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BR DES HOWARD

We welcome Des back to the Province. He is currently back in Australia for a short break after completing his term as Director at MAPAC. Des will shortly commence a course of studies in Providence before returning to Australia to take up his next appointment.

BR AUSTIN STEPHENS

Austin is currently in the Hampstead Rehabilitation Centre [an extension of the Royal Adelaide Hospital]. The address is **207 Hampstead Road, Northfield, SA 5085**.

Austin is in good spirits, full of hope for recovery, although his memory is not good and he still needs two assistants for walking. A review of his progress will be held on April 7.

BISHOP SOTO'S VISIT

Br Mark O'Connor recently organised a visit by the Bishop of Sacramento, Jaime Soto, DD. All reports describe the evening at Fitzroy as a great Marist gathering of Brothers, young adults and friends. Br Mark has provided a valuable service to the wider church for a many years in arranging these visits. Br Mark's work is appreciated by the Archbishop who has sought to extend his appointment.



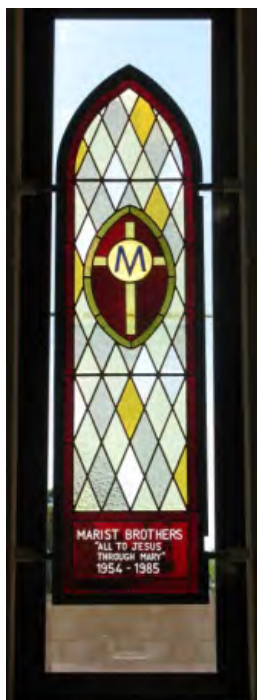
DEDICATION OF THE BUNBURY CATHEDRAL

Bishop Gerard Holohan presided over the Dedication of the beautifully rebuilt St Patrick's Cathedral in Bunbury, Western Australia on Thursday 17th March, the feast of St Patrick.

Cardinals, Archbishops, Bishops, Leaders of other Christian Denominations, Religious and a large Congregation representing the Bunbury Community, joined the Governor of Western Australia, Dr Ken Michael and Mrs Michael, in celebrating this wonderful achievement.

I was represented by Br John McMahon.

The original Cathedral was destroyed by a devastating tornado on the morning of 16 May, 2005. Gracing the entrance to the Cathedral is a window dedicated to the contribution made to Bunbury by the Marist Brothers between 1954 and 1985.



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RENOVATIONS AT OCEAN GROVE

The Brothers' house at Ocean Grove is undergoing a much needed facelift. It had become tired and worn. Renovations to the bathrooms, laundry and lounge rooms are being carried out. The carpet in the common areas is being replaced and air conditioning units installed. The leaks are being fixed and the bath is being replaced by a shower recess. The shower downstairs is being replaced and the sinks removed. We hope that the renovations will be completed by May.

DOXA SCHOOL

It is with much regret that we have reluctantly agreed to close the DOXA Transition School. The announcement to Staff was made on Wednesday, 30th March. We have made a substantial donation to keep it going until July of this year. But beyond July it is not financially possible for DOXA to continue its same level of funding and we are unable to make the shortfall in a continuous way. The news was greeted with much disappointment by Megan Moore, the Principal and her Staff who, over the last eleven years, have been most successful in ensuring the return to mainstream school life of about 30 students each year. The closure of the DOXA Transition School also poses a number of problems for us in terms of refunding the Government Capital Grants used to upgrade the facility.



MONTAGNE CENTRE APPOINTMENT

Br Stephen Bugg had asked to be released from his position at the Montagne Centre and this was agreed to by the Provincial Council. We thank Steve for his pioneering work in getting the Centre up and running and formally opened.

Br Paul Kane has agreed to take up the position as Director of the Montagne Centre (part-time). This is an important role for our ministries and involves promoting, supporting and connecting the various ministries as well as being responsible for the day to day running of the centre and for making it a welcoming centre for Marist Ministry.

"GATHERED AROUND THE SAME TABLE"

JOINT FORMATION PROGRAMME

An emerging theme from recent gatherings of Marists (Brothers and Lay) is a desire to continue to develop formation experiences. The document expressed it as looking for opportunities for Brothers and Lay to get to know one another better and to strengthen the vocation of each.

In 2010, a 'Joint Formation Program' was held at Mittagong which saw 30 Marists (Brothers and Lay) come together as a community for 4 or 5 days. In June this year, a similar gathering is being offered which will bring together Marists from across Australia.

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Over the next few years it would be our hope that an increased number of Brothers and Lay will experience a time together to share the way the charism is operative in our lives. A group of invitations have gone out. Should you feel that you would like to participate in such an experience in the future, please contact Joe McCarthy on 03 9389 3111 (W); 0457 833 662 (M); or jmccarthy@maristmelb.org.au.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Recently an invitation was sent to offer a variety of ways by which you can keep in touch with what is happening as people “gather around the same table”. This is just a reminder to register for one of the ways of communication.

COMMUNITY VISITATION

Listed below is my scheduled visitation with Communities throughout the next few months:

DATE OF VISITATION	COMMUNITY
Tuesday, 26 April (Anzac Day Public Holiday) – Wednesday, 27 April	Macedon
Thursday, 28 April – Friday, 29 April	Bendigo
Sunday, 1 May – Wednesday, 4 May	Central Australia ➤ Alice Springs ➤ Santa Teresa
Thursday, 5 May	Coburg
Monday, 9 May – Tuesday, 10 May	Fitzroy
Thursday, 12 May – Friday, 13 May	Kilmore
Monday, 16 May – Tuesday, 17 May	Sale
Thursday, 19 May – Saturday, 21 May	Forbes
Monday, 30 May – Saturday, 4 June	Western Australia ➤ Churchlands ➤ Woodlands
Sunday, 5 June – Monday, 6 June	South Australia ➤ Somerton Park ➤ Netley
Wednesday, 15 June – Thursday, 16 June	Karama
Friday, 17 June – Sunday, 20 June	Baucau
Monday, 27 June – Tuesday, 28 June	Templestowe

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PROVINCIAL'S DIARY

Over the next few months, my time in the office will be limited. As well as the dates listed for community visitation, below are my movements for the month of April.

April 5	Province Centre Staff Inservice Day (Office Closed)
April 7	AMS Meeting (Sydney)
April 10 - 13	Oceania Meetings (Auckland, New Zealand)
April 15 - 22	Directed Retreat (NSW)
April 22	GOOD FRIDAY
April 24	EASTER SUNDAY
April 25	EASTER MONDAY / ANZAC DAY
April 26	ANZAC DAY Public Holiday
April 30	Provincial Council

At the Fitzroy House Blessing

Architect, Robert Simeoni with Kon Katsieris and Br Julian Casey



Brs Pat Connell and Paul Kane chat with Fr Thien, the Parish Priest of Fitzroy.

THE DEDICATION OF BUNBURY'S NEW ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

With acknowledgement to The Record and journalist, Bridget Spinks

At 5.00pm, when the dedication ritual was set to begin, there was enough natural light flooding in through the windows to highlight the 14 biblical scenes that contemporary Australian artist, Robert Juniper, 82, had brought to life on digiglass.

After the procession of the clergy and Bishop Gerald Holohan, the traditional Noongar blessing was given by a representative of the Noongar people, Joe Northover, who had attended Collie Catholic College. *"My old people, I call upon you now to come and sit with us to celebrate this house of God in which we sit."*

The Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Giuseppe Lazzarotto then passed on the message of Pope Benedict XVI and his apostolic blessing on the Church in Bunbury, invoked through the patronage of St Patrick.

Project manager John Ogilvie, architect Marcus Collins, builder Dan Perkins and artist Robert Juniper, then each presented the Bishop with a symbolic item: the plans, the keys and a design of one of the windows. This represented the official handing over of the Cathedral which

Bishop Holohan accepted on behalf of the Bunbury diocese.

Bishop Holohan then proceeded to the baptismal font where he blessed the water which was then used to sprinkle and cleanse the walls of the building, the congregation and the altar.

After the homily, during which the Bishop expounded on how the new Cathedral would be a place to experience God's peace and power, the Litany of the Saints was recited and the relics of St Thomas A'Beckett, St Monica and St Mary of the Cross were interred in the altar.

Bishop Holohan, wearing a linen apron and accompanied by Cardinals Pell and Rosales, then anointed the altar, symbolising Christ. The Cathedral walls were anointed by the Bunbury Vicar General Fr Tony Chiera and another diocesan priest.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist then followed and the Blessed Sacrament chapel inaugurated.

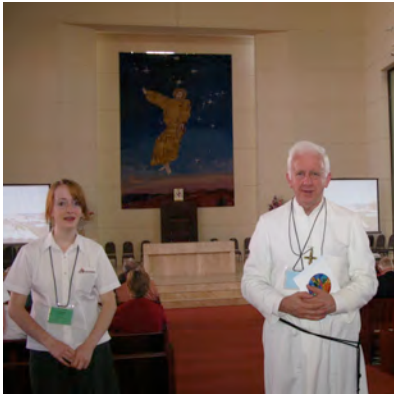
In concluding the dedication, the story of the rebuilding of the Cathedral after the 2005 tornado was told and the key people involved in the project acknowledged and thanked.



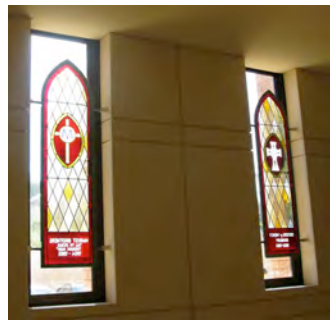
The resurrected Christ towers over the altar and the 800 invited guests



**Bishop
Gerald
Holohan**



**Br John McMahon with an
usherette from Bunbury
Catholic College**



**Windows commemorating the
ministry of the Marist Brothers
and Sisters of Mercy**



**Biblical scenes
captured on
digiglass by
artist Robert
Juniper**



**The Choir, from
Bunbury Catholic
College**