*Third Row:* Tony D'Aprile, Kathrine Quartermaine, Paulette Piani, Juanita Daw, Ann Noonan, Elia Porcaro, Michelle Flugge.



#### 1976 COMMUNICANTS



Father Costelloe, Sister Isabel.  
*Back Row:* Lisa Nesci, Catherine Pedley, Susanne Broadbent.  
*Middle Row:* Paul Downes, Felicity Duttron, Tanya Sherington, Amanda Sherington, William Antonio, Mark Sinclair, Anthony Noonan.  
*Front Row:* Michael Dodd, Ricky Kilderry, Trina Lee-Steere, Susanne Mulligan, Susanne Flugge, Ann Dowdell.

## PUPILS TO PRIESTS AND NUNS

### FR JOHN BONATO S.M.

Born 11th February 1942.

Educated at St Rita's Convent School and Katanning Junior High School before going on to boarding School at New Norcia where he decided to become a Priest. He went to Marist Seminary in N.S.W. where he gained his Bachelor of Science and a teaching certificate.

Fr John was ordained as a Priest in a large ceremony in St Patrick's Church Katanning on 10th July 1965 presided over by Bishop Goody the then Bishop of Bunbury. This was the first and only time a Priest has been ordained in Katanning. Fr John then went to teach science at St Paul's College at Bellambi (Woollongong) for seven years before volunteering to teach overseas. He was sent to the Pacific Island of Tonga where he is currently teaching science at St John's.

Co-educational College comprising of 900 boys and girls. He is the first Australian Marist Missionary in Tonga.



Father Bonato pictured during his ordination with Bishop Goody and Father Edmund McSweeney.

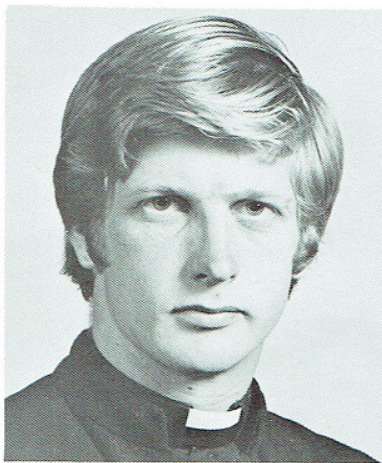
### Fr Hugh Galloway

Hugh David Galloway born at Katanning December 4th 1943. Educated at St Patrick's in primary years with three years at Katanning High School and final years at Aquinas College. Entered St Charles Seminary in February 1962 for priesthood studies for four years then to St Francis Xavier Seminary Adelaide for further studies. He was ordained in Albany on September 13th 1969 and has since worked in the parishes of Narrogin, Esperance Bunbury and Albany and at present is stationed at Busselton as assistant priest to Mgr Downey.

Hugh is the son of Mrs K. M. Galloway and the late John D. Galloway of Albany.



Father Galloway with Bishop McKeon on his way to the altar for his ordination.



### Bro. Patrick Dwyer

Born 24th April 1951.

Attended St Patrick's School 1957-64.

Keaney College Bindoon 1965-66.

Aquinas College 1967-68.

Training Melbourne 1969-71.

C.B.C. Fremantle 1972.

Aquinas College 1973-7

Not only has the Parish had vocations for the priesthood and Christian Brothers.

Four ladies have entered the convent and were all pupils at St Patrick's in the school's early years.

Sister Bernadette (McLeod)  
Sister Marion (Cronin)  
Sister Phillipa (Harken)  
Sister Romuald (Brosnan)

In the late 60's a little nun arrived from Ireland, she was soon to make quite an impact on the parish and local community and earned the name of the 'Walking Nun'. Sister Bernard has walked many miles with her pupils in 'Walkathons', but before doing so did the round of Katanning and got the best 'odds on' to how many miles she would walk. A great teacher and contributor to the school funds from her 'Walkathon' efforts.

### WINNERS OF WAGIN MUSIC FESTIVAL 1967

Boys Choir.

*Back Row* A. Jennings, G. McAuliffe, R. Michelanni, R. Henley, D. Noonan, S. Opplanski.

*Third Row:* G. Barrett, P. Jennings, G. Meyers, J. Amato.

*Second Row:* P. Strieke, P. Noonan, P. Verkovitch, J. Piani, G. Serodinski, S. Oppalanski.

*Front Row:* J. Noonan, P. Noonan, D. McFarlane, D. Dorizzi, J. Quartermaine, G. Meyers.



### SECOND IN WAGIN MUSIC FESTIVAL 1967

Mixed Choir from left to right:

*Back Row:* L. Haddleton, V. Underwood, R. Cronin, J. Dorizzi, V. Scarria, S. McAuliffe.

*Third Row:* M. Heaney, J. Hogin, S. Oppalanski, G. McAuliffe, D. Noonan, G. Meyers, P. Halpin, K. Levitiske.

*Second Row:* R. Scurria, P. Strieke, P. Noonan, G. Barrett, J. Amato, P. Jennings, P. Verkovitch.

*Front Row:* D. Heaney, R. Parinella, K. Jennings, A. Paluntio, M. Johnson, T. Quartermaine, V. Haddleton, B. Strickland.





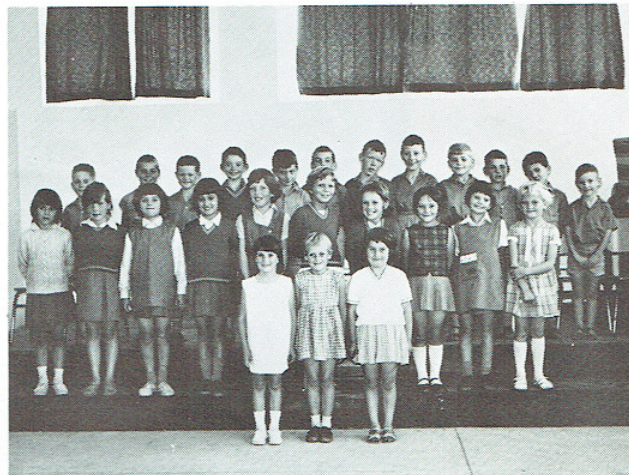
*Back Row:* Antoinette Palumbo, Carol Cronin, Barbara Dwyer, Mary Dowdell, Lucy Dell'aversano, Girda Lambricks, Ann Parteous.  
*Front Row:* Agnes Letter, Dianne Wilson, Elizabeth Dwyer, Mercadante, Antoinetta Dell'aversano, Marie Benato.



*Back Row:* Bernard Dwyer, Peter Bakman, Dennis Herring, Mark Thors, Brett Green, Chris Kawald, John Lampian, Lindsay Marris.  
*Front Row:* Teresa Bonini, Carol Underwood, Patricia Bell, Sally Ann Jones, Margaret Murdock, Lorraine Barrett, Rosemary Stryjk, Dianne Smith, Dianne Perric.



*Back Row:* Lindsay Kealley, John Quartermaine, John Paini, Rodney Carr, Brian Porteous, Jeff Paini, Peter Stryjk.  
*Second Row:* Adrian Kowald, Michael Kealley, Bruce Clark, Peter Zawal, Doug Macfarlane, Gary Antonio, Barry Burton, Ron Applin.  
*Front Row:* Marjorie Dwyer, Dianne Grosso, Philomena Dell'aversano, Rosetta Parinello, Patricia, Dowdell, Strickland, Maureen Johnston, Julie Hogan, Kaye Levitzke, Gabriel Nelson.



*Back Row (Left to Right):* Conrad DeKorley, Peter Batlani, Michael Reynolds, Bradley Noonan, Rocky Debellis, Michael Giles, Wayne Bunter, Kevin Kowald, Kim Chopping, Tim Polglase, Camello Paranello and Ian Mills.  
*Middle Row:* Teresa Bonini, Tracy Bunter, Anna Gentele, Lena Scurrio, Kathleen Giles, Joan Batman, Raelene McGreckan, Rosa Dell'aversano, Mary Dwyer, Kathleen Johnson.  
*Front Row:* Fiona Flugge, Alison Carr, Anna Vicabellio.



#### ROOM FOUR

*Back Row (Left to Right):* Isabella Laurino, Jennifer Pedley, Anna Benedetto, Kim Anning, Vince Marino, Angelo Poutillo, Ian Johnston, Paul Whiteakers, Paul Johnston, Julian Day, Lindsay MacDonald, Angela Levityke.

*Middle Row:* Giuseppe D'Aprile, Tony Daw, Kylene Mader, Peppo Schiano, John Debellis, Mr Michael Slattery (Teacher), Darren Flugge, Greg Lee-Steere, Jill Noonan, Peter Flugge.

*Front Row:* Jennifer Guidera, Rocco Debellis, Ian Norrish, Angela Vaughan, Angelina Miano, Elizabeth Guidera, Phillip Mulligan, John Cohen, Grant Dodd.

*Absent:* Melissa Tion.



#### ROOM TWO GRADES 4/5

*Back Row (Left to Right):* Tony D'Aprile, Sally Sharp, Terry McAuliffe, Shane Wilketon, Mr Dann, Ian Coleman, Michael Pedley, Tony Keeley, Kim Anderson, Nicholas Dwyer.

*Middle Row:* Carolyn Spanbrock, Milton Anning, Angela Schiano, Tonia Pawburski, Bevan Mills, Sherryl Antonio, Guiseppina Gentile, Frankie Rocco, Charman Kildery, Michelle Bonshore.

*Front Row:* Jeffrey Thavaseelan, Ann Garstone, Lena Porcaro, Sammy Tacobellis, Ross Smith, Maria De Bellis, Kaye Dowdell, Frankie Menna, Enjo Pontillo.



**ROOM SIX (GRADE THREE)**

*Back Row (Left to Right):* Amanda Shirvington, Paul Albano, Mark Sinclair, Gail Marris, Lucetta Nesci, William Antonio, Bruce Hudson, Sr Isabel.  
*Middle Row:* Tania Shirvinton, Suzanne Broadbent, Darren Cousins, Anthony Noonan, David Cohen, Linda Ford, Marnie Ford, Catherine Pedley, Melissa Morrow, Felicity Duttson.  
*Front Row:* Linda Merrey, Paul Downes, Tereena Lee-Steere, Anne Dowdell, Suzanne Flugge, Michael Dodd, Susan Merrey, Rikki Kilderry, Julie Bonshore.



**ROOM THREE (GRADE TWO)**

*Back Row (Left to Right):* Kim Wilhelm, Ross Sharp.  
*Middle Row:* Elizabeth Coleman, Kaye Zottolla, Tiffany Sinclair, Douglas McDonald, Miss Tansey, Gabriel Gentile, Elena Debellis, Craig Lee-Steere, Rachel Kilderry, Linda Stade.  
*Front Row:* Malcolm Vaughan, Adrian Morrow, Caroline Duttson, David Roosendaal, Tina Mercadante, Fleur Rondoni, Garry Vaughan, Heather Duttson, Fatima Bajranovic.



### ROOM ONE (GRADE ONE)

*Back Row (Left to Right):* Tony Debellis, Michael Albano, David Maher, Geoffrey Pedley, Graham Broadbent, Catherine Schaefer, Bruce Sharp, Jason Frisina, Mrs Stanton, Traci Spanbroek, Sarah Haddleton.

*Middle Row:* Mirzet Honovic, Tracy Boyle, Marco Palezza, Peter Hutcheson, Theresa Clark, Leanne Farmer, Emma Richards, Sally Clark, Renae Stronach, Kylie Cousins.

*Front Row:* Natasha Murray, Stefana Bajramovic, Vivienne McDonald, Nicole Delarie, Bill Pickering, David Anderson, Geoffrey Stade, John Guidera, Alfonso D'Anna.



### SR VERONICA'S CLASS

*Back Row:* Therese Downes, Susan Norrish, Antonietta Nesci, Ann Noonan, Sr Veronica, Tracey Wilhelm, Paulette Piani, Matthew Flugge.

*Middle Row:* Brendan Ford, Matthew Punch, Ken Tagliaferri, Robert Amato, Jennifer Thavaseelan, Jaunita Daw, Donna Hutchinson, Michelle Flugge, Ross Spanbroek, James Olynk.

*Front Row:* Jo-anne McGrechan, Elia Porcaro, Helen Edwards, Sylvia Illiano, Danial Dywer, Mark Evans, Greg Smith, Maria Menna, Michael Rocco.



Mid '60's

Diane Young, Helen Galloway, Pauline Kowald, Julie Wilhelm, Kaye Pictures, Leslie Green, Krystyna Dams, Leoni Murdoch, Christina Opalinski, Teresa Opalinski.



Sister Kathleen  
Music Teacher

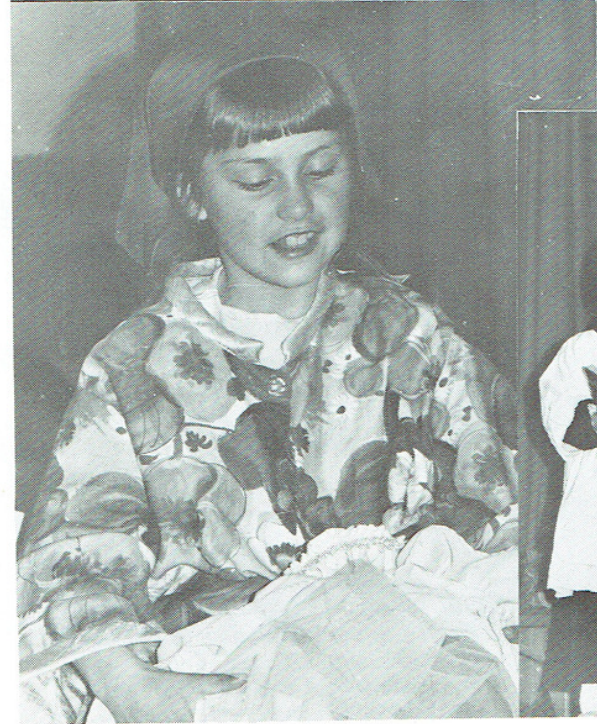


Staff Break



Sister Austin C.C.







JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS 1976



Tom Turner  
Has pushed his bicycle for 50 years to church.



Sr Camellius, Sr Bernadette and Mary Clarke.



Mrs and Mrs R. A. Coventry and Mrs J. Hutchinson.



Sr M. John Crosse, Sr Vivienne and Mr Hugh Scott.



Nennie Harkin, Pat McGreekan and Sr Sebastian Maher.



Sr Vivienne





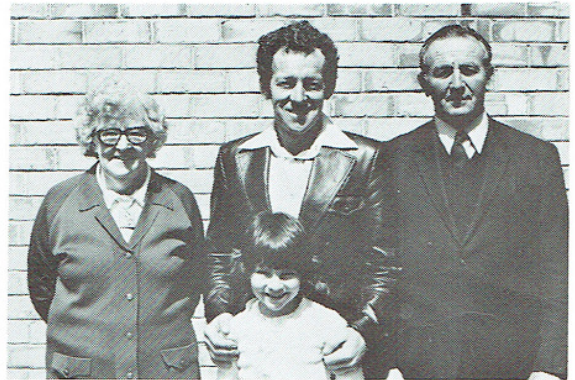
Athol and Dawn Reynolds and son Michael.



Mrs Welshman and Mrs Noonan.



Sr Bernard and Viv Evans



Eileen and Wally Haddleton and son Bill and Granddaughter.

First family in Katanning to have three generations to attend St Patricks School.



John and Catherine Simpson with children Angela, Jeremy, Christopher and Michael



*Back Row:* Mary Clarke, Noil and Des Noonan, Helen and Terry Noonan.

*Front Row:* Elizabeth Clarke, Peter, Linda, Janet and Jill Noonan, Catherine Clarke, Kim Noonan and Mrs M. J. Noonan.



Mrs Kath Galloway with daughters Catherine, Helen and Anne.



Yvonne Groves and Sister Xaverius.



Sr Xaverius and former students

*Back Row:* Anne Flugge (Galloway), Jan Noonan (Bell), Maraget Sullivan (Haggerty), Sister Xaverius, Yvonne Groves (Taylor), Kathryn Simpson (Galloway).

*Front Row:* Ainslie Evans (Haddelton), Mary Clarke (Noonan), Joan Hutchinson (Simpson).



Margaret Sullivan (Haggerty), Jill Lee-Steere (Simpson), Shirley Collins (Clayton), Veronica Poskey (McAuliffe), Elsie Lohoar (Parker)



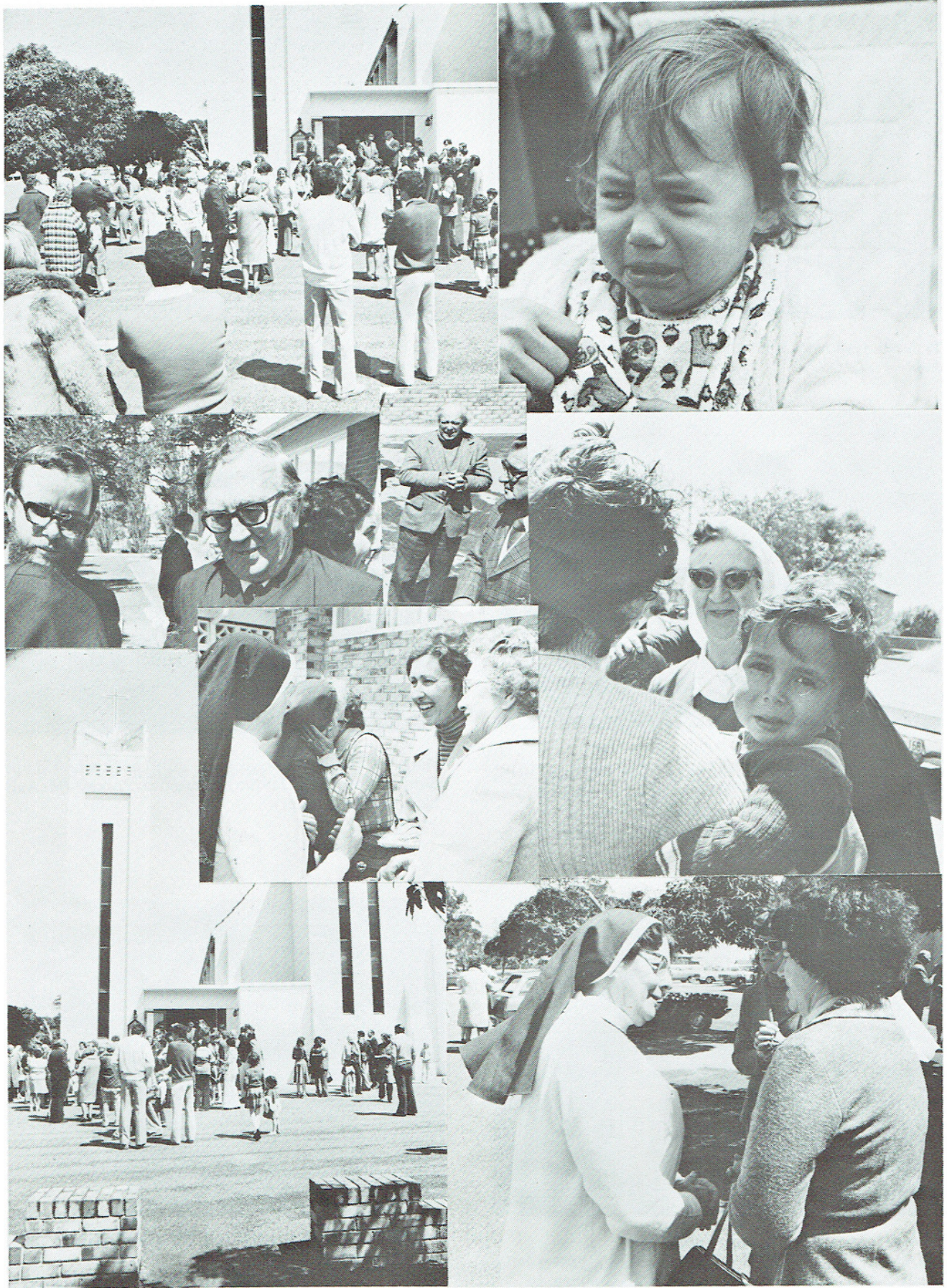
*Back Row:* Terry Kealley, Bob Turner.

*Front Row:* Bill and Shirley Kealley, Tom Turner, Betty Green, Pat McGrechan, Phil Turner, Ray McGrechan.



*Back Row:* Bill, Lesley and Wally Haddleton, John Evans.

*Front Row:* Eileen Haddleton (Mouritz), Ainslie Evans (Haddleton), Meg Rochie (Haddleton).





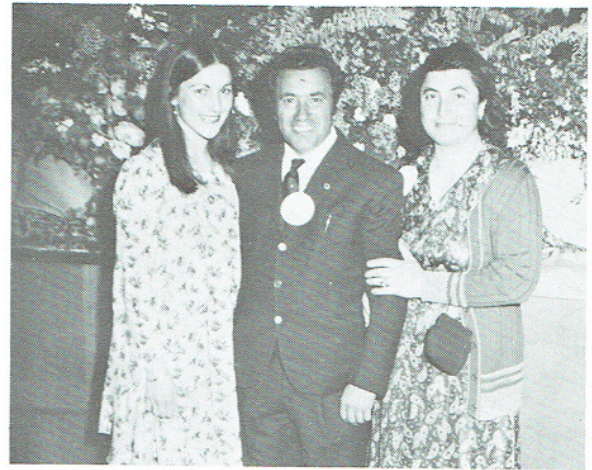
*Back Row:* Charlie Levitzke and son Alan.  
*Front Row:* Angela, Mervyn and Norma Levitzke.



Mr and Mrs John D'Amico



*Back Row:* Bradley Noonan Helen and Terry Noonan,  
 Elizabeth Clarke, Peter Hansord, Susan Clarke, Frank  
 Noonan.  
*Front Row:* Sister Camillus, Mary Clarke, Catherine  
 Clarke, Mrs M. J. Noonan, Sister Roland.



Geni, Leo and Carmel Porcaro



Organisers of the Jubilee Celebrations  
 Terry and Helen Noonan with Sister Monica and  
 Bernard.





*Back Row:* Georgie and Syd Dwyer and Don Phillips.  
*Front Row:* Pat Dwyer Jnr, Lou Dwyer, Majorie Phillips (Dwyer) and Pat Dwyer Snr.



Sr Kathleen, Sr Veronica McEncroe, Sr Carmel, Sr Margaret Dorizzi, Sr Lydia, Sr Matthew, Sr Francis de Sales, Sr Veronica Martin, Sr Gertrude O'Dwyer, Mrs Betty Green (Turner).



David Stanton and Sr Regina.



Mollie McKenzie (Clancy), Elsie Williams (McGrice), Gerda Bessen (Schluter), Ines Sexton (Larsen), Sister Bernadette.

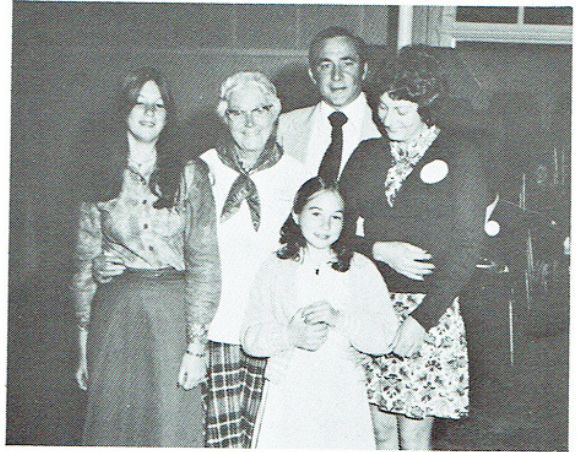


**CLASS OF 1926 - 27**

*Left:* Mollie Wright (Scott), Sr M. Bernadette (McLeod), Nennie Harken, Joffre Berger, Sr M. Phillippa (Harken), Mr Wally Haddleton, Mrs Eileen Haddleton (Mouritz), Mollie McKenzie (Clancy), Marjorie O'Neil (Clancy), Gerda Bessen (Schlueter), Bob Scott, Sister Romuald, Betty Green (Turner), Shirley Kealley (Turner), Phil Turner, Sr M. Roland, Sr M. Marian (Cronin), Kevin Cruickshank, Mick Cruickshank (front).



Sister Lydia with her sister, Mrs Moloney.



Mrs E. Welshman, Bill and Jan Noonan and daughters Christine and Debbie.



Mr and Mrs Joe Williams  
Centre



Paddy McAuliffe with son Eddie and daughters Veronica, Eileen, Noreen and Cecilia and grandson Eugene.



Mr & Mrs D'Aprile



Mick Cruickshank, Sister Austin and Kevin Cruickshank









Back: Bill O'Brien, Pat and Maurice Dawson, Barbara Collins, Molly McKenzie, Marj and Tom O'Neil. Front: Michelle and Tracy O'Brien.



Mr and Mrs Joffre Berger and daughter.



Ann and Geoff Flugge



Hugh Scott and Molly West (Mouritz)



Cecilia Modystalk (McAuliffe), Shirley Kealley (Turner), Phil Turner, Betty Green (Turner), Eileen Cooper (McAuliffe)



Jack Verin, Daphne Kerin, Peter Kerin, Bernadette Kerin, Margaret Kerin, Bonnie Daly, Tom Daly.



Mrs Dowdell, Fr Crocetti, Ann and Harold Norrish.



Stewart Pedley, Maud Gairin, Tess Cronin, Maureen Pedley.



*Back Row (From Left):* Rosa Cavoli, Marisa Pawlowski, Diana Grosso, Harry Cavoli, Ubaldo Grosso, Adam Pawlowski.  
*Front Row:* Tonia Pawlowski, Sally Sharp, Gregory Pawlowski, Giovanni Cavoli.



Class of 45 with Sister Bernadette  
Betty Conway, Eddie McAuliffe, Sister Bernadette (McLeod), Lucy Bush (Clarke), Frank Noonan, Sister Anne (Noonan), Sister Provincial of Our Lady of the Missions in Australia.



Don and Jenny Boyle with daughters Samantha and Tracy.



Jan Noonan (Bell), Shirley Collins (Clayton), Veronica Poskey (McAuliffe), Sister Xaverius, Barbara O'Brien (Clancy).



#### ST PAT'S U/11 FOOTBALL TEAM '76

*Back Row (Left to Right):* Michael Pedley, Nicky Dwyer, Tony Daw, Lindsay McDonald, Darren Flugge, Peter Flugge, Giuseppe D'Aprile.  
*Front Row:* Bruce Sharp, Malcolm Vaughan, Paul Downes, Michael Dodd, Garry Vaughan, Frankie Menna, Jeffrey Thavaseelan, Enzo Pontillo, Terence McAuliffe, Douglas McDonald.

#### PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

This Association began in 1960 with Parish Priest Father McSweeney and soon became an asset to parish and school. Parishioners such as Syd Dwyer, Doug Dowdell, Pat Dwyer, George Halpin, Terry Noonan and Viv Evans have all been President of this Association. Special mention should be made of the work done by Viv Evans in organising fund raising functions. In 1976 at the Katanning Show the P & F raised over \$1,600 nett in fund raising activities.

President for 1976 is Pat Dwyer.

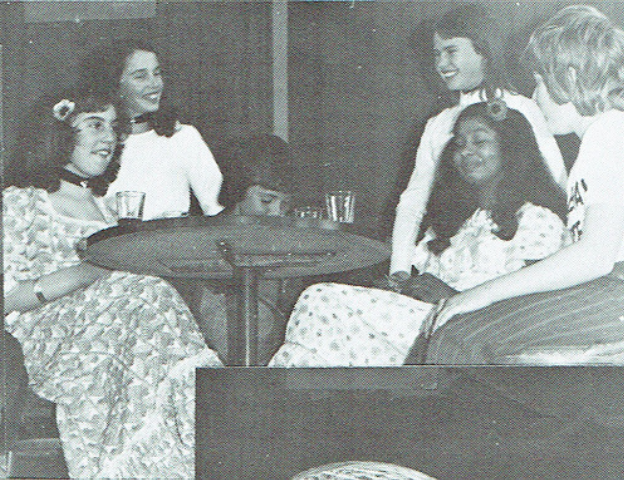
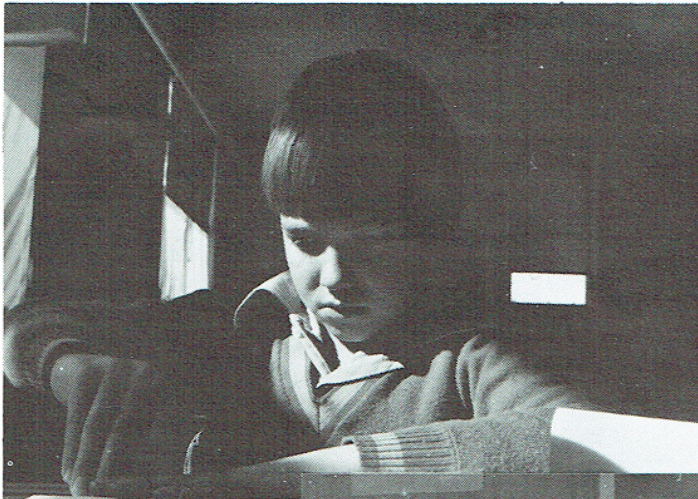
#### PARISH COUNCIL

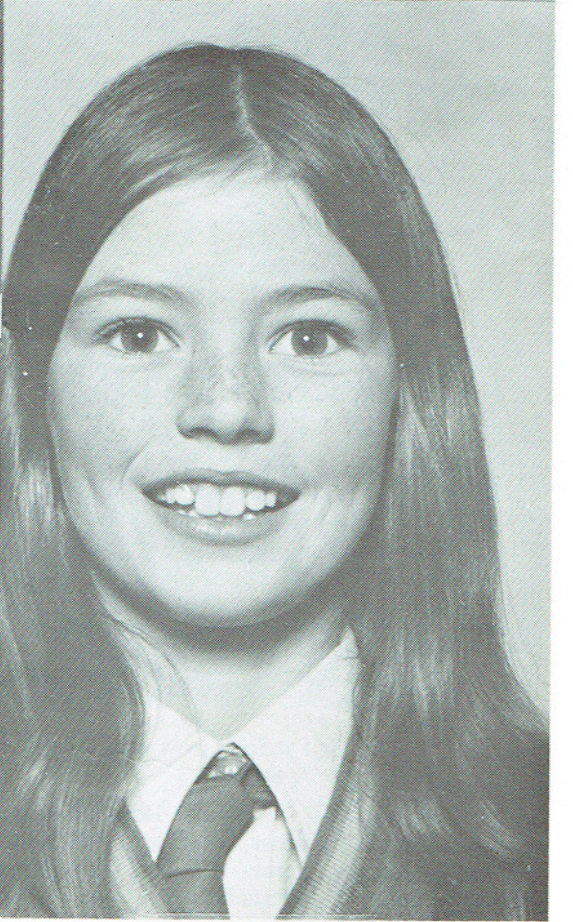
Another parish organisation which began at St Patrick's under Father Grocett relieving Parish Priest in June, 1967.

Messrs Bert Burges, Tom Daly, Syd Dwyer, Terry Noonan, Ralph Duttson and Peter Kerin having spent a term as chairman. The Parish Council has been instrumental in organising the affairs of the Parish, its most recent achievement is additions to St Patrick's School and in 1977 the completion of a new Presbytery will mark another chapter in Parish Council achievements.

The President for 1976 is Peter Kerin.









Sisters of Our Lady of the Mission.



Mrs Joan Goulden (Davies), Mrs Mollie West (Mouritz),  
Mrs Eileen Haddleton (Mouritz).



Mr and Mrs Clarrie Marshall and Mrs Shepherd.



Viv and Beryl Evans.



Former Pupils of St Patrick's now at the Senior High School

Kathy Quartermaine, Bernadette Downes, Lisa Daw, Jacinta Flugge, Rosemary Brobazon, Marie Pardi, Katherine Downes, Teresa Downes, Miss Brabazon, Donna Hutchinson, Juanita Daw.



Jim and Lorraine White



Mrs Cecil Norrish and son George.



Peter Bonato



Mr and Mrs Charlie Scurria



Monica Antonio



Ralph and Margaret Duttson.



Mr and Mrs John Mulligan.



Hazel Barret and daughter.



Rod and Gillian Lee-Steere.



Jack and Kit White



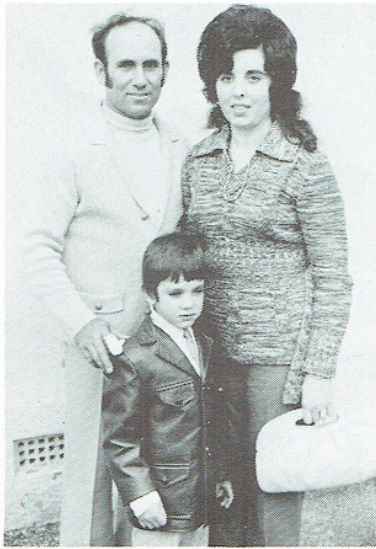
Kevin Antonio.



Marie and Bert Burges.



Irwin and Pat Downes.



Mr and Mrs Nesci and son.



Margaret Daw and Maude Gairin.



Mr and Mrs Doug Duttson  
and granddaughter Felicity.



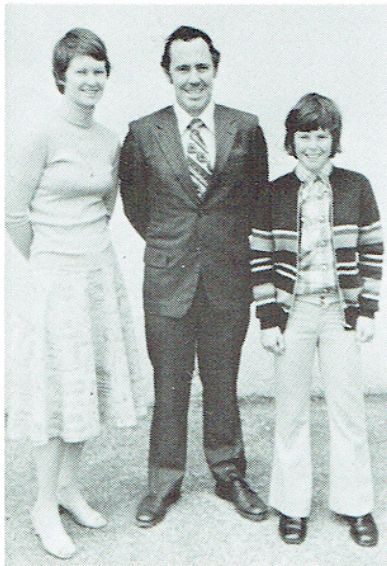
Trevor and Lyn Flugge and daughters  
Amanda and Gemma.



Graeme and Bernadine Flugge  
with children Michelle,  
Dorren and Suzanne  
and Mrs N. C. Flugge.



Felicity Duttson, Tony Noonan,  
Suzanne Flugge.



Noelle and Peter Guidera  
and son Michael.



Bonnie Quartermaine.



Doug and Kit Dowdell.



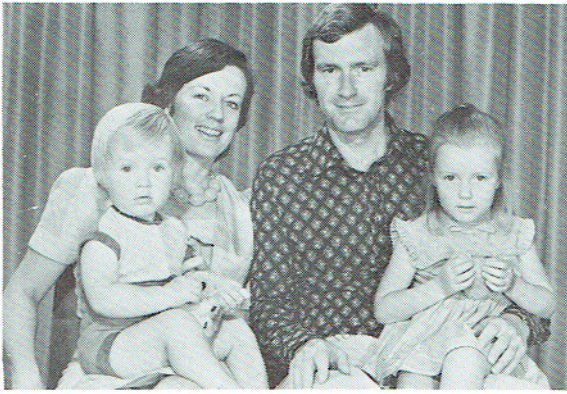
Audrie Perrie and granddaughter.



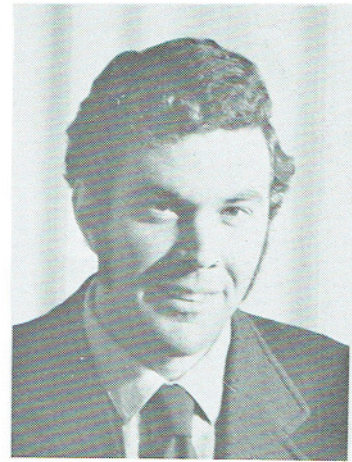
Phyllis Bonato.



Mrs Sharpe and daughter Sally.  
Mrs Kilderry and daughter  
Charmaine.



Peter and Janette Murray and children.



Paul Bradley.



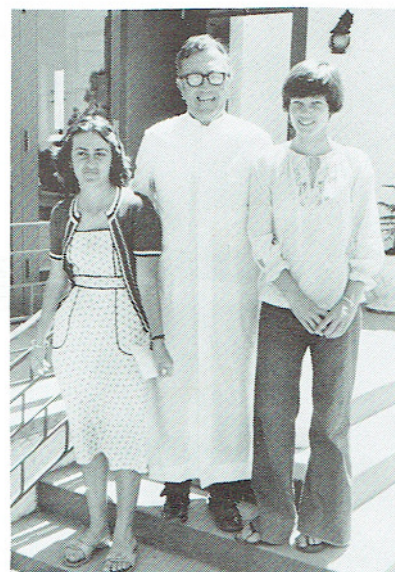
Martin White, Nessie White, Peter White,  
Jenny White, Pat Tagglifferri.



Laurie MacFarlane, Mrs Dowdell snr, Kath MacFarlane.

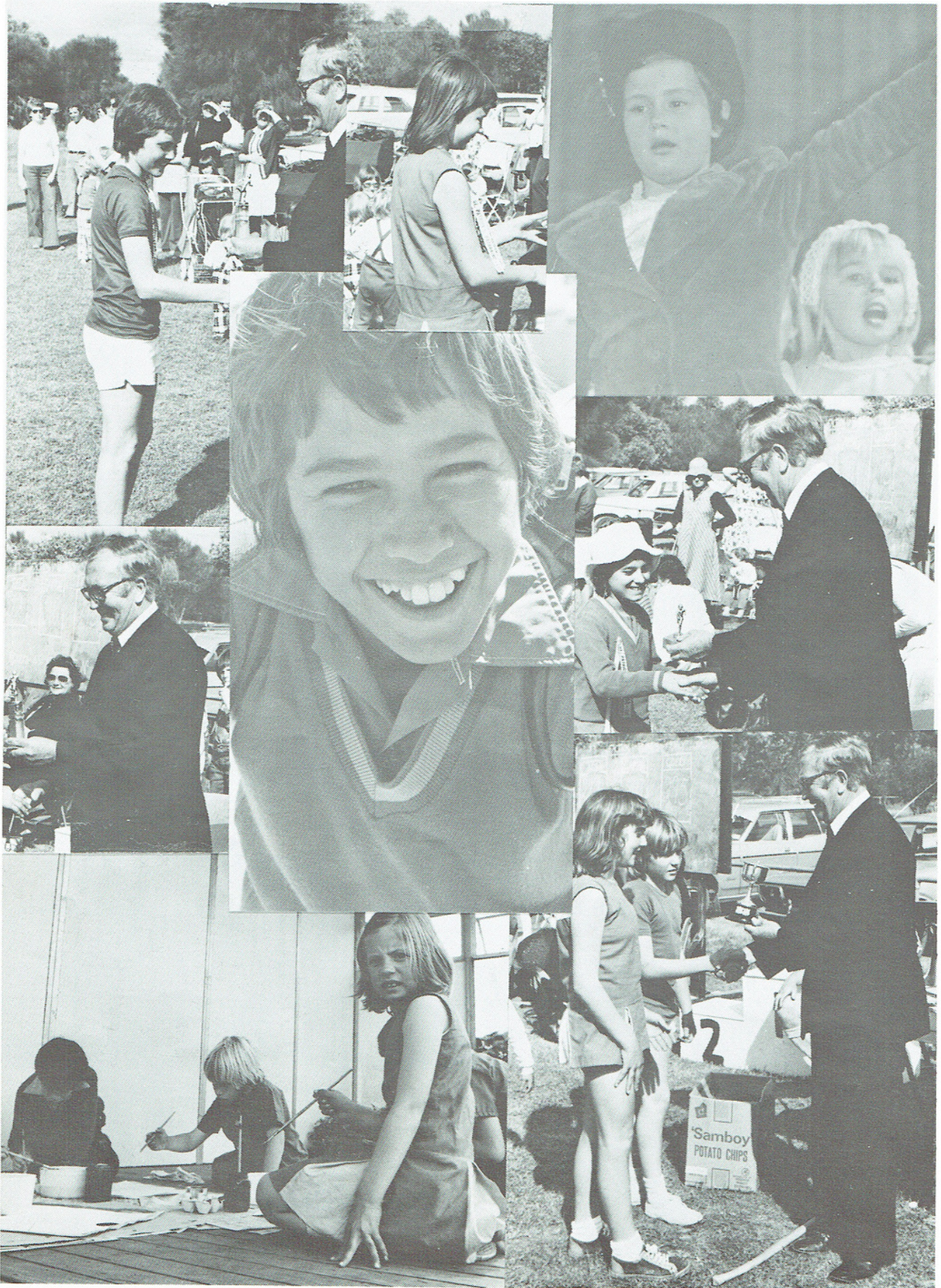


Sister Austin, Sister Isobel.



Lenna Scurria, Father Costelloe, Mary Dwyer.







Mrs Judy Hancock (left) with Helen and Bob McDonald (right) and the McDonald children Tricia, Lindsay, Douglas, Robert and Vivean.



Joyce and Peter Wilhelm and children Kim and Laurell.



Dawn and Dominic Schianno and children.



Mrs Sinclair and Mrs Broadbent

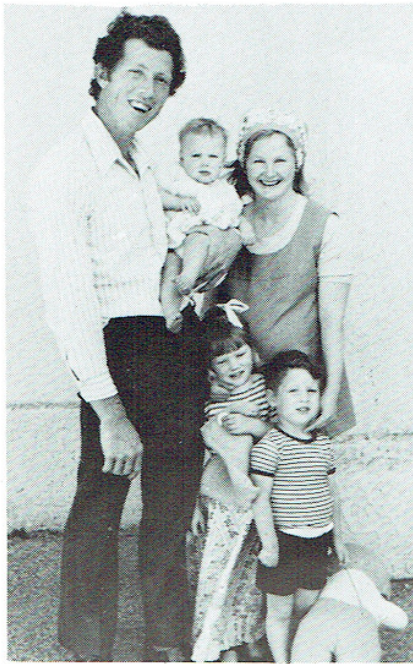


Mrs Halpin, Snr. and Mrs H.I. Phillips.



Mrs Hazel Barrett (centre) with her family from left Noelenne, Geoff, Kevin, Kathy and granddaughter.

Left - Bob and Shane White and daughter Celeste, right - Richard and Carol-Ann Norris and son Tim.



Chris and Margaret Oversley and family.



The Downes twins - Damien and Brendan



Mrs Opalinski and Mrs De Bellis



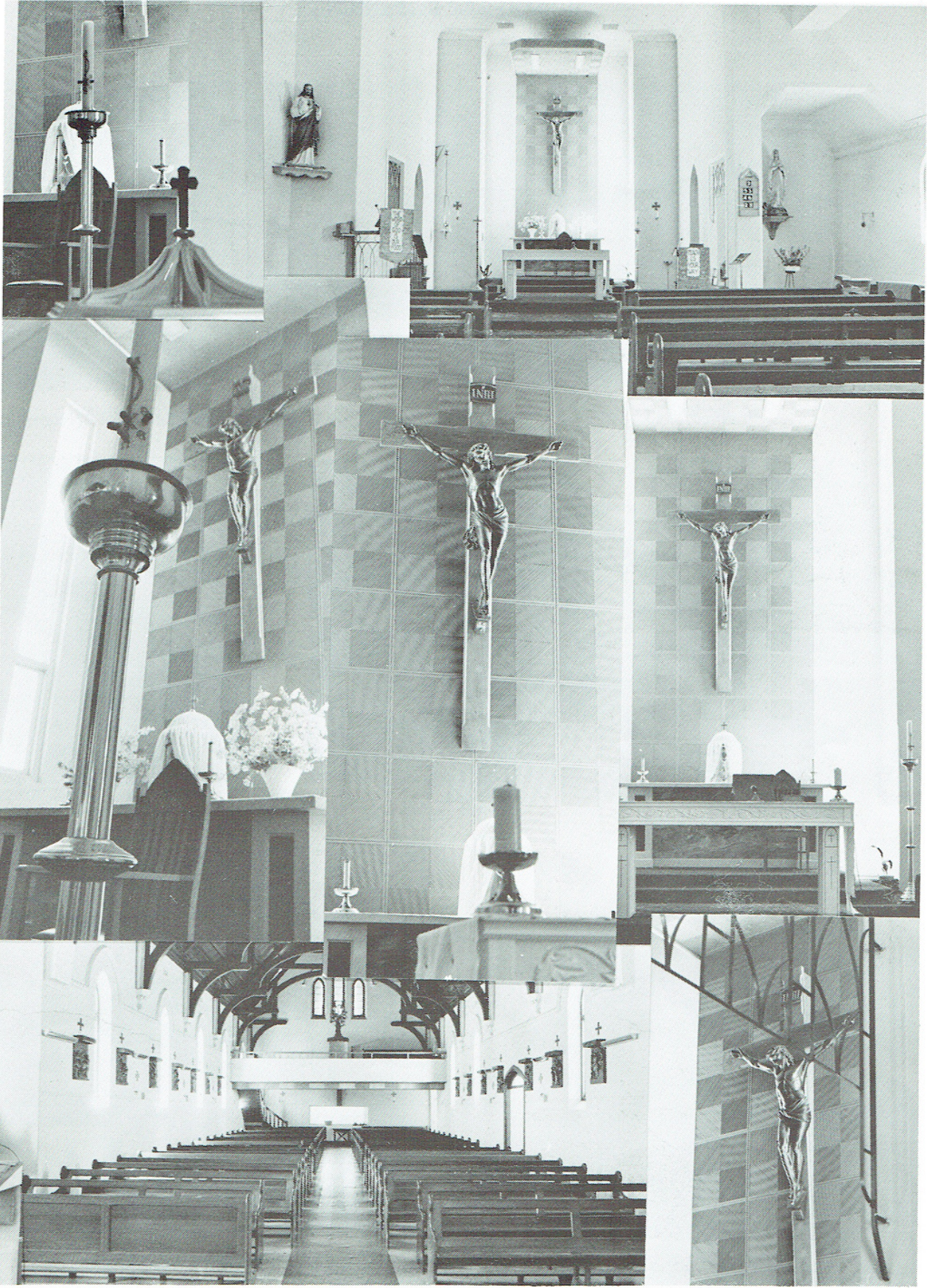
Don and Elizabeth Hutchinson



Wally Spitty



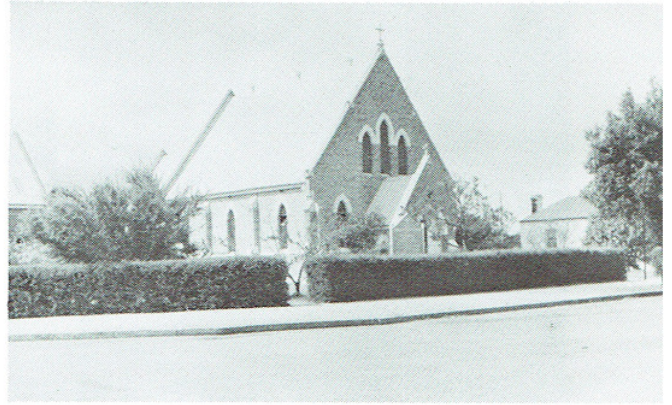
Helen and Ted Schaefer and their children Theresa and Catherine.



CHURCHES OF KATANNING



St. Patrick's



St. Andrew's, Anglican



St. Stephen's, Lutheran



Salvation Army Citadel



Baptist Church



United Parish Church

### C.W.L.

The C.W.L. was officially formed in Katanning on August 7th 1968, under the direction of our parish priest Fr E. McSweeney. The inaugural meeting was held in St Patrick's school with Mrs J. Kerin as President and Mrs Perrie as Secretary/Treasurer, Mrs Syd Dwyer Vic President.

Prior to the C.W.L., St Patrick's Ladies Guild was in operation.

Among our foundation members were the names of M. McAuliffe, C. Dowdell, J. Halpin, C. Dorrizzi, L. & G. Dwyer, B. Kowald, P. McGrechen, B. Daly, S. Keally, A. & B. Flugge, A Mouritz, V. Blythe, M. Kevin, Sister Robertus, A. Carmody, M. O'Neil, A. Perrie, K. White.

C.W.L. stands for Charity Work Loyalty. The main work of the C.W.L. is first and foremost to assist the Parish Priest, then any needs which arise in the parish. Financial help is given to such causes as St Vincent's hospital Bunbury, St Norberts home for Aborigines Perth, Freedom from Hunger and the Italian earthquake victims. Members visit the sick and lonely, help Meals on wheels, clean the church and help the Blood Bank.

Until March 1970 our branch was affiliated with Perth Archdiocese. At that time, at the instigation of the Katanning C.W.L., a Bunbury Diocesan branch was formed. The first President was Mrs J. Kerin, appointed by Bishop McKeon for a term of three years.

Unfortunately our numbers have dwindled, but we are still in existence and optimistic for the future.

Present active members are J. Flugge, D. Norrish, G. Dwyer, M. Kerin, M. Gairen, A. Perrie, B. Quartermaine, R. Cavoli, L. Dwyer (Secretary/Treasure), K. White (President), Our parish priest, Fr Costelloe is spiritual director of both Katanning and Bunbury Diocesan Branches.

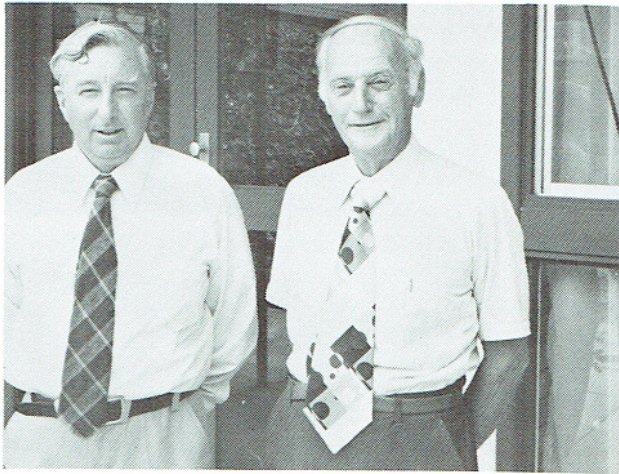
We have had only three presidents Mrs J. Kerin, Mrs B. Perrie, Mrs J. E. White.

### Majellan Club

The inaugural meeting of the Majellan Club was also held during Father Crocettis Relieving Duties at Katanning. Margaret Bennison was the First President and Ann Flugge, Maureen Pedley, Liz Hutchinson, Pat Downes, Judy Gardener, Beryl Sharp and Margaret Duttson have also taken a term as President.

In carrying out the wishes of it's Patron St Gerard Majella. the Majellan Club has been a haven for new young parishioners to Katanning.

The Katanning Shire Council have also played an important role in the development of St Patrick's especially since the mid 50's with the new school and church buildings. The shire have levelled the school oval, helped resurface the basketball courts and surrounds of school and church areas.



Shire President Ross Anderson and Shire Clerk Bill Broughton

### CONTRIBUTIONS

The compiling of this book was responsible because of the following contributions.

Notes from the diary of The Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions.

From the diary of the Parish Priests.

Sister Robertus, School and Parish History Book.

Sister Veronica Martin.

Clive Dann for the 1976 School Photo's, Sport Photo's and Church Photo's

Brian Card, Vanguard Press, who edited this Jubilee Book and Terry Noonan Organiser of the Jubilee Celebrations.

YOUR PERSONAL HISTORY FROM 1977 –

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