

DIOCESAN TIMELINE 1950 to 1959

Date	Event	Reference
10.11.2020		
1949	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Clerical appointments:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fr. A. Ryan was at this time looking after the Parish of Kolijo. 2. Fr. K. Martell was relieving at Ingham for a few weeks. 3. Fr. D. Buckley was transferred from Mundingburra to Bowen as Assistant Priest. <p>Fr. W. Grennan, Parish Priest of Home Hill had been confined to hospital in Ayr and Brisbane for some weeks. Fr. J. Dillon (A.P. Ayr) serviced Home Hill during Fr. Grennan's absence. (From August 1949 to March 1950). (On discharge from hospital, Fr. Grennan took leave to visit his people in Eire. He returned to the Diocese around May 1951). Fr. Humphrey Lyons was sent to Ayr as a relief while Fr. Dillon was servicing Home Hill. Later in February 1950, he was appointed in place of Fr. Dillon. - - - Also, due to the absence of Dr. K. J. H. Kelly at Summer School and Fr. T. Garvey on Holidays, the C.S.S.R. Fathers came each Sunday to Ayr from October 49 to March 50.</p>	<p><i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> Nov. 1949</p> <p>- Excerpt from diary in old exercise book. Author Dr. K. J. H. Kelly</p>
1950	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Clergy Changes to take effect on 25th January 1950</u></p> <p>Fr. D. J. Stewart to South Townsville during Mgr. Grogan's absence. Fr. Patrick O'Brien to Home Hill. Fr. O'Regan to Giru relieving Fr. V. Monckton. Fr. F. R. Rush to Ingham. (1950 – 1953) Fr. D. Ryan to Mundingburra. Fr. K. Martell to Ingham. Fr. P. Kerwick to the Cathedral. Fr. D. Buckley to Bowen (as Assistant Priest – transferred from Mundingburra). Fr. Arthur Ryan to Kolijo. Fr. D. F. McMullan to Charters Towers.</p>	<p>Minutes of a Meeting of the Council of the Diocese of Townsville 20.12.1949, Pages 65, 66 & 67</p>
1950	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Clerical appointments announced by Bishop Ryan:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fr. M. Donovan from P.P. of Richmond to Priest in Charge of St. Anne's - - - - Mission, Palm Island. (14.01.1950 to Dec. 52) 2. Fr. P. O'Brien from locum tenens at Collinsville to Parish Priest of Richmond. (14.01.1950 to 21.07.1964) 3. Fr. A. Ryan, Priest in Charge of Kolijo, was appointed Parish Priest of that Parish. 	<p>- Report of Epis. Visit., 30.9.1951</p> <p>Townsville Catholic Archives, Ref. 775/1</p> <p><i>Townsville Catholic News,</i></p>

	<p>4. Fr. D. J. Stewart, locum tenens at Mt. Isa, to locum tenens at South Townsville.</p> <p>5. Fr. Denis Ryan, from Assistant Priest at West Townsville to locum tenens at St. Colman's Home Hill. (15.01.1950-1951) - - - - -</p> <p>6. Fr. K. Martell, Assistant Priest at Charters Towers, to Assistant Priest at Ingham.</p> <p>7. Fr. Francis R. Rush, Assistant Priest at Mundingburra, to Assistant Priest at Ingham. (1950-1953) - - - - -</p> <p>8. Fr. P. Kerwick, from Assistant at Ingham, to Assistant Priest at Mundingburra.</p> <p>9. Fr. D. McMullen, from Assistant at Ingham, to Assistant at Charters Towers.</p> <p>10. Fr. D. O'B. Buckley, from Assistant at Mundingburra, to Assistant at Bowen.</p>	<p>Feb. 1950</p> <p>- Report of Episcopal Visitation, 1950.</p> <p>- T.C.N. Dec. 1960, page 2.</p>
1950	Ordination in Rome of Leonard A. Faulkner, the future third bishop of Townsville, on 01.01.1950.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Nov. 1950, front cover.
1950	In 1950, Dr. K. J. H. Kelly reformed the St. Francis Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society in Ayr. (It had been inactive since 1941).	<i>The History of the Sacred Heart Parish, Ayr, 1912 – 2012, page 14</i>
1950	On Sunday 08.01.1950, the parishioners of Collinsville met in the Convent school room to farewell Fr. P. J. O'Brien on his transfer to Richmond. Sisters listed in Richmond at this time were:- Sr. Thomas Kay (Superior), Sr. Bernadine Madden and Sr. Ann Elizabeth O'Donohue.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Feb. 1950 <i>Townsville Catholic Archives</i> Ref. 775/1
1950	During Fr. Sylvio Spighi's term as parish priest of Halifax (1947 to 1952), he had to return to Italy for a time. To cover Fr. Sylvio's absence, Fr. Claude Moscatelli O.F.M. Cap was appointed as Administrator from 1950 to 1951. (Fr. Claude TCN Aug. 1861 page 6)	<i>Golden Jubilee of St. Peter's Church, Halifax</i> 1929-79 Fr. Publius Cassar O.F.M.Cap
1950	A building was purchased at Picnic Bay on Magnetic Island for the purpose of converting it into a church. For several years, board and lodging had been provided for the priests by Mrs. Duggan when they visited Magnetic Island to say Mass.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Feb. 1950.
1950	On 21.01.1950, the feast of St. Agnes, three Sisters of Mercy celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of their Religious Profession at St. Patrick's Convent on the Strand. They were Sr. M. Rita, Sr. M. Borgia and Sr. M. Aquinas.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Mar. 1950.
1950	A branch of the Young Christian Workers' Movement (Y.C.W.) was inaugurated in Charters Towers "a few months ago".	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Mar. 1950.
1950	Early in 1950, Monsignor K. Kelly saw the need for a new school in Ayr. He purchased the Pots Estate in Gibson Street and negotiated for the setting up of a Marist College. (The new college was officially opened on 31.05.1953).	<i>The History of the Sacred Heart Parish, Ayr, 1912 – 2012</i> Page 17
1950	The Federal Government ended the rationing of petrol on 08.02.1950.	"Australia Through Time" 2005 Edition.
1950	On Sunday 12.02.1950, the parishioners of South Townsville bid "bon voyage" to their pastor, Mons. T. Grogan, P.P., V.F., who was leaving on a year's holiday to his native Ireland. He sailed on S.S. "Himalaya" which left Sydney on 24.02.1950.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Mar. 1950.
1950	On Sunday 12.03 1950, the "Catholic Hour" broadcasts from Radio 4AY, which began to air on 01.08.1943, reached number 365.	Excerpt from diary in old exercise book. Author Dr. K. J. H. Kelly

1950	Missions were preached by Redemptorist Fathers H. Scanlon and Fiscalini at Hyde Park from 19.03.1950 to 02.04.1950, by Fathers H. Scanlon and M. Garvey at West Townsville from 16.04.1950 to 30.04.1950 and by Fr. Fiscalini at Garbutt from 07.05.1950 to 14.05.1950.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Apr. & May 1950.
1950	On 21.03.1950, a Catholic Ladies Association was founded in Ayr. The first President was Molly White; Secretary: Edna Woodward; Treasurer: Margaret Irving. At another meeting, a School Committee was established.	Excerpt from diary in old exercise book. Author Dr. K. J. H. Kelly <i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jun. 1950
1950	A Mission was preached at St. Catherine's in Proserpine by Fr. T. Brady C.S.S.R.	
1950	A school committee was elected in Ayr but was not a success.	Diary Dr. K. J. H. Kelly
1950	St Teresa's College at Abergowrie acquired their first cane assignment under the C.S.R. Company- Herbert River Cane Growers' Scheme in April 1950.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Aug. 1955
1950	Fr Silvio Spighi O.F.M.Cap organised the erection of a new school building at Halifax which was blessed and opened by Bishop H. E. Ryan D.D. on Sunday 23.04.1950. The Sisters of Mercy had opened St. Theresa's day and boarding school in Halifax in 1927 when verandas had been added to the old 1914 church. The boarding facilities closed at the end of 1967 and the school was replaced by St. Peter's Catholic Primary School in 1969.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jun. 50, Dec.65, Dec. 68 Mar. & Oct. 69. <i>Herbert River Express</i> 29.12.1979
1950	On Sunday 30.04.1950, Bishop H. E. Ryan D.D., solemnly blessed and opened the Church of Saints Peter and Paul, in Picnic Bay on Magnetic Island.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , May 1950.
1950	Missions were conducted in the Koliyo Parish by Fr. T. Brady C.S.S.R. during the months of April and May at the following centres: Koliyo, Mt. Ossa, Yalbaroo, Bloomsbury, Rise and Shine and Seaforth.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jul. 1950
1950	Mass stations were established at Lethebrook and Kelsey Creek and were to be attended from Proserpine. (1950 – 1969)	
1950	At Mt. Ossa in the Parish of Koliyo, material began to arrive for Fr. Arthur Ryan's proposed new church. It was hoped to have the building completed by the end of September. (It was blessed on 24.08.1951).	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jul. 50 & Sep. 53.
1950	Improvements at the Koliyo Church included the installation of a lighting plant and the purchase of a re-conditioned organ.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jul. 1950
1950	In May 1950, Gretta Yvonne McCourt entered the Sisters of Mercy Convent in Townsville. On Reception she was given the Name of Sr. M. Edmund. Sr. Gretta died in Townsville on 10 th April 2015.	<i>Townsville Bulletin</i> Tuesday 28.04.2015 Page 37
1950	On 01.05.1950, a new 17 ft launch, built in a back yard in Townsville for the Palm Island Mission, had a successful trial run. The launch was built by apprentice Shipwright and Boat builder Bruce Douglas Jnr., an old boy of Our Lady's Mount, C.B.C. in Townsville. The "Regina Maris" was delivered to Palm Island on	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jun. & Aug. 1950. Photos on Cover of TCN Jun. 1950.

	13.05.1950 and blessed by Bishop Ryan on Sunday 25.06.1950.	
1950	A new statue of Our Lady of Fatima was presented to the Ayr Parish Church by the Giulio Donadon Family. The statue was blessed by Very Rev. Dr. Kevin J. H. Kelly on Sunday 07.05.1950.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jun. 1950
1950	On Wednesday 10.05.1950, Dr. P. J. Ryan M.S.C. delivered a lecture on “Communism and the Labour Movement” in the Pioneer Theatre, Collinsville.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jun. 1950
1950	Fr. G. Crennan of the Catholic Immigration Department came to Townsville for a few days to visit the Migrant Camp at Stuart.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jun. 1950
1950	Improvements to St. Joseph’s School on the Strand were completed.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jun. 1950
1950	Townsville parishioner John (Jack) Gleeson purchased the controlling interest in Radio Station 4AY. (HDMS Ref. 675/6)	<i>Townsville Bulletin- Catholic News Supplement</i> , 20.05.2005, page12.
1950	Successful new Myxomatosis trials to control rabbit infestation commenced in May 1950. Rabbits had been introduced to Australia in 1859. The first Myxomatosis trials in the 1920s had been unsuccessful.	<i>Australia Through Time</i> , 2005 Edition.
1950	On 24.05.1950, Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians, the Institute of Catholic Social Studies was opened and consecrated to our Lady by Bishop H. E. Ryan D.D. in St. Mary’s School, West Townsville.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , May, Jun., Jul. & Sep. 1950
1950	On Tuesday 30.05.1950, at a meeting in Cohen’s Hall, Calen, in the Parish of Koliyo, it was announced that a building and land had been purchased by Fr. A. Ryan in Calen with a view to opening a convent and school at some future date. (Our Lady of Lourdes Convent School commenced on 12.02.1951 but was not blessed and opened until 26.08.1951).	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jul. 50, Mar. & Sep./Oct. 51 Sep. & Nov 53, Feb. 61 & Dec. 68.
1950	A block of land was purchased at Yalboroo, north of Calen, in the northern end of the Koliyo Parish with a view to building a Church in that centre when circumstances permitted. It was not used and was sold © 1970.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jul. 1950
1950	On Tuesday 06.06.1950, the parishioners of Ingham celebrated the Silver Jubilee of the Priesthood of their Parish Priest, Fr. David John O’Meara.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jul. 1950 Photo in TCN Jul. 50.
1950	On 09.06.1950, Fr. E. Brill left by plane for his annual holiday in New Zealand. He is due to return on 16.07.1950. In his absence, Cloncurry was serviced by Fr. J. Dillon.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jul. 1950
1950	On Sunday 11.06.1950, The Feast of Corpus Christi, Bishop Ryan blessed the new Domestic Science Room at the St. Francis Convent School in Ayr.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jul. 1950
1950	On Sunday 18.06.1950, Bishop H. E. Ryan D.D., blessed the additions and renovations to the Convent of Our Lady of Lourdes in Ingham. (The foundation stone was laid in 1914 and the convent had been opened in 1915 to accommodate four Sisters of Mercy).	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jun. 1945 <i>Portrait of a Parish – 1864-1996</i> Page 68 Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui,
1950	On Sunday 18.06.1950, St Theodore’s Greek Orthodox Church in Townsville was consecrated and opened by Archbishop Theophylactos, Primate of Australia and	<i>Townsville Daily Bulletin</i> 19.06.1950

	New Zealand.	Page 2.
1950	On Sunday 25.06.1950 at Palm Island, Bishop H. E. Ryan blessed the new mission boat "Regina Maris" which had been hauled up on the beach before the church. (Photos on cover of TCN Jun. 1950).	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jun. & Aug. 1950.
1950	The Korean War commenced on 25.06.1950 when North Korea invaded South Korea. The first Australian ground troops reached Korea on 27.09.1950. (1950 to 1953).	" <i>Australia Through Time</i> " 2005 Edition.
1950	Fr. Terence Reynolds returned to the Diocese after a visit to his relatives in Ireland. He was temporarily attached to Magnetic Island.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Sep. 1950
1950	On his return to Cloncurry from annual leave in New Zealand in July, Fr. E. Brill spent around five weeks visiting Malbon, Selwyn, Boulia, Quamby, Kajabbi and Station properties beyond Dobbyn. Fr. J. Dillon continued carrying out the Offices of the Parish Priest. At the completion of Fr. Brill's visitations, Fr. Dillon moved on to carry out relief duties in Hughenden.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Sep. & Oct. 1950
1950	Work was soon to start on the new school in Mt. Isa to replace the old Convent School which had been transported from Kuridala in 1932. Contractors were the Allen Construction Company.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Sep. & Nov. 1950
1950	During Fr. O'Dwyer's absence from Mt. Isa on Retreat at Abergowrie from July 12 th to 17 th , his place was taken by Fr. Grogan C.S.S.R. While in Mt. Isa, Fr. Grogan enthroned and blessed a picture of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour in St. Joseph's Church.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jul. & Sep. 1950
1950	St. Colman's Church at Home Hill was re-blocked and painted.	Report of Epis. Visitation, Oct. 1950.
1950	The Fourth Annual State Conference of the Young Christian Workers (Y.C.W.) and the National Catholic Girls Movement (N.C.G.M.) was held in Townsville from August 6 to 10.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Sep. 1950
1950	On 06.08.1950, Bishop H. Ryan made an Episcopal Visitation to St. Catherine's Parish, Proserpine.	
1950	On Wednesday 09.08.1950, Feast of St. John Vianney, Sr. Carmel Mary Arnold from Ingham, (now Sr. Mary Leonard) received the White Veil and Religious Habit of the Sisters of Mercy in the Chapel of St. Patrick's Convent on the Strand. In the absence of Bishop Ryan, Dr. Kevin J. H. Kelly, P.P., Ayr, presided.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Sep. 1950
1950	On 21.08 1950, work commenced on building the new St. Brigid's Church in Richmond under the direction of Mr. A. E. Smith. The new church was designed by Mr. J. Rooney, an architect from Townsville. (Opened 10.06.1951)	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jan. 1951 Photo in TCN Feb. 1961.
1950	A visitor to Townsville from Brisbane was Fr. Czaplak, a Polish Priest, who was attached to the Catholic immigration Department. He visited the Migrant Camp at Stuart and also the European Communities at Clare (Ayr) and Mt. Isa.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Sep. 1950

1950	On Wednesday 30.08.1950, the Cadet Unit from Our Lady's Mount, C.B.C., Townsville was dedicated to Our Lady in a ceremony performed in the Sacred Heart Cathedral	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Nov. 1950
1950	On an Episcopal Visitation to Cloncurry from 14 th to 17 th September, Bishop Ryan stated that the time had come for the provision of a larger and more imposing church to provide for the future.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Oct. 1950
1950	On 23.09.1950, Sr. M. Mark McNamara and Sr. M. Andrea Royes made their Final Profession in the Strand Chapel before Mons. Mc Laughlin V. G., P.P., Charters Towers.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Nov. 1950
1950	On Sunday 24.09.1950, Bishop Ryan laid the foundation stone for a new cruciform classroom block at St. Joseph's School in Mt. Isa. It was blessed and opened in August 1951. The former church / school, filled with old pews from Railway Estate, Townsville, served exclusively as a church for another five years until it was demolished to make room for the new church. The stage from its Kuridala days had been retained, and the altar stood upon it. When it went the new school served as church for nine months.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Nov. 50, Dec. 55 & Feb. 81 "A History of Mount Isa Catholic Parish 1930-1976" by Fr. Peter Kerwick
1950	One of the activities of the Cathedral Branch of the Legion of Mary (Our Lady of Mercy) was the religious instruction of the Catholic children at the Sir Leslie Wilson Home for Bush Children at Rowe's Bay, Townsville.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Nov. 1950
1950	On Saturday 07.10.1950, celebrations commenced honouring the Golden Jubilee of the laying of the Foundation Stone of the Mother Church of the Diocese of Townsville. The Cathedral garden was in full bloom thanks to the efforts of Mr. Theodore Zabrowarny, a New Australian from Poland.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Oct. & Nov. 1950 Photos included in TCN Oct. 50.
1950	On Tuesday 25.10.1950, Hughenden Parish began a series of celebrations commemorating the Golden Jubilee of the arrival of the Good Samaritan Sisters in that centre.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Sep., Oct. & Dec. 1950
1950	Credit cards came into use but they were not introduced into Australia until 1956.	
1950	Fr. Vincent Monckton returned to his Giru Parish after taking part in an Australian Holy Year Pilgrimage to Rome.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Dec. 1950
1950	Fr. Karol Warzecha S.V.D. arrived in the Townsville Diocese to work in the Migrant Camp at Stuart. (1950 to 55). The camp was being serviced by Fr. Thomas A. Kelly, parish priest of Stuart.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jan. 1951
1950	On the 1 st November in the Holy Year 1950, Pope Pius XII proclaimed the dogma of the bodily Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven.	Rome Reports
1950	With the declaration of war in Korea, the Menzies government sponsored the National Service Act 1950. The legislation provided for the Compulsory call-up of males turning 18 on or after 01.11.1950, for service training of 176 days. Trainees were required to remain on the Reserve of the Commonwealth Military	National Archives of Australia National Service, 1951 – 59 Fact Sheet 163

	Forces (CMF) for 5five years from initial call up.	
1950	In November, Fr. Humphrey Lyons was absent from his duties in Ayr for a time on sick leave.	Diary Dr. K. J. H. Kelly
1950	History was made at the Mater Misericordiae Hospital, Townsville on Friday 17.11.1950, when Bishop Ryan presented the first three graduates of the Lister Hospital with their Certificates of Registration as general nurses. They were Sisters Thelma Crewe, Elizabeth Hayes and Mary Neville.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Dec. 1950 Photo on cover of TCN Dec. 48 & Dec. 50.
1950	On 26.11.1950, the Townsville City Council's new Tobruk Memorial Baths, an Olympic standard facility, were opened by Brigadier William Windeyer, commanding officer of the 2/48 th infantry brigade at Tobruk. The pool replaced the sea baths which were ruined by a cyclone in February 1940. (The complex was shut and drained in December 1950 to help contain a polio outbreak. It remained closed until April 1951).	<i>Sun Community Newspapers</i> , 30.01.2013 Page12
1950	Work commenced on the new Christian Brothers School in Hugh Street, Currajong. (St. John Fisher's College).	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jan. 1951 Photo in TCN Mar.61 & Dec. 62.
1950	On Sunday 27.11.1950, Miss Hazel Stuart left Richmond to join the Good Shepherd Order at Abbotsford in Melbourne. Hazel was a past pupil of St. Patrick's College in Townsville and was the first Richmond born girl to join a Religious Order.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jan. 1951
1950	On 04.12.1950, the Feast of St. Francis Xavier, at St. Patrick's Convent on the Strand, two postulants, Sr. M. McCourt (Tantanola, South Australia) now Sr. M. Edmund and Sr. Marie Furse (Belgian Gardens) now Sr. M. Anselm, received the White Veil and Religious Habit of the Sisters of Mercy from Bishop H. E. Ryan.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Feb. 1951
1950	On Friday 08.12.1950 a street stall was held in Flinders Street, Townsville to raise funds for the Palm Island Mission. Goods on sale were made by the sisters and children at Palm Is.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Dec. 1950
1950	A Summer School for Leaders of the National Catholic Girls Movement (N.C.G.M.) throughout the Townsville Diocese was held at St. Patrick's College, the Strand, from Friday 8 th to Sunday 10 th December.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Dec. 1950
1950	Fr. J. Hegarty was admitted to hospital in Brisbane at the beginning of December 1950.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Aug. 1951
1950	On Christmas Day 1950, at Mount St. Mary, Strathfield, Douglas Reid, an ex-pupil of Mount Carmel College, Charters Towers, made his final profession as a Christian Brother at Christmas.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Dec. 1950 & Feb. 1951.
1951	For the early part of 1951, the Redemptorist Fathers continued to relieve in Ayr at weekends.	Excerpt from diary in old exercise book. Author Dr. K. J. H. Kelly.
1951	Fr. James Sheedy returned to the Diocese after a long absence due to illness. He was appointed Chaplain to Mount Carmel College in Charters Towers replacing	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Mar. 1951

	Fr. J. McGill C.S.S.R. who was transferred to the Redemptorist Monastery in Galong, N.S.W.	
1951	In July 1951, Fr. Peter Kerwick joined Fr. T. O'Dwyer in Mt. Isa as assistant priest. (July 1951 to 1959)	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Dec. 55 & Feb. 81
1951	All members of the N.C.G.M. offered their congratulations to Kathleen Duckworth (Diocesan President last year), Bernice McDonnell (Secretary, Ayr group) and Nora Harney (Ayr group) who entered the Novitiate of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan, Pennant Hills, N.S.W. Bernice McDonnell, a former student of St. Francis School in Ayr, eventually became Sr. M. Germaine.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Feb. 1951 <i>The History of the Sacred Heart Parish, Ayr, 1912 – 2012</i> , Page 18
1951	Margery Daly (Sr. M. Barbara) entered the Sisters of Mercy in 1951. She was educated at St. Joseph's, the Strand and at St. Patrick's.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Sep. 1970
1951	Death of Christian Brother John Finbar Halliday, the Superior of Our Lady's Mount College on Stanton Hill, Townsville on 07.01.1951 aged 35 years.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Feb. 1951
1951	Br. W. P. Morahan from St Laurence's College, South Brisbane, was appointed to succeed Br. Halliday as Principal of Our lady's Mount C.B.C. in Townsville.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Feb. 1951
1951	Death of Fr. Egidio Scarpini O.F.M. aged 63 years from a heart attack while visiting a patient at the Ingham Hospital on Sunday 14.01.1951. Fr. Egidio was buried in the Halifax Cemetery.	<i>Cairns Post</i> , 19.01.1951, p.6 <i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Feb. 1951 (Photo included).
1951	Plans were being made for extensions to St. Margaret Mary's Primary School in Hyde Park, Townsville. It was proposed to extend the present building and incorporate a permanent chapel. School rooms were also being built under the school to accommodate increasing numbers of pupils.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Feb. 1951
1951	A statue of Our Lady of Fatima was presented to the church in Mt. Isa by Mr. Mick Morgan. It was blessed by Fr. O'Dwyer P.P.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Feb. 1951
1951	Fr. M. Lyons, formerly Director of Abergowrie College, returned to Winton for the second time and succeeded Fr. M. Donlon as parish priest from 1951 to early 1967.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Mar. 1971 & Jul. 1972
1951	On Thursday 25.01.1951, Fr. V. F. Vandeleur was farewelled from the Cathedral staff after serving there for some twelve years. Fr. Vandeleur was to administer Hughenden but in July he was appointed Director of Abergowrie College.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Mar. 1951 <i>Herbert River Express</i> Tuesday 14.03.1961, page 1
1951	<u>Clerical Changes:</u> 1. Fr. V. F. Vandeleur to administer the Parish of Hughenden during the absence of Fr. P. Naughton on extended leave in Eire. 2. Fr. D. J. Stewart to Administrator of the Sacred Heart Cathedral and Diocesan Secretary.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Mar. 1951
1951	Fr. V. F. Vandeleur succeeded Fr. Naughton as parish priest of Hughenden but stayed only a short time as he was appointed Director of St. Teresa's Agricultural College at Abergowrie in July 1951. (Jul. 1951 to Jul. 1959)	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Aug. 1959 & Feb. 1968
1951	On Tuesday 28.01.1951, a send off was given to Fr. P. Naughton, Parish Priest of	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> ,

	Hughenden, on the eve of his departure for 12 months vacation in Eire.	Mar. 1951
1951	At the end of January, Mons. T. Grogan V.F. P.P. returned to his parish at South Townsville after an extended leave overseas.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Mar. 1951
1951	<p>The Canossian Sisters of Charity (FdCC) came to Ingham to staff St. Joseph's Primary School at Trebonne. Their Order had only arrived in Australia in 1949. On 20.01.1951, Mother Teresa Livio as Principal, accompanied by Mother Josephine Palmery, Superior of the Convent in Gregory Terrace, arrived in Ingham by train.</p> <p>From 21st January to 1st February, Fr. Martell took the two Mothers round the district to visit all Italian families, especially those with children of school age. On Sunday 04.02.1951, Mothers Angioletta, Regina and Mary also arrived by train at 3am and Mother Josephine departed for Brisbane in the afternoon.</p> <p>The Sisters commenced teaching on 05.02.1951 in a corrugated iron shed with no ceiling on land donated by Mrs Kit Wallis.</p> <p>Bishop H. E. Ryan D.D. solemnly blessed and opened the new Convent and School on 03.06.1951. The school motto was "The Way The Truth And The Life". The school hall and the Convent were purchased from a Mrs. Rankin some time ago by the Parish Priest Fr. D. J. O'Meara.</p> <p>On Sundays the school hall became Corpus Christi Church.</p> <p>(In Bianca Vidonja Balanzategui's Book "<i>Portrait of a Parish – A History of St. Patrick's Church and Parish 1864 – 1896</i>" the first Principal of the school is recorded as Sr. Maria Conti, 1951 to 1954).</p> <p>(The sisters withdrew from the school in 1990)</p>	<p><i>Townsville Catholic News</i>, Mar. & Jul./Aug. 51, Jun. 62, Apr.65 & Mar. 70</p> <p>Photos in TCN Jun. & Jul./Aug. 51</p> <p><i>Catholic News – Townsville Bulletin</i>, 17.12.2009 & 15.05.2008, page 8.</p> <p>(Bishop Faulkner's photo album)</p> <p><i>Portrait of a Parish – A History of St. Patrick's Church and Parish 1864-1996</i> Pages 68, 69 & 277 Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui</p>
1951	<p>A house at Calen in the Koliyo Parish, purchased by Fr. Arthur Ryan, was altered and raised on eleven foot blocks for use as a Mercy Convent with a School beneath. Most of the furniture came from the old Ravenswood Convent and School, abandoned in 1948.</p> <p>After a delay caused by floods, school commenced on 12.02.1951, but the Convent / School of Our Lady of Lourdes was not blessed and opened by Bishop Ryan until 26.08.1951. Mother M. Paula, RSM, was in charge and her fellow labourers were Sr. M. Borgia, Sr. M. Ursula and Sr. M. Thaddea.</p> <p>(The school was closed at the end of 1960 and the Convent became the base for a Motor Mission in 1961).</p>	<p><i>Townsville Catholic News</i>, Jul. 50, Mar. 51 & Sep./Oct. 51 Sep. & Nov. 53, Feb. 61 & Dec. 68. Photo in TCN Sep. /Oct. 51.</p>
1951	Fr. D. McKenna from the Rockhampton Diocese relieved in the Parish of Bowen while Fr. O. Rush was in hospital in Sydney.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Apr. 1951
1951	Bishop Ryan announced that Fr. Peyton's "Round the World Pilgrimage" with a statue of Our Lady of Fatima would visit the Diocese from June 23 rd to Jul 3 rd . (Photos in TCN Jul./Aug. 51)	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Apr., May, Jun. & Jul./Aug. 51

1951	St. Francis School in Ayr was the recipient of a valuable gift from Mr. George Petersen, Radio Engineer, when a complete Public Address System and Broadcast receiving set was installed. With this new equipment, in addition to the Sound Film Projector, the School was now equipped with all necessary modern means of Educational Aids.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Apr. 1951 <i>The Greatest Gift</i> <i>Celebrating 100 Years</i> Page 8
1951	A letter was received by the Bishop from the Directorate of Pelligrini & Co., announcing the closure of their Townsville Branch. (A repository was subsequently opened in Townsville to meet the need for religious goods).	Minutes of a Meeting of the Council of the Diocese of Townsville 06.03.1951, page 69 (04.10.1951, page 70)
1951	St. Patrick's Day was celebrated in Ayr by the production on 18 th March of the Irish Musical Comedy "Kathleen Aroon".	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Apr. 1951
1951	On 19.03.1951, Miss Margery Daly, a Graduate of St. Patrick's College on the Strand, entered the Convent of the Sisters of Mercy.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Apr. 1951
1951	The Home Hill school was extended and painted in March 1951.	Report of Episcopal Visitation, Sep. 1952.
1951	Fr. T. A. Kelly, Parish Priest of Stuart, left Townsville in April to undergo a serious operation in Brisbane. Fr. J. Hegarty who became ill in early December 1950 was still in hospital in Brisbane.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Apr. & Aug. 1951
1951	During Fr. John Colleran's absence from his Collinsville Parish during April, he was replaced by Fr. J. Dillon and then Fr. P. O'Brien on supply duties.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , May 1951
1951	Fr. Grennan returned to the Diocese after visiting his people in Eire.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jul./Aug. 51
1951	On Monday 07.05.1951, some 370 children, representing Cardinal Gilroy College, Santa Maria College, Lourdes Convent School and St. Joseph's Convent School, Trebonne, gathered at Cardinal Gilroy College to take part in a Jubilee ceremony to mark fifty years of Federation.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jun. 1951 Photo included.
1951	During May, Fr. Timbs C.SS.R. preached a mission in Italian at Jarvisfield.	Diary Dr. K. J. H. Kelly
1951	Death of Fr. Patrick J. Brennan C.SS.R. in Perth on 18.05.1951. Fr. Brennan had preached Missions in the Diocese of Townsville just prior to W.W.II.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jun. 1951
1951	During 1951, St. Mary's Church in West Townsville was painted.	Report of Episcopal Visitation Jul. 54.
1951	On 01.06.1951, Fr. Desmond McKenna from Rockhampton was appointed as assistant priest in Ayr.	Excerpt from diary in old exercise book. Author Dr. K. J. H. Kelly.
1951	<u>Clerical changes announced by Bishop H. E. Ryan: (July 1951)</u> 1. Fr. M. Lyons, Director Abergowrie College, to be Parish Priest at Winton. 2. Fr. V. F. Vandeleur, Administrator at Hughenden, to be Director, Abergowrie College. 3. Fr. J. Colleran, Parish Priest at Collinsville, to be Parish Priest at Home Hill. - - - (July 1951-1969) - - - - -	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jul./Aug. 1951 Page 1 - <i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Aug. 1974. - Report of Epis. Visitation 16.09.1952.

	<p>4. Fr. W. Grennan, Parish Priest at Home Hill, to be Parish at Collinsville. (1951 – 1959)</p> <p>5. Fr. T. Gard M.B.E., Admin. of West Townsville, to be Acting Administrator at Hughenden. (July 1951 – April 1958)</p> <p>6. Fr. M. Donlon. P. P. at Winton, to be Administrator at West Townsville. (29.7.51)-</p> <p>7. Fr. J. E. Garvey, Assistant Priest at West Townsville, to be Assistant Priest at - - Mundingburra. (25.07.1951)</p> <p>8. Fr. D. Ryan, Administrator at Home Hill, to be Assistant Priest at West Townsville.</p> <p>9. Fr. P. Kerwick, Assistant Priest at Mundingburra, to be Assistant Priest to Fr. T. O'Dwyer at Mt. Isa. (July 1951 to 1959) -----</p>	<p>Townsville Catholic Archives, Ref. 775/5</p> <p>- Report of Episcopal Visitation Oct 51</p> <p>- TCN Dec. 55 & Feb. 81</p>
1951	<p>On Sunday 10.06.1951, the new Richmond Parish Church, dedicated to St. Brigid, Patroness of Ireland, was blessed and opened by Bishop H. E. Ryan. (Photos in TCN Jul./Aug. 51 & Oct. 65) The original St. Brigid's dated from 1904 to 1951.</p>	<p><i>Townsville Catholic News</i>, Jun. & Jul. /Aug. 51 & Feb. 61. Photo in TCN Feb.1961.</p>
1951	<p>At St Joseph's School in Mt. Isa, a new cruciform classroom block was blessed and opened by Bishop H. E. Ryan D.D. on Sunday 17.06.1951. The Architect was L. E. Williams A.R.I.B.A., of Townsville and the Contractors were Allen Construction Company, also of Townsville. The former Church / School (originally built in Kuridala), filled with pews from the old Railway Estate church in Townsville, served exclusively as a church for another five years.</p>	<p><i>Townsville Catholic News</i>, Jul./Aug. 1951 & Feb. 1981 Sketch in TCN Jul. /Aug. 51.</p>
1951	<p>On Saturday evening 23.06.1951, the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima arrived at the Garbutt Airfield in Townsville.</p> <p>On Sunday 24th June, the Statue was brought from Townsville to Charters Towers and returned to Townsville on Monday 25th June.</p> <p>On the night of the 25th, thousands of people took part in a welcome ceremony in the Townsville Showgrounds.</p> <p>The Statue was flown to Bowen on Tuesday 26th and on the morning of the 27th was taken by road to Home Hill and Ayr and on 28th to Giru.</p> <p>On Monday 2nd July plane carrying the Statue set down briefly at Richmond on its way to Mt. Isa.</p> <p>On Tuesday 3rd July the Statue was flown to Cloncurry which was the last official port of call in Queensland. (Photos in TCN Jul. /Aug. 1951).</p>	<p><i>Townsville Catholic News</i>, Apr., May, Jun. & Jul./Aug. 51</p> <p><i>The History of the Sacred Heart Parish, Ayr, 1912 – 2012, Page 16</i></p>
1951	<p>On Friday 29.06.1951, Long Service Leave was introduced to Australia in New South Wales – three months leave after twenty years of service.</p>	<p><i>Australia through Time</i>, 2005 Edition.</p>
1951	<p>On 29.06.1951, the Feasts of Saints Peter and Paul, the Rev. Kevin Clancy was ordained in the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Townsville.</p>	<p><i>Townsville Catholic News</i>, Jun., Jul./Aug. & Nov./Dec. 1951</p>

	Due to the illness of Bishop H. E. Ryan D.D., the Sacrament of Ordination was conferred by Bishop T. V. Cahill D.D. of Cairns.	Photos in TCN Jul. /Aug. 51.
1951	On 01.07.1951, Fr. M. Garvey C.SS.R. commenced a mission at Brandon.	
1951	On Monday 02.07.1951, the Sisters of Mercy at St. Patrick's Convent on the Strand, honoured Sr. M. Gabriel Quinn on her Diamond Jubilee.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jul./Aug. 1951
1951	Word was received from the Apostolic Delegate that His Holiness, Pope Pius XII had appointed Rev. Dr. Kevin J. H. Kelly, Parish Priest of Ayr and Diocesan Inspector of Schools, a Domestic Prelate, with the title of "Right Rev. Monsignor." (Invested with the robes of his rank by Bishop H. E. Ryan in Ayr on 02.09.1951).	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jul./Aug. & Sep./Oct. 1951 & Jan. 1965
1951	In July, six months after finishing her senior schooling at St. Mary's in Charters Towers, Margaret Mary Lyons entered the convent of the Good Samaritan at Pennant Hills, Sydney, as a postulant. (Sr. Marg was professed on 06.01.1954 and took the name of Sr. Baptista).	<i>The Catholic Leader</i> , 24.03.2013 Page 17.
1951	Fr. Thomas Gard was appointed Parish Priest of Hughenden in July 1951. He remained until June 1958. During this time, with the assistance of a couple of graziers, he repainted the Church of St. Brigid at Prairie.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Feb. 1968 <i>The News</i> , Sep. 1993.
1951	On 22.07.1951, Redemptorist Fathers Mahoney and Middleton commenced a mission at Ayr.	Excerpt from diary in old exercise book. Author Dr. K. J. H. Kelly.
1951	On the 25.07.1951, the Feast of St. James the Apostle, two Sisters from the Novitiate took their First Vows and afterwards received the Black Veil of the Sisters of Mercy in the little Chapel of St. Patrick's Convent on the Strand. They were Sr. M. Loreto Ford and Sr. M. Alberta Busuttin. Mons. T. Grogan, P.P., V.F., officiated due to the absence through illness of Bishop Ryan.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Sep./Oct. 1951
1951	Fr. Grennan had a veranda added to the Collinsville convent and had the kitchen enlarged.	Bishop Faulkner's photo album.
1951	As <i>The Townsville Catholic News</i> ran at a loss for the financial year just ended and due to a newsprint shortage, the magazine was now being printed every alternate month and the price was increased.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Sep./Oct. 1951
1951	From 16 th to 19 th August, a Mission was conducted on Fantome Island by Fr. M. Garvey CSSR	<i>Report of Episcopal Visitation</i> 22.10.1953
1951	On Sunday 26.08.1951, in the Parish of Kolijo / Calen, Bishop H. E. Ryan blessed and opened the Church of Our Lady of the Rosary at Mt. Ossa (south of Kolijo). The altar was presented by Kirwan Brothers and a statue of Our Lady of Fatima was donated by Mr. C. Rostirolla. (The church was closed and sold in late 1968. The building was moved to Kuttatubul and erected as the Uniting Church). On the same day that he opened the church, Bishop Ryan also blessed and opened the new Convent / School dedicated to Our Lady of Lourdes at Calen. The new altar in the Convent Chapel was presented by Mesdames Blanchfield and	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jul. 50, Mar. & Sep./Oct. 1951 Sep. 1953, page 12 Nov. 53 Dec.68. Photo in TCN Sep. /Oct. 51.

	Smith and Miss E. Murphy in memory of their parents. (The school was closed in 1960 and Calen became the base for a Motor Mission in 1961).	
1951	The completed renovations and additions to St. Joseph's Church on the Strand were blessed during a simple ceremony by Bishop Ryan. They included two ambulatories on which the Confessionals were built; two new Sacristies; extension of the Sanctuary; installation of larger windows; painting of the interior and exterior of the Church; repainting of the Statues and Stations of the Cross; remodelling of the seating accommodation; and the covering of the entire Sanctuary and Aisles with rubber. The Architect was Mr. J. Rooney and Mr. A. Rooney the Contractor.	<i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> Jun. & Sep./Oct. 1951
1951	A series of Missions were conducted in the Cathedral Parish during the month of September. Frs. M. Timbs and T. Mahoney C.S.S.R. were in charge of the two weeks Mission at St. Joseph's; Frs. T. Moran and J. Cullen C.S.S.R. conducted the week's Mission at the Cathedral, while Fr. T. Moran C.S.S.R. concluded the series with a week at St. Columba's at Belgian Gardens.	<i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> Sep./Oct. 1951
1951	On Sunday 02.09.1951, in the Sacred Heart Church at Ayr, Bishop H. E. Ryan D.D. invested Rev. Dr. Kevin J. H. Kelly as a Domestic Prelate with the title of Monsignor.	<i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> Sep./Oct. 1951
1951	On 08.09.1951, the Feast of Our Lady's Nativity, at the Convent of Mercy on the Strand, Mother M. Agatha McKenna celebrated the Silver Jubilee of her Religious Profession.	<i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> Sep./Oct. 1951
1951	As there was no proper house to accommodate the members of their Order in Halifax, the Italo-American Friars brought from America the necessary funds to build a Friary which remained the property of the Capuchin Order. The diocese donated the land, Louis Tendo drew up the plans and the builder was Mr. G. Zampatti. The Friary was officially blessed and opened by Bishop H. E. Ryan on 16.09.1951.	<i>Golden Jubilee of St. Peter's Church,</i> <i>Halifax 1929-79</i> Fr. Publius Cassar O.F.M. Cap. <i>Herbert River Express, 29.12.1979</i> <i>Portrait of a Parish, page 73</i> Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui
1951	Fr. John Colleran became the 8 th Parish Priest of St. Colman's Parish, Home Hill. (1951 to 1969)	<i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> Aug. 1974
1951	Fr. T. A. Kelly, Parish Priest of Stuart, who had left in April to undergo a serious operation in Brisbane, returned to Townsville	<i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> Apr., Sep./Oct. & Nov./Dec. 51
1951	Fr. J. Hegarty, who had been in hospital in Brisbane since December 1950, returned to the Cathedral staff, although still not fully recovered. Fr. T. A. Kelly, Parish Priest of Stuart, who had a relapse early in the month, had left hospital and was recuperating at the seaside.	<i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> Sep./Oct. 1951
1951	On Wednesday 03.10.1951, the Feast of the Little Flower, three young Novices from the Sacred Heart Novitiate made their temporary Profession and took vows of Poverty, Chastity and Obedience for three years in the Chapel of the Strand Convent.	<i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> Nov./Dec. 51

	They were Srs. M. Catherine Caldwell, M. Annette Lowth and M. Julian McCann.	
1951	Bishop Ryan announced that he had acquired houses and land on the city side of the Sacred Heart Cathedral. It was decided by the Council that the two blocks of land behind the Cathedral and two blocks in Mitchell Street could be disposed of.	Minutes of a Meeting of the Council of the Diocese of Townsville 04.10.1951, pages 72 & 73
1951	On Thursday 04.10.1951, the Feast of the Stigmatist, St. Francis of Assisi, two young postulants received the Religious Habit and White Veil of the Congregation from the hands of Bishop H. E. Ryan in the Chapel of the Strand Convent. The candidates were Margery Daly (Sr. M. Barbara) and Moya Everett (Sr. M. Gregory).	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Nov./Dec. 51
1951	On Sunday 07.10.1951, the Feast of the Holy Rosary, Edward (Teddy) Daly, formerly of the Cathedral Parish was killed in action while on patrol in Korea. He was educated at St. Joseph's on the Strand and at Our Lady's Mount C.B.C. and had been a member of the Y.C.W.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Nov./Dec. 51
1951	Mons. K. J. H. Kelly was appointed as a Life Member of the Royal Historical Society.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Nov./Dec. 51
1951	Our Lady of Lourdes School at Calen celebrated the end of the school year "break-up" day by taking the children for a picnic at Seaforth.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Mar. 1952
1952	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>News item in Cairns Post 1 January 1952</u> <u>Owing to shortage of staff – Hughenden Hospital closes</u></p> BRISBANE, Dec. 31. – Staff shortage forced the Hughenden Hospital to close today. Two other hospitals at Julia Creek and Boulia are without doctors. Operations have been stopped at Mt. Isa Hospital for urgent cases, and the number of in-patients has been restricted. The Health and Home Affairs Department today authorised the Hughenden Hospital to rail urgent cases to Townsville or use the flying doctor service to Charters Towers.	<i>Cairns Post</i> Tuesday, 1 January 1952 Page 1
1952	The Preparatory Grade in schools reduced to 1 year and Grade 8 was introduced.	<i>Queensland Government Department of Education</i>
1952	Sr. Mary Petra O'Malley SGS succeeded Sr. Mary Joan O'Brien SGS as Principal of St. Francis' Primary School in Ayr. (1952 – 1952)	<i>The Greatest Gift</i> 100 Years, page 18
1952	Br. Ronald Ridley was transferred from Townsville. He worked at Abergowrie C.B.C. from 1952 to mid 1955.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Mar. 1970
1952	Ordination of Fr. Peter Green S.J. on 03.01.1952.	" <i>The News</i> ", Jun. 1991
1952	On 04.01.1952, was the 60 th anniversary of the old man of Abergowrie, Br. William Baptist Doyle's entry into the religious life. He had laboured at the college until 1953 – 20 years. It was decided to hold the public celebration of his Diamond Jubilee at Mount Carmel Charters Towers in May that year.	<i>St. Teresa's Agricultural College Abergowrie – Diocese of Townsville</i> <i>31 Years of Achievement in Education</i>
1952	Permission for the erection of Stations of the Cross in St. Thomas More's Church in Mundingburra Parish, Townsville was granted by Bishop Ryan on 07.01.1952.	

1952	Fr. Dominic Pontolillo O.F.M. Cap replaced Fr. Sylvio Spighi as parish priest of Halifax. (1953 to 1954)	<i>Golden Jubilee of St. Peter's Church, Halifax 1929-79</i> Fr. Publius Cassar O.F.M.Cap
1952	<p>The Diocesan Council decided to implement the new three period school terms fitting in with the State Education Dept. and a new school for boys was to open in the new year.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Clerical Appointments (Effective 13.01.1952)</u></p> <p>The Bishop accepted resignations due to ill health from two Parish Priests. They were Fr. V. Monckton of Giru and Fr. T. Kelly of Stuart.</p> <p>Fr. T. A. Kelly from Parish Priest of Stuart, to be Assistant at West End and Chaplain to the Mater Hospital was appointed Chaplain to the Mater Hospital.</p> <p>Fr. Vincent Monckton resigned as Parish Priest of Giru and went to Railway Estate to act as Assistant Priest to Fr. H. O'Twomey and as Chaplain to the "Stella Maris" Catholic Institute for Seamen.</p> <p>Fr. D. Ryan from Assistant Priest at West End, to be Parish Priest at Giru.</p> <p>Fr. J. Dillon from West End to Assistant Priest at Cloncurry.</p> <p>Fr. W. O'Regan from Assistant Priest at Railway Est., to be Assistant Priest at Charters Towers.</p> <p>Fr. P. J. Carroll from Assistant Priest at Cathedral to be Assistant Priest at Bowen. (In Bap. Reg. from 10.01.1952 to 04.01.1955)</p> <p>P. S. Carroll from Assistant Priest at West End, to be Assistant Priest at Cathedral and Diocesan Director of the Young Christian Workers Movement (Y.C.W.)</p> <p>D. O'B Buckley from Assistant Priest at Bowen to be Assistant Priest at Ayr.</p> <p>Fr. D. J. McMullen from Assistant Priest at Charters Towers to be Assistant Priest at West.</p> <p>Fr. Kevin Clancy, newly ordained, to be Assistant Priest at Cathedral and Chaplain to the Townsville General Hospital.</p> <p>Fr. T. T. Garvey from Assistant Priest at Ayr, to be Assistant Priest at the Cathedral, Editor of the "<i>Townsville Catholic News</i>" (13.1.52-31.5.56), Chaplain to the Institute of Social Studies, Director of the National Catholic Girl's Movement.</p> <p>Fr. M. Mullins from Assistant Priest at Cathedral and Editor of the "<i>Townsville Catholic News</i>" for the last three years, to be Assistant Priest at Charters Towers. - (Feb. 52 to Dec. 52)</p> <p>Fr. Len O'Rourke, newly ordained and on loan from the Dio of Rockhampton, to be Assistant Priest at Mundingburra.</p> <p>Mons. K. J. H. Kelly, P.P., V.F., of Ayr, to be Diocesan Director of Catholic Action, Diocesan Director of the Family Rosary Crusade and Diocesan Director of</p>	<p>Minutes of a Meeting of the Council of the Diocese of Townsville 18.12.1951, Pages 74, 75 & 76</p> <p><i>Townsville Catholic News</i>, Feb. 1952</p>

	the Young Christian Students' Movement (Y.C.S.).	
1952	On Friday 25.01.1952, Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, Sr. Margaret Baxter, having completed her six months postulancy, received the Religious Habit and White Veil in the Chapel at St. Patrick's Convent. The Novice Elect was now known as Sr. M. Bernadine.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Mar. 1952
1952	Two girls left the Mundingburra Parish at the end of January to enter the Convent of the Sisters of St. Joseph. They were Mary Rooney (N.C.G.M.) and Jean Manly (Children of Mary).	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Mar. 1952
1952	<u>Christian Brothers staff changes:</u> - 1. Br. R. H. Ridley (in Townsville for the last nine years), to Abergowrie. 2. Br. J. H. Hanley (in Townsville for the past six years), to Mount Carmel College. 3. Br. Gunn replaced Br. Hanley in Townsville. 4. Br. Duggan from Mount Carmel to Lewisham, NSW. 5. Br. Grealey came to Abergowrie from the south. 6. Br. Rochford to Gilroy College.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Feb. 1952
1952	Bishop Ryan announced the appointment of Mons. K. J. H. Kelly P.P., V.F., as Director of the Rosary Crusade for the Diocese of Townsville. The Crusade was to be officially launched in Australia under the direction of Fr. Patrick Peyton when he returned in 1953.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Feb., Mar., Apr. & Jun. 1952 Oct. 1953.
1952	On 05.02.1952, the Christian Brothers commenced teaching at the new St. John Fisher's War Memorial Primary School for boys in years five to eight at Hugh Street, Garbutt Estate, (later the Suburb of Currajong), Townsville. The staff consisted of Br. L. L. Baillie (Principal), Br. B. Thomas (from Abergowrie), and Br. R. Pilin (from Mackay). The school was blessed and officially opened by Bishop Ryan on 24.02.1952. The Brothers commenced the school's "Kalori" magazine which was published until 1987. No residence was supplied for the Brothers until 1969.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Feb., Mar. & Apr. 1952 Photos in TCN Mar. 61 & Dec. 62. Townsville Bulletin – Catholic News Supplement 26.09.2002, page2
1952	Classes at Blessed Oliver Plunket's, Mundingburra were co-ed. from years 1 to 4 and girls only from years 5 to 7. Boys were required to attend the newly opened St. John Fishers Christian Brothers College at Garbutt Estate.	"On History's Page", (DVD), a snapshot of Catholic Schools in Queensland in the sesquicentenary year, 2009.
1952	On Wednesday 06.02.1952, King George VI died at the age of 56 from coronary thrombosis. (11.12.1936 to 06.02.1952) He was succeeded by his 25 year old daughter, Elizabeth II	"Australia Through Time" 2005 Edition. Biography: George VI (14.12.1895- 06.02.1952)
1952	In February, Keith Treacy from Mt. Isa received the habit of the Christian Brothers at Minto. His brother Kevin had received his habit two years previously. In the same month, Miss Molly Dalton left Mt. Isa for the Juniorate of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Sydney.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Mar. 1952
1952	A branch of the Young Christian Workers (Y.C.W.) was formed recently in Mt. Isa	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Mar. 1952

1952	Fr. D. J. O'Meara began a "bus" service for school children in East Ingham with a utility truck which carried fourteen children.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Nov. 1965
1952	The Mt. Isa Parish Tennis Club opened two new concrete tennis courts	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Apr. 1952
1952	Death of Mr. George Foy in Charters Towers on 11.02.1972. Before the Eventide Homes were established in the Towers, there were several homes known as Benevolent Cottages situated on the site of the present Eventide. These cottages were Government owned but were handed over to George Foy to house the homeless, thereby recognising his great charitable work among the poor.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Apr. 1952
1952	In the Parish of West Townsville, a neighbouring residence on Flinders Street West was purchased on 14.02.1952 for use as a presbytery.	Deeds
1952	On Sunday 24.02.1952, Bishop H. E. Ryan officially opened and solemnly blessed the new Christian Brothers War Memorial College in Hugh Street on the Garbutt Estate (later the suburb Currajong). The school motto was "Viriliter Age Semper" meaning "Always Act Manfully". The College was dedicated to St. John Fisher, one of the English martyrs. The original two story structure "The Ark" was designed and built by the Allen Construction Co.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Feb., Mar. & Apr. 1952 Photo on cover of TCN Apr. 1952, also in TCN Mar. 61 & Dec. 62 The St. John Fisher's/Holy Family Parish 1957 - 1992
1952	On Thursday 28.02.1952, a general meeting of the <u>Catholic Welfare Organisation</u> was held at the Bishop's House, Stanley Street. It was decided to extend the scope of the work of the C.W.O. with a group visiting the Migrant Holding Centre at Stuart and others contacting the Migrants at "Yungaba" (Kangaroo Point, Brisbane). The C.W.O. Townsville also affiliated with the Catholic Daughters of Australia, Brisbane and embraced their title and aims. (The Townsville Branch of the C.D.A. was born on 18.06.1952).	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Apr. 1952 <i>The Essence of a Vision</i> Rita A. Daley page 90 <i>Portrait of a Parish</i> , page 102 Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui
1952	A library was established in the school at Home Hill with the installation of a large new bookcase.	
1952	A former pupil of the Hughenden Convent School, Desmond McQuaid, was recently professed as a novice at the Seminary of the Divine Word Fathers in Brisbane. He was to leave in the near future for St. Mary's Seminary, Techny, Illinois, USA, to complete his studies for the priesthood.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Apr. 1952
1952	The opening of the Hughenden Parish tennis court took place on Saturday 15.03.1952.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Apr. 1952
1952	Death of Fr. John Hegarty, Parish Priest of Bowen, in the Townsville Mater Hospital on Saturday 22.03.1952 aged 60 years. Fr. Hegarty served as a Curate in Mt. Morgan and Ayr. He also served as Parish Priest in Hughenden and was appointed to Abergowrie as Director. Later he served in Proserpine and Railway Estate. He was buried in the priest's plot at the Belgian Gardens Cemetery.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , May 1952 and Oct. 1961 <i>Headstone in Belgian Gardens Cemetery</i>

1952	After a few weeks in hospital, Fr. J. E. Garvey was temporarily attached to the Cathedral and was engaged in a tour of the Diocese on a special appeal for the Christian Brothers College at Abergowrie. (1951 – 1952)	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , May 1952
1952	On Monday 05.05.1952 at Mount Carmel College in Charters Towers, Brother William Baptist Doyle's Diamond Jubilee was celebrated.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jun. 1952
1952	Death of Mother M. Josephine Condon RSM at St. Patrick's Convent on the Strand on Tuesday 06.05.1952 aged 84 years. Sister was professed in the Convent of Mercy in Rockhampton in February 1893. She had served in Bowen, Winton, South Townsville and in the Mother House on the Strand.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jun. 1952 <i>Headstone in Belgian Gardens Cemetery</i>
1952	Death of Sister M. Basil Murphy RSM on Saturday 17.05.1952 aged 51 years. Sister collapsed and died at the Mater Private Hospital while making a phone call to the relatives of a dying man. Sister was professed in 1930 and taught at Bowen, Collinsville, Proserpine, Winton, Halifax, The Strand, West End and South Townsville. In 1940, she was selected to train as a nursing Sister at the Mater Hospitals in Brisbane and Mackay. When the Mater Hospital opened in Townsville, she took up her duties there.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jun. 1952
1952	St. Brigid's Church at Stuart in Townsville was painted externally in June 1952 and internally in 1954.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Feb. & Mar. 1954
1952	The Golden Jubilee Celebrations of Mount Carmel College in Charters Towers were held over a period of five full days and nights.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jul. 1952
1952	Ordination of Thomas Aquinas Lambert by Bishop H. E. Ryan in the Sacred Heart Cathedral, in Townsville on Saturday 28.06.1952. Thomas was educated at St. Joseph's Convent, Mundingburra and at Our Lady's Mount C.B.C., Townsville.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jun. & Jul. 1952 & Jan. 1953
1952	The Hughenden Church was completely renovated. The interior was painted and the ceiling, seats and Stations of the Cross were varnished. The presbytery was also painted.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Sep. 1952
1952	On Friday 11.07.1952, the monthly meeting of the newly formed Townsville Branch of the Catholic Daughters of Australia (C.D.A.) was held at the Y.C.W.A. rooms in Flinders Street. (Mrs. Ivy Owens was the Foundation President - 1952 to 1974). A Baby Cupboard was commenced during the year to provide layettes for Pregnancy Support.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Aug. 52 Aug. 64 & Apr. 74. <i>Catholic Womens League Annual Report for the year ended 31st July 1992.</i> <i>Cath. Archives Ref. 700/1 & 771/5</i>
1952	The Premier of Queensland, Mr. V. Gair and Mrs Gair, attended Mass in Proserpine on 13.07.1952. During their tour they also visited the Winton Convent School and were entertained with a concert.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jul. & Aug. 1952
1952	The Julia Creek Council installed a plant to reticulate electricity.	University of Queensland Queensland places
1952	The Cadets from Our Lady's Mount C.B.C. in the charge of Rev. Brother Gunn conducted training from 8 th August to 15 th August at the Sellheim Army Camp.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Sep. 1952

1952	On 14.08.1952, at St. Patrick's Convent on the Strand, Bishop H. E. Ryan received the first Vows of Sr. M. Leonard (Carmel Mary Arnold from Ingham).	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Sep. 1952 <i>Portrait of a Parish</i> , page 275 Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui
1952	A suitable piece of ground was finally obtained in Hawkin's Creek on which to build a church to replace the small building which was opened in 1930.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Sep. 1953
1952	The old Giru presbytery was moved from its original site to a more suitable position beside the church. It was raised on high concrete blocks and considerably enlarged and modernised.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Sep. 1952
1952	In August 1952, Fr. T. T. Garvey was appointed Priest in Charge of the Stuart Parish.	<i>Report of Episcopal Visitation</i> 25.07.1954
1952	The first Mass at Cluden (Wulguru) was celebrated by Fr. T. T. Garvey in the home of the Freeman family on 14.09.1952 and continued to be said there for some years.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Oct. 1964 & Nov. 1959
1952	Notification was received from the Attorney General of the appointment of Fr. T. T. Garvey as Chaplain to His Majesty's Prison, Stuart, following the transfer of Fr. T. A. Kelly from Stuart to Townsville West.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Oct. 52
1952	On 21.09.1952, Bishop Ryan visited Ayr to be part of the 10 th anniversary celebration of the "Catholic Hour" broadcasts each Sunday from radio station 4AY. Bishop Ryan read to listeners the special blessing cabled by the Holy Father, Pope Pius XII, from Rome.	Excerpt from diary in old exercise book. Author Dr. K. J. H. Kelly. HDMS Ref. 675/6
1952	Over the school holidays preceding third term 1952, the Canossa School building (St. Joseph's, Ingham) was raised on two meter (7.5 feet) stumps and casement windows put in to replace the pushout shutters.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jun. 1945 <i>Portrait of a Parish</i> , page 78 Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui
1952	Fr. A. J. Breene M.S.C., Provincial of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, when returning from a visit to Darwin and Alice Springs, took the opportunity to re-visit Ravenswood where he celebrated Mass in the Church in which he was baptised, and made his first Confession and Holy Communion.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Oct. 52 Photo of church in TCN Dec. 61 & Feb. 66.
1952	On 23.10.1952, Fr. Basil Foster, Chaplain to the Fantome Island Leprosarium, celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination to the Priesthood. A Diocesan celebration was held on Tuesday 09.12.1952	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Nov. & Dec. 52 & Jan 53.
1952	The Buddhist Society of NSW, the first in Australia, held its inaugural meeting in Sydney on 25.10.1952.	"Australia Through Time" 2005 Edition.
1952	At 4.30 pm on Thursday 30.10.1952, a freak cyclone lasting only six minutes, tore along Hackett Terrace in Charters Towers and hit Mount Carmel College. Every College building was damaged. The roof of the Main school building was carried over the College fence, tearing down high tension wires as it went and was then scattered far and wide on the other side of the Townsville- Charters Towers Road.	<i>Northern Miner</i> Saturday 01.11.1952, page 1 <i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Dec. 1952
1952	At 5 pm on Thursday 30.10.1952, a violent storm struck Winton. Although only lasting 15 minutes, winds of 60 m.p.h. (96.5 k.p.h) accompanied by	<i>The Longreach Leader</i> Friday 31.10.1952, page 1

	<p>slight rain cut a swathe a mile wide through the town.</p> <p>The entire roof of the Sisters of Mercy Sacred Heart Convent was destroyed.</p> <p>The Sisters hustled 30 frightened boarders to the safety of the former church which despite its age (opened in 1889) was a strong weatherproof structure.</p> <p>The school buildings escaped the force of the storm.</p>	<p><i>Townsville Daily Bulletin</i> Thursday 06.11.1952, page 6</p> <p><i>Townsville Catholic News</i>, Dec. 1952</p> <p><i>Central Queensland Herald</i> Thursday 06.11.1952, page 17</p>
1952	<p>At a meeting in Winton, the men of St. Patrick's Parish decided to proceed with the work of renovation and additions to the Convent which had been damaged by a wind storm on 30.10.1952. Work was completed in 1954 and the new convent was solemnly blessed and opened by Bishop H. E. Ryan on Sunday 03.10.1954.</p>	<p><i>The Longreach Leader</i> Friday 28.11.1952</p> <p><i>Townsville Catholic News</i>, 01.12.1952, page 10</p>
1952	<p>On 02.11.1952, Mons. K. J. H. Kelly blessed St. Kevin's Church / Hall at Clare in the Ayr Parish and celebrated the first Mass therein. The building had been removed intact from Ayr where it had served as the old Diggers' Hall (R.S.L.). It was re-erected on high blocks in Clare on land purchased by Mons. Kelly opposite the swimming pool. It also doubled as a community hall until the erection of the Clare Community Hall in 1957.</p> <p>Previous to the opening of St. Kevin's, Mass had been celebrated in the temporary school building in Clare.</p> <p>(Clare eventually became part of the new Parish of Burdekin Valley – Maryfields in 1962. St. Kevin's served the Catholic community in Clare for 18 years).</p>	<p><i>Townsville Catholic News</i>, Oct. 52, Jul. 57, Apr. 62, Jul. 67 & Jun. 68.</p> <p>Photos in TCN Oct. 56 & Apr. 62.</p> <p>Diary Dr. K. J. H. Kelly <i>Burdekin Valley Parish</i> <i>Past and Present</i> - Joan Auer, 19.03.2000</p> <p><i>Clare Centenary</i> <i>The first years 1882 – 1982</i>, page 40</p>
1952	<p>On 9th November, Fr. V. Monckton OFM, who was Assistant at Railway Estate for the last twelve months, replaced Fr. Basil Foster as Chaplain on Fantome Island.</p>	<p><i>Report of Episcopal Visitation</i> 22.10.1953</p>
1952	<p>On Sunday 09.11.1952, Bishop Hugh Ryan blessed and laid the foundation stone for St. Mary's Redemptorist Monastery on Hervey's Range Road, a mile past the Aitkenvale Post Office in Townsville.</p> <p>(On the corner of Ross River Road and Lindeman Avenue)</p> <p>The building was constructed by Mr. J. Allen, Builder and Contractor and the Architect was Mr. L. Williams. The opening day was planned for 21.06 1953.</p>	<p><i>Townsville Catholic News</i>, Oct. & Dec. 52 Jun. & Aug. 53.</p> <p>Photo in TCN Mar. 1954.</p> <p>Talk by Fr. Hickey CSsR on 04.06.1967 Archives Ref. A 321/2 & 850/5</p>
1952	<p>The Victa lawnmower was invented by Mervyn Victor Richardson at Concord, NSW, in November 1952.</p>	<p><i>Famous Australians</i></p>
1952	<p>On Sunday 16.11.1952, during Silver Jubilee Celebrations of St. Therese's Convent and School in Halifax, Bishop H. E. Ryan blessed the new Infant School and a large play shed. The Infant School was actually the original presbytery which was enlarged and improved.</p>	<p><i>Townsville Catholic News</i>, Dec. 1952</p>
1952	<p>On Friday 21.11.1952, the Townsville Catholic Girl Guides held their "breaking up" festivities at their "den" in North Ward. Their troop numbered twenty guides.</p>	<p><i>Townsville Catholic News</i>, Dec. 1952</p>
1952	<p>On Sunday 23.11.1952, Bishop H. E. Ryan blessed the foundation stone for a new convent for the Sisters of Mercy in Bowen at a site in Poole Street opposite the Fire Brigade Station.</p>	<p><i>Bowen Independent</i> Friday 28.11.1952, page 5</p>

	<p>There were to be two new buildings, the Convent proper and a separate structure for the accommodation of boarders. The contract was let to Messrs. Pilcher Brothers of Murroona. (The convent was opened on 19.07.1953).</p> <p><i>(During the demolition of this building on Saturday 16.02.2019, the following documents were found in a screw-top jar in a concrete niche behind the Foundation Stone.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A circular dated 07.10.1952 explaining the nature of the project. 2. A note signed by Fr. O. F. Rush P.P. 3. A list of the Bowen Sisters. 4. An Attestation signed by Bishop H. E. Ryan). <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Members of the Bowen Community as at 23.11.1952</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sr. M. Joseph Xavier Collins (Superior)</p> <p>Sr. M. Marcella McMillan Sr. M. Virgilius Elliott Sr. M. Malachy Dunne Sr. M. Colette Desmond Sr. M. Rose Giorcelli Sr. M. Alacoque Lynch Sr. M. Pius Carroll Sr. M. Camillus Garvey Sr. M. Julian Mc Cann</p>	<p><i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> Nov. 52, Jan. & Sep. 53.</p> <p>Photo in TCN, Jan. 1963</p> <p>List provided and signed on 23.11.1952 by Sr. Mary Magdala Tighe Reverend Mother Superior of the Townsville Community</p>
1952	The 25 th anniversary of the founding of the Sisters of Mercy's Convent in Home Hill was celebrated with a Jubilee Concert on 30.11.1952.	<i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> Jan. 1953
1952	On Sunday 30.11.1952, at St. Mary's School, Townsville West, a one day "Mater Amabilis School" was organised by the Diocesan Executive of the National Catholic Girl's Movement (N.C.G.M.).	<i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> Jan. 1953
1952	On 04.12.1952, Fr. Vincent Monckton, assistant priest at Railway Estate, celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination to the Priesthood. A Diocesan celebration was held on Tuesday 09.12.1952	<i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> Nov. & Dec. 52 & Jan 53.
1952	On 04.12.1952, in the Chapel of the Convent of Mercy, the Strand, two Sisters from the Novitiate, Sr. M. Edmund McCourt, Millicent, South Australia, and Sr. M. Anselm Furse, Townsville, took their First Vows in the presence of Bishop H. E. Ryan.	<i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> Jan. 1953
1952	On 06.12.1952, a terrible fire was responsible for the destruction of a great part of the main shopping centres in Hughenden. Buildings destroyed were: the Central Hotel; W. F. Stanley, Agent and Jeweller; Coleman and Walsh, Drapers and Mercers; Franzmann's Sports Depot and Newsagency; Hardy's Cash and Carry Store; Herron, Taylor; Smith's Chemist Shop; and C. Goldstiver, Agent. Dr. Wilson's Surgery was extensively Damaged.	<i>Memorabilia of Hughenden and District</i> <i>Townsville Catholic Archives, Ref. 775/5</i>
1952	On Tuesday 09.12.1952, a Diocesan celebration was held to mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of the ordination to the priesthood of Frs. Basil Foster and Vincent Monckton.	<i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> Jan. 1953
1952	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sales of Land</u></p> <p>There were two allotments for sale at Ayr on the Menso Estate and two at Hobart Street as they were now of no practical use to the Parish. A block of land, formerly the presbytery site at Giru, was also for sale.</p>	Minutes of a Meeting of the Council of the Diocese of Townsville 09.12.1952, Pages 77 & 78

	<p>50 additional acres (20.23 hectares) were sold at Abergowrie.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Clerical Changes</u></p> <p>Fr. Foster to Palm Island for 12 months. Fr. Monckton to be at Fantome Island on the 19th December and remain there until the return of Fr. Donovan. Fr. Mullins to the Cathedral as Administrator. Fr. Stewart to Charters Towers. Fr. Lambert to the Cathedral. At Abergowrie, Fr. Vandeleur to take over Lannercost and Long Pocket Sections as an experiment and results to be watched. Fr. John Garvey to be assistant to Fr. Vandeleur in this new proposition.</p>	
1952	<p>On Friday 12.12.1952, known to all Sisters of Mercy as Foundation Day, Marie Williams of Townsville received the Religious Habit in the Chapel of the Strand Convent. With the habit and white veil she received the name of Sr. M. Leonie.</p>	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jan. 1953
1952	<p>On Friday 19.12.1952, Fr. Martin Donovan, who had for the past few years been attached to St. Anne's Mission Station on Palm Island, left for Sydney to begin his journey to his homeland Ireland, for a twelve months visit. His place as Chaplain to the Mission was taken by Fr. Basil Foster from Fantome Island on 01.01.1953.</p>	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Dec. 52 & Jan. 53 <i>Report of Episcopal Visitation</i> , 28.10.1953.
1952	<p>Fr. Denis Ryan, P.P. of Giru, who was recently injured by a fall from a considerable height while engaged in painting the presbytery, was allowed out of the Ayr District Hospital until the new year when he was to undergo further treatment. During his long incapacity, Fr. Samuele O.F.M. from Halifax attended to the needs of the Giru parishioners.</p>	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Oct. & Nov. 52 & Jan. 53
1952	<p>Fr. M. Donlon, Admin., West End, was completely recovered from his vehicle accident.</p>	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jan. 1953
1952	<p>During 1952, a mission was conducted in the Railway Estate parish.</p>	<i>Report of Episcopal Visitation</i> , Railway Estate, 04.07.1954.
1953	<p>The Preparatory Grade in schools was abolished.</p>	<i>Queensland Government Department of Education</i>
1953	<p>On 1st January 1953, Fr. Basil Foster replaced Fr. Martin Donovan as pastor of the Palm Island Mission.</p>	<i>Report of Episcopal Visitation</i> , 28.10.1953.
1953	<p>Sr. Mary Enda Donlevy SGS succeeded Sr. Mary Petra O'Malley SGS as Principal of St. Francis Primary School in Ayr. (1953 – 1958)</p>	<i>The Greatest Gift 100 Years</i> , page 18
1953	<p><u>Clerical Appointments:</u> - 1. Fr. D. J. Stewart of the Cathedral to be Assistant Priest at Charters Towers. (Photo in TCN Feb. 1953)</p>	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Feb. 1953

	<p>2. Fr. M. Mullins assistant at Charters Towers to be Administrator at the Cathedral. (Dec. 52 to Jul.59)</p> <p>3. Fr. T. A. Lambert, newly ordained, to be Assistant Priest at the Cathedral.</p>	
1953	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>VATICAN CITY, Jan. 10</u></p> <p><i>Pope Pius XII today eased the rules for fasting by Roman Catholics on days they are to receive Holy Communion and directed that, under certain conditions, mass may be celebrated in the evening instead of in the morning. - - - - The Pope decreed that henceforth drinking of ordinary water does not constitute a break of the necessary fast before receiving the Eucharist. - - - - - A meal is permitted priests who celebrate and Catholics who attend an evening mass and receive communion until three hours before the beginning of the mass or the communion.</i></p>	<p><i>Chicago Sunday Tribune, page 23</i> 01.11.1953</p> <p><i>Portrait of a Parish – A History of St. Patrick’s Church and Parish 1864-1996</i> Page 74 Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui</p>
1953	<p>On Saturday, 17.01.1953, the Sisters of Mercy gathered at St. Patrick’s Convent, the Strand, to congratulate four Jubilarians.</p> <p>Sr. M. Genevieve Farrell was celebrating the 50th anniversary of her Religious Profession; Sr. M. Thecla Geddes, Sr. M. Marcella McMillan and Sr. M. Monica Gillbank were celebrating their 25th anniversaries.</p>	<p><i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> Mar. 1953</p>
1953	<p>The Mater Hospital in West End, Townsville, received valuable assistance from the Brisbane Mater Hospital when Sisters M. Gabriel and St. Philip joined the staff for a period of two years. These Sisters were responsible for many improvements to the hospital and operating room.</p>	<p><i>Catholic Leader,</i> 27.09.1970, Page 6.</p>
1953	<p>Since the closure of the Stuart Migrant Holding Centre, Fr. Karol Warzecha, SVD, who was temporarily attached to the Diocese for special work amongst New Australians, had resided at Stuart.</p> <p>During January he spent most of his time doing this work in Mt. Isa.</p>	<p><i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> Feb. 1953</p>
1953	<p>Br. Morahan, Principal of Our Lady’s Mount, who for the last few months had been seriously ill in the Brisbane Mater Hospital, recently underwent another operation but now considered that he would soon be back at work in Townsville.</p> <p>Meanwhile, the Brothers from Stanton Hill spent their Mid-summer Vacation as the guests of Fr. Basil Foster at St Anne’s Mission Station on Palm Island.</p>	<p><i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> Feb. 1953</p>
1953	<p>On Sunday 25.01.1953, the Marist Brothers were officially welcomed to Ayr by the Parish Priest, Mons. Kevin J. H. Kelly, during the Catholic Hour.</p> <p>On Monday 02.02.1953, Brothers Clarence Cunningham (Director), Faber Turnbull (Sub Director) and Brendan Maguire began teaching in the old Good Samaritan Infants School in the convent grounds as the East Ayr building was not complete.</p> <p>The construction of Blessed Edmund Campion War Memorial College in Gibson Street, East Ayr, was completed for the beginning of Term 2.</p> <p>The builder was Mr. McConnachie of Ayr.</p> <p>The Brothers taught 70 boys from Grade four to Grade eight (scholarship).</p>	<p><i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> Jan. & Mar. 53, Jul. 57 & Jun.63</p> <p>Bishop Faulkner’s photo album.</p> <p>Excerpt from diary in old exercise book. Author Dr. K. J. H. Kelly.</p> <p><i>The History of the Sacred Heart Parish,</i></p>

	<p>No boy from Home Hill arrived for the beginning of school at that time as water was ten feet (3.05 meters) over the old Burdekin Bridge. Bishop Hugh Ryan officially opened the new school on 31.05.1953, the Feast of the Blessed Trinity. The college was closed in 1973 as the three Catholic sites were rationalised in 1974 to make separate units of Pre-School to Year 2 (Parkside), Years 3 to 7 (Convent) and Year 8 to 10 (Marist Brothers)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Principals of Marist Brothers College in Ayr</u></p> <p>Br. Clarence Cunningham 1953-1957 Br. Norman Hart 1957-1959 Br. Kenneth Moreland 1960-1963 Br. Faber Turnbull 1964-1966 Br. Elstan Mullins 1967 Br. Faber Turnbull 1968-1970 Br. Eymard Doheny 1971-1976 Br. John Thompson 1977-1982</p>	<p><i>Ayr, 1912 – 2012</i> <i>Page 25</i></p> <p><i>Townsville Catholic Archives, Ref. 761/1</i></p> <p><i>Ayr Centenary</i> <i>1882 - 1982</i></p>
1953	<p>On Tuesday 31.01.1953, leaders of the Townsville National Catholic Girls Movement held a gathering at the Belgian Gardens Clubrooms to farewell Kathleen Clancy, President of the Belgian Gardens Branch, who was leaving to enter the teaching order of the Sisters of St. Joseph. On Monday 16.02.1953, the Children of Mary and the Belgian Gardens Branch of the N.C.G.M. also held a function to farewell Kathleen</p>	<p><i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> <i>Mar. 1953</i></p>
1953	<p>On 02.02.1953, the Blessed Edmund Campion College Marist Brothers began their teaching in the Convent School Building, Edward Street. 17 boys attended the first day. No boys from Home Hill attended as water was 10 feet over the bridge. The Brothers school building in East Ayr would not be completed until the beginning of Term 2.</p>	<p><i>Blessed Edmund Campion College</i> <i>Silver Jubilee 1953 – 1978</i></p>
1953	<p>From 1953 to 1973, the Queensland Government provided ½ pint bottles of free milk to school students.</p>	<p><i>Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School</i> <i>100 Years 1915 – 2015</i></p>
1953	<p>Abergowrie was separated from Ingham and erected as a parish with Fr. V. F. Vandeleur as the first parish priest.</p>	<p><i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> <i>Jan. 1954 & Jun. 1963</i></p>
1953	<p><u>Clerical Appointments:</u> - 1. Fr. V. F. Vandeleur, Director of St. Teresa’s College, Abergowrie, to be Parish Priest of the newly formed parish of Abergowrie. 2. Fr. H. D. Lyons of Ingham, to be Assistant Priest at Abergowrie. 3. Fr. P. S. Carroll of the Cathedral, to be Chaplain to the Catholic Seamen’s Mission.</p>	<p><i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> <i>Mar. 1953</i></p>
1953	<p>Fr. T. Gard and his band of volunteers were still engaged on work strengthening the foundations of the Sacred Heart Church in Hughenden. In 1965, the church (erected in 1918) was declared unsafe and demolished. (A new church was opened in 1967).</p>	<p><i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> <i>Mar. 53, Oct. 67,</i> <i>Mar.66 & Feb. 68.</i></p>
1953	<p>A Mission was preached in Home Hill in both English and Italian by Redemptorist</p>	<p><i>St Colman’ Parish, Home Hill</i></p>

	Fathers Timbs and McInnes. During the Mission, two large statues, one of Our Lady and one of the Sacred Heart were donated to the church.	<i>Diamond Jubilee 1926 to 1986</i>
1953	St. Teresa's Agric. College in Abergowrie produced their first cane, a total of 100,000 tons.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> Aug. 1955
1953	On 03.04.1953, the new Mass of the Easter Vigil was celebrated for the first time.	Diary Dr. K. J. H. Kelly
1953	The 13 th Annual National Convention of the National Catholic Rural Movement (N.C.R.M.) was held in Albury from Monday 20 th April to Friday 24 th April.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Apr. 1953
1953	Ton Sunday 10.05.1953, the Redemptorist Fathers vacated "Marianella" on Fulham Road in Mundingburra and took possession of St. Mary's Monastery in Aitkenvale. (The Monastery was blessed and opened by Bishop Ryan on 21.06.1953). Also on this day, the first Mass was celebrated in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, which had been built in the Monastery grounds and a Mission for the Parish was opened. (The church was destroyed by fire on 08.12.1974).	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jun. & Aug. 1953, Mar. 1954 <i>Townsville Bulletin</i> , 18.10.2001 T'ville Catholic Archives, Ref. 850/5 <i>One in the Spirit</i> <i>The Story of Holy Spirit Parish</i> <i>Cranbrook, T'ville 1965-2010, page 35</i>
1953	11.05.1953 – Commencement of School Term 2. Blessed Edmund Campion College now functions in their new school building.	<i>Blessed Edmund Campion College</i> <i>Silver Jubilee 1953 – 1978</i>
1953	From 14.05.1953 to 21.05 1953, Fr. Kevin Middleton C.S.S.R. preached a mission in St. Catherine's Parish, Proserpine.	
1953	On 17.05.1953, Redemptorist Fathers M. Garvey and Moran commenced Missions in Ayr.	Diary Dr. K. J. H. Kelly
1953	During 1953, the Redemptorist Fathers conducted a mission in West End, Townsville.	Report of Episcopal Visitation Jul. 54.
1953	During a visit of the State Opera to Winton in May, the principals and several members of the State Opera entertained the Sisters of Mercy at the Winton Convent with excerpts from the Opera and Ballads.	<i>The Longreach Leader</i> Friday, 05.06.1953, page 17 <i>The Charleville Times</i> Thursday, 26.03.1953, page 8
1953	During a Combined Catholic Schools' Concert in the Wintergarden Theatre on 26.05.1953, Bishop Hugh Ryan invested Judge Douglas with the insignia of a Knight Commander of the Order of St. Gregory the Great and read the bull signed by His Holiness Pope Pius XII proclaiming the Honourable Robert Johnstone Douglas a Papal Knight. The Pontifical Equestrian Order of St. Gregory the Great was established in 1831 by Pope Gregory XVI and is the highest honour lay men and women can obtain in the Catholic Church.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jun. & Jul. 1953 May 1970 <i>Townsville Bulletin –</i> <i>Catholic News Supplement</i> , 16.08.2007, page 3.
1953	On Sunday 31.05.1953, the new Blessed Edmund Campion Memorial College (Marist Brothers) in Ayr was solemnly blessed and opened by Bishop H. E. Ryan. The builder was Mr. McConachie of Ayr.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> Jul. 1953 (Photo in TCN Jul. 1953).
1953	On Tuesday 02.06.1953, Elizabeth II was crowned at Westminster Abbey, London. She had been proclaimed Queen on 06.02.1952.	<i>Historic UK</i> <i>The Coronation 1953</i>

	Her coronation was the first to be televised. A Pontifical High Mass was celebrated in the Sacred Heart Cathedral to mark the occasion.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jul. 1953
1953	The parishioners of Winton celebrated the sacerdotal Silver Jubilee of their pastor, Fr. Myles Lyons, on Tuesday 02.06.1953.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jul. 1953
1953	Arrangements were well in hand to begin additions to St. Teresa's Agricultural College at Abergowrie. These additions included a new 30 ft. two-storey extension to the main college building and consist of a dormitory upstairs and a classroom downstairs.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jul. 1953
1953	On advice from Bishop Ryan, Fr. T. T. Garvey, who was administering the Stuart Parish, purchased one and a half acres of land for £600 at Stuart (Wulguru) in Townsville on 04.06.1953 for a future church / hall. Mass was being celebrated almost every Sunday at the residence of Mrs. M. E. Freeman.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jul. 53, Mar. & Nov. 59 & Oct. 64.
1953	A Mission was preached at Brandon from 7 th to 14 th June followed by the township of Clare and "The Gorge".	Excerpt from diary in old exercise book. Author Dr. K. J. H. Kelly.
1953	Ingham held a Jubilee Ball on 12.06.1953 as part of its celebrations to mark its 50 th year as a Parish.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jun. 1953
1953	On Saturday 13.06.1953, at the invitation of the chaplain of the Stuart Prison, Fr. T. T. Garvey, and with the permission of the Superintendent, Mr. A. Whitney, a concert party visited the prison.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jul. 1953
1953	On Thursday 18.06.1953, His Excellency, Sir John Lavarack, accompanied by the Minister of Education, Mr. Deveries, visited the Winton Convent School.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Aug. 1953
1953	On Sunday 21.06.1953, Bishop H. E. Ryan solemnly blessed and officially opened the new Redemptorist Monastery in Aitkenvale, Townsville. The Fulham Road property, "Marianella", passed to the Sisters of Mercy who made use of it in establishing their new Mater Hospital.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Aug. 1953 Talk by Fr. Hickey CSsR on 04.06.1967 Archives Ref. A 321/2
1953	On Sunday 28.06.1953, Ordination of Tindaro Ferlazzo (a former parishioner of Koliyo Parish) and Raymond Charles Jones by Bishop H. E. Ryan in the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Townsville. (Photos in TCN Aug. 1953). Fr. Ferlazzo was the first Italian born priest to be ordained in Queensland. His first posting was to the cathedral for two years. He retired in 2007 and died in 2008.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Aug. 1953 <i>The News</i> , Sep.1993. T'ville Bull. – Catholic News Supplement, 19.06.2003, page 3 <i>T'ville Diocesan Archives</i> , Ref. 771/5
1953	On Tuesday 30.06.1953, the Townsville Branch of the Catholic Daughters of Australia presented their first Annual Report.	<i>Townsville Diocesan Archives</i> Ref. 771/5
1953	On 02.07.1953, Fr. F. Kelly, Administrator of Mundingburra, sailed from Sydney on the "New Australia" for an extended holiday abroad. (He returned to the Diocese around January 1954). During his absence, the parish was administered by Fr. L. O'Rourke.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Aug. & Sep.1953 Feb. 1954.
1953	On Sunday 12.07.1953, Bishop H. E. Ryan solemnly blessed and officially opened	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> ,

	the new church at Hawkins Creek (Ingham Parish) dedicated to the Holy Family. The building, which was designed by Mr. L. Tendo of Halifax, was built on land donated by Fred Baker and was the fifteenth church to be built in the Herbert River district. A large picture of the Holy Family, which had been donated years ago by Fr. Mambrini O.F.M. and framed by Mrs. Coomba, was placed above the High Altar. The High Altar itself had been erected to the memory of Mr. G. Cantamessa and Mr. T. J. McMillan.	Jun., Aug. & Sep. 53 Feb. 1969 <i>Portrait of a Parish – A History of St. Patrick’s Church and Parish 1864-1996</i> Page 76 Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui
1953	On Sunday 19.07.1953, the new St. Mary’s Convent in Poole Street, Bowen was blessed and opened by Bishop H. E. Ryan. The old convent had been moved to Poole Street, raised and incorporated as part of the structure of a new two story building with ground floor rooms and a porch. The work was carried out by Bowen contractors Messrs. Pilcher Brothers. (The old boarder’s quarters – former Immigration building – remained on the old St. Mary’s site until 1960).	<i>Bowen Independent</i> <i>Friday 24 July 1953, page 1</i> <i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> Aug. & Sep. 53 & Feb.62 Photo in TCN Jan. 1963
1953	On Wednesday 22.07.1953, The Townsville Branch of the Catholic Daughters of Australia (C.D.A.), held their first annual meeting in the Y.W.C.A. rooms.	<i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> Sep. 53, Apr. 59 & Apr. 1970.
1953	The Korean Armistice was signed in Panmunjon on 27.07.1953. (1950 to 1953)	<i>“Australia Through Time”</i> 2005 Edition.
1953	Fr. Coghlan of the Diocese of Melbourne returned south after spending the last few months at Abergowrie College.	<i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> Sep. 1953
1953	On Friday 07.08.1953, nearly 300 people attended the first evening Mass ever to be celebrated in Ayr at the Catholic Church of the Sacred Heart. Previously Mass had been celebrated in the morning mainly because the priest had to fast.	<i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> Sep. 1953 T’ville Catholic Archives, Ref. 761/1
1953	On Saturday 08.08.1953, accompanied by Fr. T. T. Garvey, Chaplain to the Stuart Prison, a group of singers and instrumentalists visited the prison to provide a concert for the inmates.	<i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> Sep. 1953
1953	Fr. Dominic Pontolillo O.F.M. Cap (1953 only) replaced Fr. Sylvio Spighi O.F.M. Cap as Parish Priest of Halifax.	<i>Herbert River Express</i> 29.12.1979
1953	On Sunday 06.09.1953, the members of the National Catholic Girls Movement (N.C.G.M.) in Townsville held their First General Communion Breakfast. It took place at St. Mary’s Schoolroom in Townsville West. After the Breakfast, the Amabilis School for 1953 was held.	<i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> Aug. 1953
1953	On Sunday 13.09.1953, Bishop H. E. Ryan officially opened the new Church of St. Colman at Cloncurry that had been remodelled and almost entirely reconstructed. The building was re-designed by the Parish Priest, Fr. E. Brill. The old bell which had tolled from the rear of the church for the past fifty years was shifted to a new steeple erected in front of the church.	<i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> Oct. 1953
1953	Fr. Patrick Peyton, the Founder and Director of the International Family Rosary Crusade, visited Ayr on Monday 21 st Sept., Charters Towers on 22 nd Sept. and	<i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> Oct. 1953

	<p>Ingham on 23rd Sept. Upwards of 2000 people attended a rally for the Family Rosary Crusade in Rugby Park, Ayr The Townsville chapter in the International Family Rosary Crusade was officially opened by Fr. Patrick Peyton on Thursday 24th Sept. A crowd of 6000 people assembled in the Sports Reserve. After the Rosary Crusade, the people of Home Hill continued the devotion of carrying a statue of Our Lady to a different home every week and in 1995 the tradition was still continuing.</p>	<p>Photos in TCN Oct. & Nov. 53. Excerpt from diary in old exercise book. Author Dr. K. J. H. Kelly</p> <p><i>Memories</i>, page 16 By Fr. Tom O'Dwyer</p> <p><i>The History of the Sacred Heart Parish, Ayr, 1912 – 2012, page 20</i></p>
1953	<p>The Cluden ladies began a weekly series of “Wog” afternoons to raise funds for the erection of a church. All “Wog devotees” in Townsville were invited and were advised that there was a train service each forty minutes to and from Cluden from Townsville and Stuart. At present a Mass was being said each Sunday at the residence of Mrs. Freeman.</p>	<p><i>Townsville Catholic News</i>, Nov. 1953</p>
1953	<p>On Sunday 04.10.1953, Bishop H. E. Ryan blessed and installed a statue of Our Lady of Fatima in St. Francis Xavier’s Church at Railway Estate.</p>	<p><i>Townsville Catholic News</i>, Dec.1953</p>
1953	<p>On Monday 07.10.1953, the Feast of the Most Holy Rosary, two Sisters from the Novitiate made their First Vows before Bishop H. E. Ryan in St. Patrick’s Convent of Mercy on the Strand. They were Sr. M. Barbara (Margery Daly) and Sr. M. Gregory (Everett).</p>	<p><i>Townsville Catholic News</i>, Nov. 1953 <i>Townsville Bulletin- Catholic News Supplement</i>, 19.06.2003.</p>
1953	<p>Mons. L. McLaughlin V.G., P.P. Charters Towers, left for Brisbane in early October to seek specialist attention. He returned from Brisbane some time in December. During his lengthy absence, the parish was administered by Fr. D. J. Stewart.</p>	<p><i>Townsville Catholic News</i>, Nov. 53 & Jan. 54.</p>
1953	<p>Fr. P. Naughton returned to the Diocese in October and on 12.10.1953 was appointed to relieve in Railway Estate. He had a lengthy period of illness in Ireland and on returning to Australia had to spend a few months in Brisbane seeking specialist treatment.</p>	<p><i>Townsville Catholic News</i>, Nov. 1953 <i>Report of Episcopal Visitation</i>, Railway Estate, 04.07.1954.</p>
1953	<p>Death of Fr. Denis Lawrence Murtagh, resident chaplain for the last three years at the Mater Hospital, Rockhampton, on Wednesday 13th October 1953. Fr. Denis was ordained by Bishop Shiel in Rockhampton on 13th September 1914. He served as assistant priest at Mackay, Cloncurry, Mt. Morgan and West End, Townsville. In 1922 he became parish priest at Hughenden but the following year he was transferred to the parish of Marian where he stayed for nine years. All other appointments until his retirement in 1949 were in Rockhampton parishes.</p>	<p><i>Morning Bulletin</i> (Rockhampton) Thursday 15.10.1953 Page 3</p>
1953	<p>During October 1953, the tennis court surface at Blessed Edmund Campion College in Ayr was laid.</p>	<p><i>Blessed Edmund Campion College Silver Jubilee 1953 – 1978</i></p>
1953	<p>Fr. H. D. Lyons returned to the Diocese after a lengthy period on sick leave and was attached to the parish of Charters Towers.</p>	<p><i>Townsville Catholic News</i>, Nov. 1953</p>

1953	Death of Sr. M. Bertles RSM of St. Patrick's Convent on the Strand while being treated for an illness in Sydney, aged 49 years on Monday 09.11.1953. The Requiem was celebrated in Sydney.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Dec. 1953
1953	Fr. T. Borthistle CSSR was transferred to Townsville in Nov. 1953. (1953 to June 1959).	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Oct.1968
1953	Fr. D. McKenna of Ayr was selected by the Ayr "Advocate" as the "Sportsman of the Week".	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Dec.1953
1953	During December 1953, Bishop Hugh Ryan visited Ingham, Abergowrie and Ayr to be present at the "breaking-up" festivities of the schools and colleges in those centres. Rev. Mgr. L. McLaughlin, V.G., Parish Priest of Charters Towers, who had been absent in hospital in Brisbane for the past few months, returned to Townsville and after a short stay, motored back to Charters Towers.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jan.1954 Page 6
1953	Construction of a new convent for the Sisters of St. Joseph in Julia Creek was almost complete. Joe Rooney of Townsville was the architect and the builder was Mr. Jack Allen also of Townsville. Before construction could commence, a natural water course on the site had to be filled. Max Burns, an earth-moving contractor, carted thousands of yards of soil as fill. He was a non-Catholic but did this huge job free of charge. Three sisters were to arrive in January 1954 and have the school ready for opening after the mid-summer vacation. There were a total of 101 students in August 1955, which included 30 boarders (boys and girls). (Due to rain and floods, St. Joseph's Convent was not blessed and opened by Bishop Ryan until September 1955).	<i>Holy Rosary Parish, Julia Creek</i> <i>50 Golden Years 1937 - 1987</i> <i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Dec. 1953 & Aug. 1967. Photo in TCN Aug. 1962.
1953	On Friday 4 th December 1953, Australia's first oil discovery was made at Exmouth Gulf off the coast of West Australia.	Flashback Blog All Down Under.com
1953	The Ravenswood church bell was moved to Stuart. A request for its return was made by the Ravenswood Restoration Committee on 20.02.1989. The bell was returned a couple of years later.	
1953	On Tuesday 08.12.1953, Bishop H. E. Ryan officially opened the Marian Year in the Diocese of Townsville.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jan.1954
1953	On 09.12.1953, the new Bowen branch of the Catholic Daughters of Australia (C.D.A.) held their first Christmas party. The branch had been in existence for only a few months.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Mar. & Sep. 1954 T'ville Catholic Archives Ref. 771/5
1953	Fr. Brill, Parish Priest of Cloncurry, left in early December for six months holiday and medical treatment in New Zealand	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jan. 1954
1953	Fr. Martin Donovan, who had been visiting Ireland since December 1952, returned to the Diocese in December 1953.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jan. 1954, page 6

1953	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Clerical Changes</u></p> <p>The Bishop announced that Fr. John Whiting had applied for a dispensation from his Vows as a member of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, with the view of seeking Incardination in the Diocese of Townsville.</p> <p>Frs. Ferlazzo and Ray Jones to the Cathedral as Assistants.</p> <p>Fr. P. S. Carroll to Ayr – Assistant.</p> <p>Fr. Naughton to Railway Estate – Assistant.</p> <p>Fr. T. Gard to Hughenden in charge.</p> <p>Fr. Vandeleur resigned the parochial care of the Parish of Abergowrie to enable him to concentrate on the Farm work.</p> <p>Fr. F. Rush appointed to Abergowrie Parish in charge. (1954 to 1957) - - - - -</p> <p>Fr. M. Donovan returns to Palm Island.</p> <p>Fr. J. Garvey to be locum at Winton during the absence of Fr. Myles Lyons, who had been granted twelve months leave. (1953 – 1954)</p> <p>Fr. B. Foster was granted leave for January.</p> <p>The care of the Ravenswood Parish to be transferred to the Parish of Stuart.</p> <p>Frs. D. McKenna and L. O'Rourke who had been on leave from Rockhampton were awaiting instructions from their Bishop re their return to their own diocese, their period of loan having expired.</p>	<p>Minutes of a Meeting of the Council of the Diocese of Townsville 22.12.1953, Pages 80 & 81</p> <p><i>-Portrait of a Parish – A History of St. Patrick's Church and Parish 1864-1996</i> Page 76 Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui</p>
1953	<p>Fr. Terence Reynolds, who was stationed at West End for the last few years, was granted indefinite sick leave.</p> <p>He became Chaplain to the Ursuline Sisters Convent at Macedon in Melbourne and remained attached to that Archdiocese for some time. (1953-1956)</p>	<p><i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> May 1954 & Mar, 1957.</p>
1953	<p>On 04.12.1953, the first Speech Night of Blessed Edmund Campion's Marist Brothers' College in Ayr was held in classrooms.</p>	<p><i>Blessed Edmund Campion College Silver Jubilee 1953 – 1978</i></p>
1953	<p>St. Joseph's Primary School in Cloncurry was repaired and painted.</p>	<p><i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> Jan.1954</p>
1953	<p>After celebrating Mass at Hughenden and Praire on Christmas Day, Fr. T. Gard left for a holiday in the south. Fr. Timbs C.SS.R. relieved during his absence.</p>	<p><i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> Feb. 1954, pages 6 & 7</p>
1953	<p>When the new Redemptorist Monastery and Church were opened in Aitkenvale on 21.06.1953, Bishop Ryan decided to close St. Mary's Church (previously known as the Church of the Immaculate Conception) which had been blessed and opened in Wotton Street, Aitkenvale on 26.07.1931. The first entry in the Mundingburra Baptism Register for the Church of the Immaculate Conception was on 03.01.1932 and the last for St. Mary's on 13.12.1953.</p>	<p><i>Blessed Oliver Plunket Baptism Register (Mundingburra)</i></p> <p><i>The Story of Holy Spirit Parish Cranbrook, T'ville, 1965 – 2010,</i> page 11</p>
1953	<p>In December 1953, the Canossian Sisters in Ingham purchased the building adjacent to the school. It was bought from the Costa family for a boarding school.</p>	<p><i>Portrait of a Parish,</i> page 78 Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui</p>
1953	<p>The Hubert's Well Power Station in Aitkenvale (1922 to 1953) ceased to generate power in 1953 when it was replaced by a new power station in South Townsville.</p>	<p><i>City Libraries Townsville Local History Collection</i></p>

1953	During 1953, a Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society was formed in Mount Isa.	<i>Townsville Catholic Archives</i> Ref. 851/1
1954	Australia's population 8,987,000	"Australia Through Time" 2005 Edition.
1954	Br. R. G. Maranta succeeded Br. A. I. Keenan to become the seventh Principal of St. Teresa's College, Abergowrie (1954 to 1956). (Brother G. Maranta was also instrumental in forming an Old Boys Association).	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> , Page 278 Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui
1954	Fr. C. Warzecha S.V.D., who had acted as Chaplain to the Migrants in the Diocese of Townsville since 1950, was attached to Mundingburra in January 1954.	<i>Report of Episcopal Visitation</i> 18.07.1954.
1954	Sr. M. Aquinas succeeded Sr. M. Brigid as Superior at St. John Bosco's School in Collinsville. (1954 to 1958)	<i>Collinsville Foundation</i> <i>September 1936</i>
1954	<u>Religious Professions notified around January 1954:</u> 1. Sr. M. Denis (formerly Kathleen Clancy, President of the Belgian Gardens N.C.G.M.), who received the religious habit of the Sisters of St. Joseph at Mount Street, North Sydney. <u>Admissions to first profession at the Novitiate of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan, Pennant Hills, Sydney:</u> 1. Sr. M. Germaine (formerly Bernice McDonnell, Secretary of the Ayr N.C.G.M.). 2. Sr. Marie Pierre (formerly Kathleen Duckworth, Hermit Park, Townsville). 3. Sr. M. Sylvester (formerly Margaret Mahon, Charters Towers). 4. Sr. M. Baptista (formerly Margaret Lyons, Charters Towers) (06.01.1954) - - - - - 5. Sr. M. Aidrian (formerly Ursula Trower, Innisfail).	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Feb. 1954 Page 6 - <i>The Cath. Leader</i> , 24.03.2013, p 17
1954	In 1954, The Canossian Sisters in Ingham opened a boarding facility for girls in a building next to the school. The first boarders were six girls from Mt. Fox.	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> , page 78 Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui
1954	In 1954, Good Samaritan Sister M. Baptista (Sr. Marg. Lyons) began her training as a primary school teacher and in 1955 was sent to Townsville to teach at St. Margaret Mary's Primary School in Hyde Park. A year later she was asked to go to Japan where she spent the next 25 years.	<i>The Catholic Leader</i> , 24.03.2013 Page 17.
1954	<u>C.B.C. Staff changes in January:</u> 1. Br. Skehan, Vice Principal and Bursar of Mount Carmel, was transferred to Townsville as Principal at Our Lady's Mount. 2. Br. Hanley was appointed as the new Vice Principal of Mount Carmel. 3. Br. Warren, who had served at Mount Carmel for several years, was moved to Gregory Terrace, Brisbane. 4. Br. O'Connell, whose 3 rd appointment to Mount Carmel had lasted 12 months, went to Waverley, Sydney. 5. Br. Morahan, whose term as Superior of Our Lady's Mount had expired, was appointed to Mount Carmel where he assumed the duties of Bursar.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jun. 1954

	<p>6. Br. Shortill was transferred from Our Lady's Mount to Mount Carmel. 7. Br. Butler was transferred to Mount Carmel from Warwick.</p>	
1954	<p><u>Clerical changes:</u> 1. Fr. P. S. Carroll of Cathedral, Townsville, to be Assistant Priest of Ayr. 2. Fr. K. Clancy of Cathedral, Townsville, to be Assistant Priest at Ingham. (54-55) 3. Fr. R. Jones, recently ordained, to be Assistant Priest at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Townsville and Chaplain to the Seamen's Institute. 4. Fr. T. Ferlazzo, recently ordained, to be Assistant Priest at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Townsville, and Master of Ceremonies. (1954 to 1955) - - - - 5. Fr. T. A. Lambert of Cathedral Staff to be Chaplain to the Townsville General Hospital in lieu of Fr. K. Clancy. 6. Fr. C. Warcheza S.V.D., who is Chaplain to all Migrants in North Queensland, will reside at Mundingburra instead of Stuart. 7. Frs. D. McKenna of Ayr and L. O'Rourke of Mundingburra who have been on loan to this Diocese have returned to their own Diocese of Rockhampton.</p>	<p><i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> Feb. 1954 Page 6</p> <p><i>Townsville Bulletin- Catholic News</i> -- <i>Supplement</i>, 19.06.2003, page 3.</p>
1954	<p>Death of Fr. Edward McEvoy, retired, in Meath Hospital, Dublin, Ireland on Friday 15.01.1954. Fr. McEvoy studied for the priesthood in Ireland and was ordained on 07.02.1932. He served as assistant priest at Ingham and Proserpine and was Administrator at Ravenswood and Chaplain at Abergowrie. He suffered from an affliction of the spine for most of his priestly life.</p>	<p><i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> 1.2.1954, page 3 Mar. 1954, Aug. 1966 & Oct. 1970.</p>
1954	<p>On Sunday 17.01.1954, Bishop H. E. Ryan offered a Mass of Thanksgiving in the Chapel of St. Patrick's Convent on the Strand for the eight Sisters of Mercy who, on that day, celebrated the 25th anniversary of their Solemn Religious Profession. They were: Sr. M. Gerard (Wood), Charters Towers, Sr. M. Bonaventure (Heffernan), Tullamore, Ireland, Sr. M. Begninus (Reilly), Kilmessan, Ireland, Sr. M. Virgilius (Elliott), Summerhill, Ireland, Mother M. Austin (Heffernan), Trim, Ireland, Sr. M. Scholastica (McDermott), Dublin, Ireland, Sr. M. Felicitas (Doyle), Blue Ball, Ireland, Sr. M. Regis (Lynch), Raharney, Ireland. Two other Sisters of Mercy professed on the same day have since died. They were: Sr. M. Fidelis (Ryan) Limerick Ireland Sr. Margaret Mary (Bertles) Athlone Ireland</p>	<p><i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> Feb. 1954 Page 2</p>
1954	<p>On 23.01.1954 the Confraternity of Christ the Priest (CCS) came into being at Parkside, Ayr. The founder was Fr. John Thomas Whiting (a former member of the</p>	<p><i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> Sep. 1956 <i>Townsville Bulletin- Catholic News</i></p>

	Redemptorist Order) with support from Bishop Ryan and permission from Rome. (A Training House was opened in 1955).	<i>Supplement, 22.02.2007</i> <i>Townsville Catholic Archives, Ref. 761/1</i>
1954	In 1954, a new form of government of the Sisters of Mercy was discussed. A Federation was accepted by nine Congregations in Australia, including Townsville. The Federation was approved on 21.11.1955.	<i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> Feb. & May 1975
1954	Mr. Benjamin Lewis, a student for the Priesthood at Pius XII Seminary, Banyo, spent part of his annual vacation at the Bishop's House. Mr. Lewis was formerly an Anglican clergyman who served in Mackay.	<i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> Mar. 1954
1954	Townsville suffered heavy flooding on 07.02.1954 after a cyclone crossed the coast south of the city. The roof of the convent in Ayr was loosened and required costly repairs.	2009 NQ Storm & Cyclone Guide Diary Dr. K. J. H. Kelly
1954	On 19.02.1954, after serving for a short time as chaplain to the Fantome Island Leprosarium, Fr. Vincent Monckton left for Sydney to join the Franciscan Fathers. Fr. Monckton took the name of Valerian and was in the novitiate from 1954 to 1995.	<i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> Mar. 1954 & Oct. 1967 <i>Townsville Bulletin – Cath. News Supp.</i> 24.09.2015, pages 6 & 7
1954	Death of Mr. James William Horan on Saturday 20.02.1954 in the Charters Towers Hospital. Mr. Horan conducted the St. Columba's Church choir for seventeen years.	<i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> Apr. 1954
1954	The Franciscan Fathers came from Waverley to act as chaplains to the native Leprosarium on Fantome Island. Fr. Roch Allen O.F.M. filled this position until his appointment as Administrator of St. Mary's, West Townsville at the end of 1963.	<i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> Mar. 54, Jun. 57, Jun. & Jul. 63 Franciscan Provincial Archives
1954	Russell Joseph Anderson, formerly of Ayr, who for the last five years had been a student at the Sacred Heart Fathers Juniorate in Kensington, entered the Novitiate of the Order at Douglas Park early in February and was professed on 26.02.1954. (He was ordained in Brisbane on 29.06.1961 by Archbishop James Duhig into the priesthood of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart – M.S.C.).	<i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> Feb. 1954, page 7 <i>The History of the Sacred Heart Parish,</i> Ayr, 1912 – 2012, page 19 T'ville Catholic Archives Ref. 761/1
1954	<u>Clerical changes:</u> 1. Fr. Francis R. Rush , Assistant Priest at Ingham, was appointed Parish Priest of Abergowrie (1954 to 1957) succeeding Fr. V. F. Vandeleur, who resigned from the parish but remained as Director of the College until his transfer to the new parish of Hyde Park on 03.07.1959. 2. Fr. John E. Garvey of Abergowrie was appointed temporarily in charge of Winton (1953 to 1955) in the absence abroad of the parish priest, Fr. M. Lyons. - 3. Fr. T. Ferlazzo of the Cathedral Staff was appointed Diocesan Director of the Y.C.W. succeeding Fr. P. S. Carroll of Ayr. - - - - -	<i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> Mar. 1954 (TCN Aug. 59 & Dec. 60). - (TCN Apr. 54 & Sep. 1972). - (TCN Mar. 1954)
1954	Death of Sr. M. Gabriel Quinn RSM on Tuesday 02.03.1954, aged 88 years. Sister was professed in Rockhampton in 1891 but when Rockhampton and Townsville became separate units in 1901, she was a member of the Strand	<i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> Apr. 1954 <i>Headstone in Belgian Gardens Cemetery</i>

	Community and elected to remain there. She taught music at St. Patrick's College for over fifty years.	
1954	On 07.03.1954, the first of a series of Retreats for men began in the Redemptorist Monastery at Aitkenvale.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Mar. 1954
1954	On Easter Monday two members of the Sisters of Mercy, Sister M. Mercy Tarrant of Townsville and Sr. M. Joseph Xavier Collins of Bowen celebrated the Golden Jubilee of their Religious Profession.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Apr. & Jun. 1954
1954	As it was almost 25 years since St. Brigid's Church at Stuart had received its last coat of paint, it was decided to have the interior repainted. On Sunday 11.03.1954, after the contractor completed the work, a new set of the Stations of the Cross, copies of the work of Vecchi, an Italian artist, donated by fourteen parishioners, were erected, replacing the original set donated almost fifty years ago.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , 01.02.1954, page 7 Apr. 1954 <i>Report of Episcopal Visitation</i> 25.07.1954
1954	Queen Elizabeth II visited Townsville on Friday 12.03.1954, during the first tour of Australia by a reigning monarch.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Mar. & Apr. 1954
1954	On Saturday 20.03.1954, Fr. M. Lyons, P.P. Winton, flew to Sydney to commence his overseas tour. He anticipated returning to Australia early in 1955.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Apr. 1954
1954	On Sunday 21.03.1954, Bishop H. E. Ryan solemnly opened and blessed a new two story school building of reinforced concrete for the Sisters of St. Joseph in Blessed Oliver Plunket Parish, Mundingburra, Townsville. The building was constructed by J. E. Allen and Co. of Townsville at a cost of £6,500.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Apr. & May 1954, & May 1966 Photo in TCN May 1954. <i>The News</i> , Dec. 1991.
1954	Another district was added to the list of regular country Mass centres at Proserpine. Mass was to be said on the third Sunday of each month at Cannon Valley at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. B. Lewis.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jun. 1954
1954	Fr. J. Dillon of Cloncurry was knocked down by a motor car which was forced off the road by another vehicle. He spent a month in hospital.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , May 1954
1954	On Sunday 28.03.1954, Mons. K. J. H. Kelly celebrated the first Mass at the Blessed Edmond Campion College in Ayr. A fourth teacher, Br. Theodore, had been added to the staff.	Excerpt from diary in old exercise book. Author Dr. K. J. H. Kelly.
1954	Fr. John Thomas Whiting, formerly a member of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (Redemptorist Order), was incardinated into the Diocese of Townsville as a Diocesan Priest and appointed as Assistant Priest at Ayr, where he arrived on 30.03.1954	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , May 1954 Excerpt from diary in old exercise book. Author Dr. K. J. H. Kelly.
1954	<u>Clerical changes:</u> 1. Fr. Basil Foster from Chaplain to Palm Island Mission Station to Assistant Priest for the time being at Ingham. 2. Fr. Vincent Ashwood from Assistant Priest at Proserpine to Assistant Priest at - - - Townsville West. (April 1954 – 1956) 3. Fr. R. Jones of Sacred Heart Cathedral to Assistant Priest at Proserpine.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , May 1954 - Report of Episcopal Visitation Jul. 54

1954	On Sunday 03.04.1954, members of the Queensland Cane Growers Council and some one hundred delegates to the Annual Conference of the Queensland Cane Growers' Association visited Abergowrie College.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , May 1954
1954	On 05.04.1954, at the Bishop's House, a meeting presided over by the Bishop, elected a Committee whose duty it was to raise \$150,000 for the erection of a new Mater Hospital in Fulham Road, Pimlico, Townsville.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Apr. 1954 & Dec. 1964. <i>Catholic Leader</i> , 06.05.1954, page 9. <i>Catholic Leader</i> , 22.09.1960, page 4.
1954	On 25.04.1954, a mission was commenced in St. Brigid's Church at Stuart in Townsville, preached by Fr. M. Hogan C.S.S.R. who also visited the Prison. At the end of the Mission, an anonymous donor presented St. Brigid's with a print of Da Vinci's "Last Supper" which was placed under the altar.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Apr. & Jun. 1954
1954	On 10.05.1954, an Ansett Airways DC3 aircraft landed in Townsville for the first time, linking Brisbane, Proserpine, Townsville and Cairns.	<i>Everyday History – Townsville Bulletin</i> <i>Townsville 1866 – 2016, page 34</i>
1954	On 14.05.1954 , the former St. Mary's Church in Wotton Street, Aitkenvale which had been moved from Selwyn and was blessed and opened on 26.07.1931, was sold to James Daniel. The last entry for St. Mary's in the Mundingburra Baptism Register was dated 13.12.1953 . The building was cut in two. One half was re-erected as a cottage at the junction of Balls Lane, Fulham Road and Kings Road. The other half was moved to Magnetic Island and re-erected as a holiday cottage for the McCabe family.	Information from J. K. White who worked on the project Comments by Fr. T. T. Garvey prefacing a talk by Fr. Hickey CSsR on 04.06.1967 Archives Ref. A 321/2
1954	Two members of the National Headquarters of the National Catholic Girls Movement (N.C.G.M.), Miss Maureen Hynes, the National Secretary and Miss Roma Robbins, the Melbourne representative on the National Council, spent a few days in Townsville. On Sunday 16.05.1954, they spoke to officials of all Townsville branches at West End. They also visited many centres in the Townsville Diocese.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jun. & Aug. 1954
1954	Death of Mother Mary Agatha McKenny R.S.M., Superior of St. Columba's Convent, Belgian Gardens, Townsville on Sunday 30.05.1954 aged 48 years. Mother Agatha was buried in the new Belgian Gardens Cemetery, Townsville. (Headstone gives age at death as 49 years)	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jul. 1954 <i>Catholic Leader</i> , 08.07.1954, page 13 <i>Headstone in Belgian Gardens Cemetery</i>
1954	On Sunday 06.06.1954, St. Teresa's College at Abergowrie staged their first Agricultural show under the inspiration of Bishop Rush. It was estimated that over 2,000 people attended. The show became an annual event.	<i>St. Teresa's Agricultural College</i> <i>Abergowrie – Diocese of Townsville</i> <i>31 Years of Achievement in Education</i>
1954	Fr. A. Ryan, P.P., Koliyo, was involved in a motor accident. During a heavy fog, his new Peugeot collided with a lorry. He sustained facial injuries and was forced to spend a few days in the Mackay hospital.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jul. 1954
1954	Brother G. Maranta, Principal of Abergowrie College, was instrumental in forming an Old Boys Association.	
1954	In June 1954, St. Joseph's School in Giru moved from beneath the convent into the	" <i>The News</i> ,"

	former boarding school building which had been moved to Giru from Ravenswood. The school in Ravenswood had been closed in 1948.	Jun. 1991.
1954	Mass was to be celebrated at the tourist resort of South Molle Island on the second Sunday of each month. Mass stations were also established on Hayman Island and at Cannon Valley and Crystalbrook. All were to be attended from Proserpine.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Aug. 1954
1954	On 12.06.1954, Kelvin O'Shea of Ayr played in the Australian Rugby League Team which defeated Great Britain in Sydney. The Kangaroos won 37 – 12. Kelvin was a former student of St Francis Convent School in Ayr and Mount Carmel College in Charters Towers.	<i>Everyday History – Townsville Bulletin Townsville 1866 – 2016, page 12 Celebrating 150 years since the naming of Townsville</i>
1954	The Annual Procession and Festival of St. Anthony was held at Bemerside on Sunday 13.06 1954.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Aug. 1954
1954	An Italian Mission for Jarvisfield and Ayr was preached by Fr. Allesandro O.F.M. Cap. To finish on St. Antonio's Feast Day, 13.06.1954.	Excerpt from diary in old exercise book. Author Dr. K. J. H. Kelly.
1954	An N.C.G.M. and Y.C.W. group were formed in Brandon during 1954.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Nov. 54
1954	A Catholic Debutante Ball was held at Home Hill in St. Colman's Hall on 18.06.1954.	<i>St Colman' Parish, Home Hill Diamond Jubilee 1926 to 1986</i>
1954	On Sunday 20.06.1954, a wall Crucifix donated by Mrs. Peisley (Parramatta) and her daughters, Mrs. Elliott and Mrs. Mulhare of Stuart, was blessed and erected. The Crucifix was in memory of their late husband and father, John Peisley.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jul. 1954
1954	Missions were preached by Fr. Hogan C.S.S.R. at Millaroo and Clare finishing on 27 th June 1954.	Diary Dr. K. J. H. Kelly
1954	An epidemic of influenza swept over the Diocese and claimed amongst its victims Fr. V. Vandeleur, who spent ten days in the Ingham District hospital, Fr. J. E. Garvey, who spent some time in the Winton Hospital, Fr. B. Foster, who was confined to bed at the Bishop's House for a week and Fr. P. S. Carroll who was in the Ayr General Hospital for some time.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Sep. 1954
1954	Fr. Humphrey Dominic Lyons served as relief priest in Winton from June to August in 1954, while Fr. J. E. Garvey was in hospital.	Information supplied by Sr. Paul Mary. <i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Sep. 1954
1954	St. Brigid's Church and the presbytery at Richmond were repainted.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Mar. 1955
1954	On Sunday 04.07 1954, Bishop H. E. Ryan solemnly blessed and opened the new Sacred Heart Novitiate for the Sisters of Mercy. The building and grounds were purchased in 1953 from Brigadier F. R. North and were situated almost opposite the site on Fulham Road where the new Mater Hospital was to be built.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jul. & Aug. 1954, photos Aug 1956 <i>Catholic Leader</i> 29.07.1954 T'ville Bul. Sup. 17.09.2009, page 5
1954	On Saturday 24.07.1954, in St. Joseph's Church on the Strand, the religious ceremony of Final Profession in the Congregation of the Sisters of Mercy took place. The Professed Elect were Sr. M. Loreto Ford and Sr. M Alberta Busuttin.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Sep. 1954
1954	On Sunday 25.07.1954, Bishop H. E. Ryan blessed and laid the foundation stone for the new Church of St. Francis Xavier in Railway Estate, Townsville.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Aug. 1954. Sketch included.

	The architect was Mr. L. A. Williams and the successful tenderer was J. Allen and Co., Building Contractors, both of Townsville.	Golden Jubilee celebration booklet
1954	In July 1954, newspapers throughout Australia announced the discovery of a significant uranium deposit in North-West Queensland about half way between Mount Isa and Cloncurry. The find was named “Mary Kathleen” to perpetuate the name of the recently deceased wife of Norm McConochy, who was one of the eight man syndicate who made the discovery.	<i>Mimag</i> , June 1962 Pages 14 to 17
1954	Production commenced at the North Australian Cement Company established at Stuart, Townsville	<i>The Courier Mail</i> Tuesday 30 November 1954, page 10
1954	Death of Br. William Baptist Doyle at the Sacred Heart Hospice for the Dying at Darlinghurst, Sydney, on Tuesday 03.08.1954, aged 77 years. He was laid to rest in the Brothers’ plot at the Rookwood Cemetery. Br. Doyle was a member of the first group of Brothers who came to establish St. Teresa’s Agricultural College at Abergowrie. (26.02.1934)	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Oct. 1954 <i>St. Teresa’s Agricultural College Abergowrie – Diocese of Townsville 31 Years of Achievement in Education</i>
1954	On Monday 09.08.1954, Mons T. Grogan P.P., V.F., in the absence of the Bishop, celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving in the chapel of St. Patrick’s Convent on the Strand for twelve Sisters of Mercy, who, on that day, rejoiced in the twenty fifth anniversary of their Solemn Religious Profession. The Jubilarians were: 1. Sr. M. Finian (Doyle) Tullamore, Ireland 2. Sr. M. Celestine (Fallon) Carlow, Ireland 3. Sr. M. Kiernan (O’Brien) Athy, Ireland 4. Sr. M. Oliver (Meagher) Limerick, Ireland 5. Sr. M. Finbar (Ahern) Youghal, Ireland 6. Sr. M. Malachy (Dunne) Tullamore, Ireland 7. Sr. M. Cecilia (Flynn) Limerick, Ireland 8. Sr. M. Sebastian (Liston) Limerick, Ireland 9. Sr. M. Madeline (Green) Tullamore Ireland 10. Sr. M. Attracta (Meagher) Limerick Ireland 11. Sr. M. Rosarii (Farrell) Longwood Ireland 12. Sr. M. Imelda (Donegan) Tullamore Ireland	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Sep. 1954 - TCN Apr.1959 - TCN Apr. 1959.
1954	On Sunday 29.08.1954, Bishop H. E. Ryan blessed the extensions to St. Teresa’s College and Chapel at Abergowrie. The main building had been greatly enlarged, a new dormitory and school room were ready for use and a new shower block in concrete was constructed. A spacious Sanctuary and two sacristies were added to the old College Chapel and additional accommodation had been provided for another fifty people.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Oct. 1954. Photo included. Photo in TCN Jan. 1962
1954	Fr. J. P. McCoy, P.P., Proserpine, left for Sydney on his annual Vacation. During his absence, Fr. P. Naughton of Railway Estate attended to the Sunday	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Oct. 1954

	Masses in Proserpine.	
1954	On Wednesday 15.09.1954, the Bowen branch of the Catholic Daughters of Australia (C.D.A.) celebrated their first birthday, deferred from the 15.08.1954 (the Feast of the Assumption) due to the parish Mission.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Oct. 1954
1954	25.09.1954, Br. Faber organised their first School Tennis Championships at Blessed Edmund Campion College in Ayr as the tennis court wire netting was now in place.	<i>Blessed Edmund Campion College Silver Jubilee 1953 – 1978</i>
1954	On Sunday 27.09.1954, the Bowen branch of the National Catholic Girls' Movement (N.C.G.M.), under the direction of its Chaplain, Fr. P. J. Carroll, held its first Communion Breakfast and their first Mater Amabilis School.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Nov. 1954
1954	On Saturday 02.10.1954, The Feast of the Holy Angels, the ceremony of the taking of Final Vows was held in St. Joseph's Church on the Strand. The candidates were Sr. M. Annette Lowth and Sr. M. Julian McCann.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Nov. 1954
1954	On Sunday 03.10.1954, Bishop H. E. Ryan solemnly blessed and opened the new Convent / Boarding School of the Sacred Heart for the Sisters of Mercy at Winton. The old Convent had been extensively remodelled and almost entirely rebuilt after having been severely damaged by a storm in October 1952. The main building was raised to give more space in the basement and new verandas were erected complete with an overhanging roof. The architect was Mr. L. Williams of Townsville and the builder Mr. J. L. Younger of Winton.	<i>The Longreach Leader</i> Friday 15.10.1954, page 25 <i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Nov. 1954
1954	<u>Clerical Changes</u> Mgr Kelly requested leave of absence for 12 months from the Parish of Ayr owing to ill health. Fr. T. Lambert to Bowen as Assistant. (In Bap. Reg. 07.01.1955 to 03.12.1956) Fr. P. J. Carroll Bowen to West End as Assistant. (1955 to Fr. D. McMullen to the Cathedral as Assistant.	Minutes of a Meeting of the Council of the Diocese of Townsville 09.12.1954, Page 84
1954	On Sunday 10.10.1954, Bishop Ryan celebrated Mass at St. Brigid's Church in Stuart to mark the Golden Jubilee of the opening and blessing of the Church on Sunday 09.10.1904. A band of volunteers spent the weekend before the Jubilee celebrations painting the exterior of the Church.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Nov. 35, Dec. 46, Sep. 52, Mar. & Nov. 54, Oct. & Nov. 64.
1954	Seven coal miners were killed by an inrush of gas at the State Mine in Collinsville on Wednesday 13.10.1954.	<i>Bowen Independent</i> Friday 15 Oct 1954, page 4
1954	At a general meeting held in October 1954 at St. Joseph's Convent School in Richmond, a School Swimming Pool Committee was established. The pool was completed on 06.03.1955 and officially opened by Bishop Ryan on 05.09.1955.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Mar. & Apr. 1955 Jan. 1956.
1954	On 24.10.1954, Bishop H. Ryan made an Episcopal Visitation to St. Catherine's Parish, Proserpine.	
1954	On 11.11.1954, Fr. J. P. McCoy chaired a meeting of Proserpine ladies and a Branch a Branch of the Catholic Daughters of Australia (C.D.A.) was formed.	<i>Townsville Diocesan Archives</i> <i>Ref. 771/5 & 771/6</i>

1954	The cornerstone for the new St. Margaret Mary's Church was laid in Townsville on 24.11.1954, when Hyde Park was still part of the West End Parish under the care of Fr. Michael Donlon. The successful tenderer for the construction was J. Allen and Co., Building Contractors.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Aug. 1954 & Feb. 1981
1954	The original water NQ water supply line from Crystal Creek in the Paluma Range to Townsville was commissioned in December 1954. (By 1958 the Paluma Dam and diversion pipeline were constructed to act as a storage to supplement the supply in Crystal Creek in times of low flow). A second pipeline was completed in 1963.	North Queensland History
1954	Fr. Samuele Rodomonti O.F.M. Cap (1954 to 1957) replaced Fr. Dominic Pontolillo O.F.M. Cap as parish priest of Halifax.	<i>Golden Jubilee of St. Peter's Church, Halifax 1929-79</i> Fr. Publius Cassar O.F.M.Cap
1954	Death of Sr. M. De Pazzi Egan at the Convent of Mercy on the Strand in Townsville on 24.12.1954 aged 85 years. Sister was buried in the Belgian Gardens Cemetery.	<i>Catholic Leader</i> , 03.02.1955, page 15.
1954	In 1954, the City of Townsville adopted the poinciana (an exotic) as its floral emblem.	<i>Sun Community Newspapers</i> , 12.12.2012, page 12.
1955	Australia's population 9,312,000	"Australia Through Time" 2005 Edition.
1955	On 26.01.1955, Br. Dionysius replaced Br. Faber at the Blessed Edmund Campion College in Ayr. Roll Call – 136 boys. Br. Faber was transferred as Principal to a new Marist School at Tighes Hill, near Newcastle, N.S.W.	<i>Blessed Edmund Campion College Silver Jubilee 1953 – 1978</i>
1955	Sr. Susanna Castelli was appointed as Principal of Canossa Convent Primary School Trebonne, Ingham (1955).	
1955	Br. Hugh Whittig succeeded Br. Martin Ephrem Cryan to become the second Principal of Cardinal Gilroy College (1955).	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> , page 277 Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui
1955	On the Feast of the Epiphany, Sr. M. Leonie Williams took her first vows as a Sister of Mercy in the Chapel of St. Patrick's Convent before Bishop H. E. Ryan.	<i>Catholic Leader</i> , 03.02.1955, page 15.
1955	On Monday 10.01.1955, at St. Patrick's College on the Strand in Townsville, Sisters M. Angela Doyle, M. Peter Leonard and M. Carthare Phelan celebrated their silver jubilees. All three of these sisters came from Ireland in 1926.	<i>Catholic Leader</i> , 03.02.1955 Page 15.
1955	St. Teresa's Agricultural College at Abergowrie, for the first time in its history, began a Senior course.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Apr. 1955
1955	Joachim Alfred Dlugaj resigned his position as manager of the Friendly Society's Dispensary in Ayr to commence his studies for the priesthood at the Provincial Seminary in Banyo.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jul. 1961 <i>Townsville Bulletin – Catholic News Supplement</i> 26.09.2002, page 7
1955	From 1955 to 1960, Sr. M. Finian Doyle worked in the office at the Townsville Mater Hospital.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Sep. 1974
1955	Brother Wittig was appointed as the second Principal of Cardinal Gilroy College (1955 to 1960) replacing Brother Cryan.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , May. 1968

1955	In January 1955, The Sisters of St. Joseph in Julia Creek established a boarding school in their new convent. St. Joseph's Convent / Boarding School was not blessed and opened by Bishop Ryan until September 1955 due to rain and floods. The school functioned until the sisters withdrew in 1994.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Dec. 53 & Aug. 67 Photo in TCN Aug. 1962. "The News", Dec. 1994 Photo included
1955	Twenty year old Dawn Gibson left her family's sugar cane property to join the Sisters of the Good Samaritan in Sydney. (She taught at schools from Charters Towers, to Hughenden, Ayr and Innisfail. On retirement Sr. Dawn became a pastoral worker and in 2008 was visiting the elderly, sick and bereaved in Holy Spirit Parish, Townsville). Joan Anderson , a past pupil of St Mary's College in Charters Towers, also joined the Sisters of the Good Samaritan and by 2008 had spent the past 20 years ministering in aged care in Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland.	<i>Townsville Bulletin-Catholic News Supplement</i> 21.02.2008, Page 8.
1955	In mid-January, Miss Eunice Kerr , a parishioner of Mundingburra Parish left for Brisbane to enter the Sisters of St. Joseph. Eunice was for two years the Diocesan Secretary of the National Catholic Girls Movement in Townsville. She became principal of the secondary school in Mount Isa for a number of years and was the Queensland Provincial involved in establishing the House of Prayer in Townsville. (Sr. Eunice died in Brisbane on 01.04.1997).	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Mar. 1955 <i>Townsville Bulletin-Catholic News Supplement</i> 21.02.2008, Page 8 <i>Diary J. K. White</i>
1955	ON 23.01.1955, Fr. John Whiting of the new Order of the Confraternity of Christ the Priest and the first brother of the Order took up residence in their partially completed Mission House at Parkside, Ayr.	<i>The Advocate (Ayr)</i> 18.11.1968 <i>Pages 1 & 3</i>
1955	Late in January, Fr. P. S. Carroll was admitted to the Ayr District Hospital suffering from severe facial abrasions and head injuries as the result of a spill from his motor cycle.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Mar. 1955
1955	Death of Br. L. P. Smyth, Vice-Principal of the C.B.C., Manley, on 30.01.1955 aged 58 years. Br. Smyth was Principal of Our Lady's Mount in Townsville from 1929 to 1934.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Mar. 1955
1955	Between January and April 1955, the name of the church in Julia Creek was changed from St. Abigail's to St. Joseph's.	Julia Creek Baptism and Marriage Registers
1955	The Sisters of Mercy acquired the vacant "Currajong" house on Fulham Road, which was the former temporary monastery for the Redemptorist Fathers.	<i>Townsville Bulletin</i> , 18.10.2001.
1955	1955 was the Silver Jubilee year of the Mount Isa Parish. No special celebrations were held to mark the Jubilee. The Parish embraced the town of Mt. Isa and the country districts which include the townships of Camooweal, Duchess, Dajarra, Urandangie and Boulia.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Dec. 1955
1955	On 31.03.1955, the Federal Government decided to send troops to Malaya to assist the British against communist forces in the Malayan "Emergency" under the	"Australia Through Time" 2005 Edition.

	SEATO agreement.	
1955	Australia's first parking meters were introduced in Hobart on 01.04.1955.	<i>"Australia Through Time"</i> 2005 Edition.
1955	On 06.03.1955, the finishing touches were put to the new swimming pool at St. Joseph's Convent School in Richmond. The next day it was used by the children for the first time. Sisters listed at Richmond at this time were:- Sr. Thomas Kay (Superior), Sr. Anthony Allen and (? No information).	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Mar. & Apr. 1955 <i>Townsville Catholic Archives</i> Ref. 775/1
1955	Early in March, Miss Mary Anderson , a student nurse at the Mater Hospital, left to enter the Nursing Sisters of the Little Company of Mary at Lewisham in Sydney. Mary was educated by the Sisters of the Good Samaritan at Hughenden and Ayr.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Mar. 1955 <i>Townsville Bulletin-Catholic News Supplement</i> , 21.02.2008, page 8.
1955	Early in April, Fr. Myles Lyons arrived in Townsville after having spent twelve months abroad. He returned to Winton to resume his duties as Parish Priest. Fr. John Garvey, who had been locum tenens during the absence of Fr. Lyons, was appointed Director of the "New Mater Hospital Appeal".	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , May & Jul. 1955
1955	On 05.05.1955, Bishop Ryan granted permission to erect Stations of the Cross in St. Anthony's Church at Oonoonba, and in St. Francis Xavier's new Church at Railway Estate, Townsville.	
1955	A branch of the Catholic Women's League was formed in Proserpine. This was the third branch formed in the Townsville Diocese. The first two were Townsville and Bowen.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Sep. 1955 & Oct. 1980
1955	On Sunday 15.05.1955, the new Romanesque style Church of St. Francis Xavier in Ninth Avenue, Railway Estate, Townsville, was solemnly blessed and opened by Bishop H. E. Ryan. The architect was Mr. L. A. Williams and the builder was J. Allen and Co., both of Townsville. Over the main altar there were three stained glass windows, one of the Sacred Heart, another of Our Lady of the Assumption and the third of the Patron, St. Francis Xavier. The old church building, which had been relocated from St. Joseph's School, North Ward in 1918, now became the parish hall until 2014 when it was closed for safety reasons.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Aug. 1954, page 9 Sketch on cover of TCN Aug. 54 01.07.1955, pages 3 & 4, photo page 3
1955	At Stuart, the St. Brigid's Altar Society, founded some years ago by Fr. T. A. Kelly, continued to prosper and achieved a record membership	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , May 1955
1955	On Friday 20.05.1955, His Excellency, The Apostolic Delegate to Australia, New Zealand and Oceania, the Most Rev. Romolo Carboni, arrived in Townsville by Skymaster as the Guest of Honour for the May celebrations.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jun., Jul. & Aug. 1955 Photos included.
1955	24.05.1955 – 16 inches of rain between Townsville and Ayr. 25.05.1955 – Boys arrive for school at Blessed Campion College but no Brothers in attendance. They had attended Our Lady Help of Christians Concert in Townsville and were flood bound following flash floods.	<i>Blessed Edmund Campion College</i> <i>Silver Jubilee 1953 – 1978</i>
1955	On 29 th May 1955, the Anglican Church hall of St. Catherine's was opened in Clare	<i>Clare Centenary</i>

	by Bishop Shevill.	<i>The first years 1882 – 1982, page 41</i>
1955	A Mission was preached in Ayr from 29 th May to 12 th June.	Diary Dr. K. J. H. Kelly
1955	Fr. D. J. O’Meara B.A., P.P., Ingham, left on an extended holiday to Ireland. During his absence Ingham was administered by Fr. K. C. Martell.	<i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> Jul. 1955
1955	On 01.06.1955, Fr. Vincent Monckton of the Franciscan Novitiate, Campbelltown, Sydney, having completed his novitiate, made his simple profession as a member of the Order of St. Francis.	<i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> May & Aug. 1955
1955	06.06.1955 – A special Mass was celebrated in Ayr in honour of Blessed Marcellin Champagnat, Founder of the Marist Brothers, who had been Beautified in Rome on Pentecost Sunday, 29.05.1955, by Pope Pius XII. A Banquet followed at the Blessed Edmund Campion College.	<i>Blessed Edmund Campion College</i> <i>Silver Jubilee 1953 – 1978</i> <i>Townsville Catholic Archives, Ref. 761/1</i>
1955	On Saturday 25.06.1955, Bishop H. E. Ryan canonically erected the “Confraternity of Christ the Priest” (C.C.S.) and the Parish of Parkside, which was entrusted to the care of the Confraternity. Their new Mission House and Church at Norham Road, Parkside, Ayr, were solemnly blessed and dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary by Bishop Ryan. The architect was Mr. G. J. Rooney. The builder was Br. Emmanuel C.C.S.	<i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> Aug 1955, Sep & Oct. 1956 Apr 1957, Jan 1962 & Jun. 1963 Photos in TCN Aug. 1955 & Nov.1961 <i>The Advocate (Ayr)</i> 18.11.1968, pages 1 & 3
1955	A mission was conducted in Home Hill by the Redemptorist Fathers in June 1955.	<i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> Aug. 1955
1955	Ordination of Donald R. Smith by Bishop H. E. Ryan in the Sacred Heart Church, Ayr, on Sunday 26.06.1955. This was the first time that an Ordination ceremony had been celebrated in Ayr. On Monday 27.06.1955, Fr. Don celebrated his first Mass in the Sacred Heart Church in Ayr. The boys from the Marist Brothers College presented Fr. Don with a pyx and the children from St Francis’ School gave him a “Sick Call Kit”.	<i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> Aug. 55 & Oct. 80 <i>The Greatest Gift</i> <i>Celebrating 100 Years, page 42</i> <i>Blessed Edmund Campion College</i> <i>Silver Jubilee 1953 – 1978</i>
1955	Ordination of Stephen Shannon and Gerard Dore in the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Townsville, by Bishop H. E. Ryan on Wednesday 29.06.1955, the Feast of the Apostles Peter and Paul.	<i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> Aug. 1955 Photos included.
1955	On 02.07.1955, Miss Mary McDonald entered Pennant Hills, Sydney, to join the Sisters of the Good Samaritan. Mary was educated at St. Francis Xavier’s’ School, Railway Estate and at St. Margaret Mary’s Primary School, Hyde park. She completed her Junior and Senior at St. Mary’s College in Charters Towers. Her name in religion was Sr. M. Agnes.	<i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> Aug. 1955
1955	Fr. C. Warzecha S.V.D., who had acted as Chaplain to the Migrants in the Diocese of Townsville since 1950, left to take up permanent residence in Sydney.	<i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> Aug. 1955
1955	Fr. P. Naughton of Railway Estate was appointed assistant priest at Mundingburra for the time being.	<i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> Aug. 1955
1955	On Thursday 14.07.1955, Patrick O’Hagen and his manager and associate artist gave a two hour special private concert to the students of St. Patrick’s College on the	<i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> Aug. 1955

	Strand.	
1955	On Friday 15.07.1955, Patrick O'Hagen and Hal Stead stopped over in Townsville for a short time after a successful concert in Cairns. During their stay, they were taken to the Mt. St John Zoo to see Tarzan the Crocodile.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Aug. 1955
1955	On 16.07.1955, the Redemptorist Fathers introduced a Novena in honour of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour at their Monastery Church, St. Mary's, in Aitkenvale.	Talk by Fr. Hickey CSsR on 04.06.1967 <i>Archive Ref. A 321/2 & 850/5</i>
1955	Br. Ronald Austin "Bud" Ridley was transferred from Abergowrie to Gilroy C.B.C. in Ingham in mid 1955 but later in the year he suffered a severe stroke. After a year in hospital, Br. Ridley at his own request was retired to Mount Carmel arriving at the end of the first term on 25.04.1956.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jul. 1956 & Mar. 1970 Archives Ref. 708/2
1955	The Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour at Elaroo in the Kolijo Parish was completed in July 1955.	
1955	Fr. Basil Foster, who had been engaged on special work in the Cloncurry parish, returned to St. Anne's Mission Station on Palm Island. Fr. M. Donovan, who had been in charge of the Mission, went to Cloncurry.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Sep. 1955
1955	Two members of the International Catholic Organisation of the Grail visited Townsville and gave talks to the Catholic Daughters of Australia, the Legion of Mary and Catholic Action Groups of Townsville. The ladies were Miss Elizabeth Reid and Miss Johanna Waite	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Sep. & Nov. 1955
1955	On 15.08.1955, at the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Parkside, Ayr, Fr. John Whiting took his vows of poverty, Chastity and obedience in the new society of the Confraternity of Christ the Priest and the first ceremony of Reception of the Habit of the Confraternity took place. The three young men receiving the Habit were: Br. N. Whiting (Essendon, Vic.), Br. Joseph (J. Crotty, Merewether, N.S.W.), Br. Emmanuel (R. Green of Mayfield, N.S.W.). The former was a student for the priesthood; the latter two were Coadjutor-Brothers. Mons. K. J. H. Kelly P.P., V.G., of Ayr, presided.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Dec. 1955 <i>The Advocate (Ayr)</i> 18.11.1968 Pages 1 & 3 <i>100 Years of Grace, 1912 – 2012</i> <i>The History of the Sacred Heart Parish, Ayr, page 26</i> <i>Townsville Catholic Archives, Ref. 761/1</i>
1955	On 09.08.1955, Miss Margaret (Meg) Windsham of Belgian Gardens left for Hobart to join the Home Missionary Sisters of Our Lady, a new Order founded at Hobart in 1944 by a Tasmanian priest.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Sep. 1955
1955	A Mission was preached at East Ayr from 14 th to 21 st August.	Diary Dr. K. J. H. Kelly
1955	On 19.08.1955, the Confraternity of Christ the Priest acquired a small tractor and commenced small crop farming at Parkside, Ayr.	<i>The Advocate (Ayr)</i> 18.11.1968, pages 1 & 3
1955	On 28.08.1955, after two weeks of visitation, Redemptorist Fathers John Hogan and Vincent Hogan began a Mission at Mt. Isa. Extra church benches were purchased from the former Railway Estate church in	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Nov. 1955

	Townsville. A steel Tabernacle was also purchased and was installed in the Good Shepherd Church. After leaving Mt. Isa, Fr. Vincent Hogan gave a short mission at Camooweal and Fr. John Hogan went on to Boulia and Dajarra.	
1955	On Friday 09.09.1955, at Julia Creek, the new St. Joseph's Boarding and Day School which commenced in January 1955 was officially opened by Bishop H. E. Ryan. The opening had been delayed by rain and flooding.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Nov. 1955 Photos included in TCN Nov. 55 & Aug. 62.
1955	In September, Miss Margaret Windsham of Belgian Gardens left Townsville for Hobart to join the Rosary House Missionary Sisters in Tasmania, an Australian Religious Congregation founded in 1951. Margaret became Sr. M. Rosaria. Sr. Rosaria worked in the outback ministering to Catholic families. She spent some time in Richmond in the Townsville Diocese. Two other girls from the Diocese of Townsville also joined the Rosary Sisters. They were Patricia Kelly of Hyde Park (Sr. M. Anne) and Luciana Robetti of Ingham (Sr. M. Francesca).	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jul.1968, photo included. <i>Townsville Bulletin- Catholic News Supplement</i> 21.02.2008, page 8.
1955	On 20.09.1955, Bishop H. E. Ryan solemnly blessed and officially opened the new church of the Good Shepherd at Boulia (organised by Fr. Peter Kerwick). The builder was Mr. Les Hodge of Brisbane who also built the new Shire Hall in Boulia. Messrs. P. Heffernan and D. Grant were the tradesmen who made the altar and Mr. T. McConky was responsible for the Celtic Crosses.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Nov. 1955 Good Shepherd Parish 2005 Calendar
1955	On Sunday 25.09.1955, Bishop H. E. Ryan officially opened the Richmond Convent School Swimming Pool.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jan. 1956
1955	On 1 st October 1955, the Moderator of the Queensland State Assembly of the Presbyterian – Methodist Church dedicated “Scots Church” in Claredale.	<i>Clare Centenary The first years 1882 – 1982</i> , page 42
1955	Death at Hughenden on Sunday 03.10.1955 of Mrs Catherine Mary Hill aged 79 years. Mrs Hill acted as church organist and conducted the church choir in Hughenden for forty-five years.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Dec. 1955
1955	On Sunday 09.10.1955, Bishop H. E. Ryan blessed and opened the new St. Patrick's Convent School at South Townsville. The building was a two storey cement structure erected for Monsignor T. Grogan, P.P., V.F., by J. Allen and Co., Building Contractors.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Aug. 1954 Dec 1955, page 4 Jan. 1956 (Photo)
1955	Fr. Vincent Hogan C.S.S.R. conducted a Parish Mission in Richmond from 16 th to 23 rd October.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jan. 1956
1955	During October, Fr. T. A. Kelly, assistant priest at St. Mary's, Townsville West and Chaplain to the Mater Hospital in Townsville, suffered a stroke. After some months in hospital, he went to Brisbane for further treatment. He spent 12 months convalescing in the Good Shepherd Hospital in Mitchelton, Brisbane.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , May. 1956 & Nov. 1972.
1955	The Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea was erected at Seaforth in the Parish of Kolijo, based on the plans of the church at Mt. Ossa.	

1955	Fr. Vandeleur was granted leave to tour overseas. Fr. Donovan to relieve Fr. Vandeleur as Director of Abergowrie College while the latter was abroad. Fr. T. T. Garvey was appointed Administrator of the Parish of Ayr while Mgr. Kelly was abroad. Mgr. Kelly expected to be away about three months. The Redemptorist Fathers would care for Stuart while Fr. Garvey was absent.	Minutes of a Meeting of the Council of the Diocese of Townsville 09.11.1955, Pages 85 & 86
1955	On 10.11.1955, Mons. K. J. H. Kelly left Ayr to prepare for Bishop Ryan's visit to Rome. (They departed on 22.11.1955. Mons Kelly returned to Ayr on 01.05.1956).	Excerpt from diary in old exercise book. Author Dr. K. J. H. Kelly.
1955	On 21.11.1955, the Federation of the Sisters of Mercy in Australia was approved. This new form of government included the Townsville Congregation.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Feb. & May 1975
1955	On 22.11.1955, Bishop H. E. Ryan accompanied by Mons. K. J. H. Kelly left for Rome. Fr. T. T. Garvey of Stuart was appointed Administrator of the Parish of Ayr during the absence of Mons. Kelly. (Mons Kelly returned to Ayr on 01.05.1956).	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Dec. 1955 Excerpt from diary in old exercise book. Author Dr. K. J. H. Kelly.
1955	The foundation stone for the new Church of St. Catherine's at Proserpine was blessed and laid in November 1955. (The church was blessed and opened on 08.12.1957). Fund raising had been taking place as far back as 1952.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Apr. 52, Sep. 55. Photos in TCN May 1958
1955	On Wednesday 30.11.1955, the parishioners of St. Mary's Parish, Bowen, celebrated the Silver Jubilee of the ordination to the Priesthood of their Pastor, Fr. Ormond Francis Rush. Fr. Rush had served in Mackay (2 months), Charters Towers (2 ½ years), Ayr (8 months), Ingham (8 months), Mt. Isa (7 years), and Bowen (14 years).	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jan. 1956
1955	In November 1955, a Branch of the Knights of the Southern Cross (KSC) was re-formed in Winton.	<i>A Quest for a Fair Go</i> Pages 7, 269 to 272
1955	St. Colman's Church and St. Joseph's Primary School in Cloncurry were painted.	
1955	On Sunday 04.12.1955, in the Chapel of St. Patrick's Convent on the Strand, Sr. M. Edmund McCourt and Sr. Mary Anselm Furze made their final Profession as Sisters of Mercy before Mons. McLaughlin P.P., V.G.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jan. 1956
1955	On Wednesday 07.12.1955, Fr. Kevin C. Martell blessed a new shrine (Grotto) in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes erected in the grounds of the Sisters of Mercy Convent in Ingham.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jan. 1956
1955	Ooononba was excised from Mundingburra Parish and included in the Railway Estate Parish.	
1955	St. Thomas More's Church on Palmerston Street in Pimlico was excised from the West Townsville and included in the Mundingburra Parish. The church had been served from Mundingburra since its opening and blessing in 1946.	
1956	Sr. Marie Conti, for the second time, was appointed Principal of Canossa Convent	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> , page 277

	Primary School in Trebonne, Ingham (1956).	Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui
1956	<u>Clerical changes to take effect as from Sunday 08.01.1956</u> 1. Fr. P. Naughton, Assistant Priest, Mundingburra, to Stuart. 2. Fr. D. Buckley, Assistant Priest, Ayr, to Assistant Priest, Proserpine. 3. Fr. R. Jones, Assistant Priest, Proserpine, to Assistant Priest, Charters Towers. 4. Fr. K. Clancy, Assistant Priest, Ingham, to Assistant Priest, Mundingburra. 5. Fr. D. McMullan, Assistant Priest, Cathedral, to Assistant Priest, Cloncurry. 6. Fr. T. Ferlazzo, Assistant Priest, Cathedral, to Assistant Priest, Ingham. (1956 to 1960)- - - - - 7. Fr. S. Shannon, newly ordained, to be Assistant Priest at Cathedral. 8. Fr, G. Dore, newly ordained, to be Assistant Priest at Cathedral. (1956 to Dec. 1961 & Administrator, Dec. 1961 to Apr. 1968) 9. Fr. D. Smith, newly ordained, to be Assistant Priest at Cathedral. (1956 to 1957)	<i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> Jan. 1956 - TB-CNS 19.06.2003, page 3. TCN Oct. 1980.
1956	Fr. J. Dillon was appointed to Ingham as Assistant Priest replacing Fr. K. Clancy.	<i>Portrait of a Parish,</i> page 78 Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui
1956	<u>Staff changes at Mount Carmel College</u> 1. The new Principal (1956 only) was Br. K. B. O’Farrell, who had been at the College for the past three years. He succeeded Br. P. T. McSweeney (Jul 49 – 1955) 2. Br. Wallace to South Brisbane. 3. Br. Morahan to the new College at Toowoomba. 4. Br. Seaman to Perth. 5. Br. Butler to Rockhampton. 6. Brs. O’Shea and O’Gorman came from Mackay. 7. Br. Denton (a former student of Mount Carmel) came from Perth 8. Br. Baumgartner came from Yeppoon.	<i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> May 1956 <i>Christian Brothers in Charters Towers Commemorating 100 years 1902 - 2002 Page 13</i>
1956	Br. O’Carrigan succeeded Br. Baillie as Principal of St. John Fisher’s College. He was assisted by Brothers Moodie and Laws.	The St. John Fisher’s/Holy Family Parish 1957 – 1992
1956	On 17.01.1956, three Sisters of Mercy, Mother Agnes, Sr. M. Veronica and Sr. M. Vincent Collins celebrated the Golden Jubilee of their Profession. Later in the year, Sr. M. Vincent was appointed Secretary-General of the Order.	<i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> Jan. 1956 & Apr. 1972. <i>Catholic Leader,</i> 19.03.1972, page 6.
1956	During 1956, Fr. Terence Reynolds left Melbourne on a trip to Ireland hoping to restore his health. He died during his return trip on 08.01.1957 aged 50 years.	<i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> Mar. 1957
1956	Fr. T. Borthistle CSSR was appointed Rector of the Redemptorist Monastery. He had arrived in Townsville in November 1953 and remained until June 1959.	<i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> Oct.1968
1956	On 06.03.1956, Cyclone “Agnes” passed by the Townsville region causing property damage, and cutting road and rail links and air services. Since this experience, aircraft have been flown out of Townsville before the arrival of tropical cyclones. 30 boys from Blessed Edmund Campion College in Ayr turned up at school and	2009 NQ Storm & Cyclone Guide <i>Sun Community Newspapers,</i> 23.03.2011

	were promptly sent home. They all claimed they could not miss a day as they would not qualify for attendance pennants at the end of the year.	<i>Blessed Edmund Campion College Silver Jubilee 1953 – 1978</i>
1956	The toilets at Mundingburra school were blown away on 06.03.1956 by cyclone “Agnes” and new toilets were built. The school had an enrolment of 214 with four sisters teaching in school and one sister teaching music.	<i>75th Jubilee – St. Joseph’s Mundingburra 1924 – 1999</i> Compiled by Louise Burke
1956	Fr. T. O’Dwyer of Mt. Isa and Fr. P. O’Brien of Richmond left Australia for Ireland to spend some months with their parents and friends. Both priests were due back on 01.01.1957. Fr. J. E. Garvey, who had been conducting the Appeal for the new Mater Hospital, was appointed “locum Tenens” at Mt. Isa during the absence of Fr. O’Dwyer. Fr. M. Donovan, Abergowrie College, was appointed “locum tenens” at Richmond from 28.04.1956 to 13.03 1957 during the absence of Fr. O’Brien in Ireland.	<i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> May 1956 <i>Townsville Catholic Archives,</i> Ref. 775/1
1956	Fr. Tom Garvey was appointed Administrator in Ayr during February, March and April while Mons. K. J. H. Kelly was absent in Rome.	Excerpt from diary in old exercise book. Author Dr. K. J. H. Kelly.
1956	Br. Maranta, Principal of St. Teresa’s Agricultural College, Abergowrie, visited Mt. Isa during Easter to make plans and offer suggestions regarding the building of the new C.B.C. near the Good Shepherd Church. It was hoped to open the new school in 1959.	<i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> May 1956
1956	A mission was preached in St. Catherine’s Parish, Proserpine, by Fr. M Timbs C.S.S.R.	
1956	In 1956, a Queen Competition held in Mount Isa ran for five months leaving all exhausted.	<i>A History of Mt. Isa Parish</i> 1930 – 1976 by Fr. Peter Kerwick
1956	On Sunday 15.04.1956, Bishop H. E. Ryan laid the Foundation Stone for the new St Joseph’s Church in Mt. Isa. The architects were Messrs. Rooney and Freer and the builders, R. Cooke and W. Nye. (The old church/school had been demolished to make way for the new church. The new school served as the church, with the central island room as the Sanctuary, for nine months).	<i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> May 1956 <i>Townsville Catholic Archives Ref. 775/2</i> <i>The North West Star,</i> Tuesday 30.09.1980, page 17
1956	On Friday 20.04 1956, Miss Margaret Shannon left Townsville to enter the Good Samaritan Novitiate in Pennant Hills, Sydney. Margaret was a former pupil of St. Mary’s College in Charters Towers’	<i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> May 1956
1956	Death of Br. J. A. (Snowy) Ryan in New Zealand on 21.04 1965, aged 56 years. Br. Ryan taught at Our Lady’s Mount C.B.C. in Townsville between the years 1918 and 1922.	<i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> May 1956
1956	On Sunday 22.04 1956, the new Church of St. Margaret Mary’s was opened and solemnly blessed by Bishop H. E. Ryan. It was erected by the J. Allen Building Co. with Mr. J. G. Rooney as Architect.	<i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> Aug. 1954 & May 1956.
1956	During 1956, a small church was established at Osborne in the Home Hill Parish. Apart from its first mention in “The Official Directory of the Catholic Church,	<i>The Official Directory of the Catholic Church, 1957.</i>

	1957", no record of the opening of this church has been found. When the new St. Patrick's Church was opened in 1970 the old church was incorporated into the back of the new building as a sacristy and confessional.	<i>St. Colman's Parish, Home Hill, Diamond Jubilee, 1926 to 1986.</i>
1956	After a year in hospital recovering from a severe stroke suffered while he was at Gilroy College in Ingham, Br. Ronald Austin "Bud" Ridley was sent to Mt. Carmel arriving at the end of the first term on 25.04.1956. (Died at Villa Vincent in Townsville on 07.11.1985 – buried in Charters Towers)	<i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> Jul. 1956 & Mar. 1970 Christian Brothers in Charters Towers Commem. 100 years, 1902 – 2002,
1956	On 01.05.1956, Mons. K. J. H. Kelly returned from Rome and released Fr. Tom Garvey from his duties as temporary Administrator of Ayr on 25.05.1956.	Excerpt from diary in old exercise book. Author Dr. K. J. H. Kelly.
1956	On Monday 09.05.1956, a meeting was held at Camooweal to form a Church Building Committee.	<i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> May 1956
1956	Fr. Leo Perry arrived in the Townsville Diocese on 16.05.1956 and was appointed to Ayr as an additional assistant priest. Ordained in 1944, he had worked in the Southern States and in New Zealand. For the first time, the staff in Ayr numbered four; Mons. K. J. H. Kelly, Fr. T. T. Garvey, Fr. P. S. Carroll and Fr. Perry.	<i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> Aug. 1967. Excerpt from diary in old exercise book. Author Dr. K. J. H. Kelly.
1956	On 24.05.1956, four young women entered the Sisters of Mercy Novitiate on Fulham Road, Townsville. They were Bernice Farrell, South Townsville, past pupil of St. Patrick's College; Patricia Hindom, Boulia, past pupil of St. Patrick's College; Giovanina Barra, Ingham; Joan Cummins, Rockhampton.	<i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> Jul. 1956
1956	The future Sister M. Damien entered the Sisters of Mercy in 1956.	<i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> Feb. 1975
1956	On 01.06.1956, Fr. T. T. Garvey was succeeded as Editor of "The Townsville Catholic News" by Fr. J. S. Shannon. (01.06.1956 to 31.12.1958)	<i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> Jul. 1956
1956	On Sunday 10.06.1956, the Church of St. Paul, built for Fr. F. R. Rush at Long Pocket, Abergowrie, (in the Ingham district) was blessed and opened by Bishop H. E. Ryan. The plans for the church were drawn up in August 1955 by architects J. G. Rooney and Freer. The church was built by young Spanish carpenters. A special feature of the altar was the wood carving at the base which was done by an elderly Tasmanian craftsman.	<i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> Jul. 1956 & Jan. 1962 <i>Portrait of a Parish,</i> Page 79 Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui
1956	An Assembly shelter was erected at Our Lady's Mount College in Townsville.	
1956	Bishop H. E. Ryan blessed and opened two new classrooms at the Ingham Convent School. The classrooms had been provided by the division of the former Convent Hall.	<i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> Jul. 1956
1956	As a result of a successful smoke social held by the Holy Name Society in the Charters Towers Parish Hall on 11.06.1956, the old Catholic Club was re-commenced.	<i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> Jun. 1957
1956	During 1956 a Mission was conducted in the West End Parish in Townsville by the Redemptorist Fathers.	Report of Episcopal Visitation 17.11.1957.

1956	A Mater Appeal Younger Set was formed in Townsville to play a part in the building of the new hospital for the Sisters of Mercy. Mr. Phil Worth of the new Mt. St. John Zoo supported the Younger Set by making available to them a number of stalls which they could man at the weekends.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Sep. 1956
1956	Ordination of Raymond Joseph Egan by Bishop Ryan in the Mary Immaculate Church at Annerley, Brisbane on 30.06.1956. (Photos in TCN Mar. 62 & Aug. 65). (Liaised 1974 - Died 20.12.2011). Late of Mackay – formerly of Brisbane.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jan. 1957 Courier Mail, Brisbane, 22.12.2011
1956	St Francis's Church Committee, Railway Estate, was successful in an auction for refreshment booths at this year's Townsville Show.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Aug. 1956
1956	On 06.07.1956, leases were pegged on the uranium deposit named "Mary Kathleen" about half way between Mount Isa and Cloncurry. One lease was granted to Fr. Brill for the erection of a church (St. Peter's was blessed and opened on 07.09.1958).	<i>Parish of Mary Kathleen</i> <i>St. Peter's Church – 1956 to 1983</i> <i>(From the Fr. Michael Lowcock</i> <i>Collection)</i>
1956	At St. Joseph's Church on the Strand in Townsville, Bishop H. E. Ryan presided when six Postulants received the Religious Habit and White Veil of the Sisters of Mercy.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Aug. 1956
1956	On 27.07.1956, Mons. K. J. H. Kelly applied to the Lands Office for Section XIII in the town of Millaroo.	Excerpt from diary in old exercise book. Author Dr. K. J. H. Kelly.
1956	On Tuesday 31.07.1956, Sr. M. Laurentia Donovan and Mother M. Michael celebrated the Golden Jubilee of their Religious Profession	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Oct. 1956
1956	During the priests' retreat in July, permission was given for a "New Look" in clerical attire.	Diary Dr. K. J. H. Kelly
1956	Early in August, painters commenced the work of refurnishing the interior of St. Columba's Church in Charters Towers. The exterior had been painted two years previously.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Sep. 1956
1956	On 10.08.1976, the first Reunion of Abergowrie Old Boys was held at the College. After the Reunion Dinner, Fr. V. Vandeleur blessed the shrine which had been erected to honour Br. Doyle's memory. He had been at Abergowrie from 1934 to 1954.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Sep. 1956
1956	Following a recent successful social evening sponsored by the St. Columba's Branch of the Holy Name Society in the Parish Club Hall, St. Columba's Catholic Club was re-estab.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Sep. 1956
1956	A new branch of the Sacred Heart Sodality was formed at East Ayr for the benefit of those who attended Mass regularly at the Marist Brothers College.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Oct. 1956
1956	<u>Cloncurry</u> : The School Committee was reorganised and plans were in hand to paint the school. The roof of St. Colman's Church was painted Norfolk Green by Mr. Matt Neilson and the interior of the church a pastel green by Mr. Tom D'Arcy. St. Colman's Tennis Club planned to install lights on their courts. During a recent visit,	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Oct. 1956

	Bishop Ryan was presented with a ring-gidyea walking stick by Mr. Frank Chapell.	
1956	Death of Sr. M. Mercy Tarrant RSM on Wednesday 12.09.1956 aged 77 years. Sister entered the Convent of Mercy on the Strand in 1901 and was professed there in 1904. She served as superior of West Townsville, Ravenswood, Proserpine, Bowen, Halifax and Home Hill during the fifty years of her religious life.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Oct. 1956 <i>Headstone in Belgian Gardens Cemetery</i>
1956	Television transmissions began in Sydney on 16.09.1956 and in other states in 1959.	
1956	Statue of Our Lady was presented to St. Patrick's Mercy Convent on the Strand in Townsville by past pupils in honour of Mother M. Agnes (Kate) Goggin. (1975)	<i>Catholic Leader</i> , 29.10.1978, page 4.
1956	On Saturday 22.09.1956, at St. Patrick's Convent on the Strand, Bishop Ryan blessed a new Madonna and Child, erected as a token of love and gratitude to Mother Agnes to mark the Golden Jubilee of her Religious Profession, by the Past Pupils of St. Patrick's.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Oct. 1956
1956	Diocesan Appointments: P. Naughton of Stuart to Assistant Priest at Proserpine. D. Buckley of Proserpine to Assistant Priest at Charters Towers. D. Stewart of Charters Towers to Stuart. (20.10.1956) ----- T. Garvey, who had been the Diocesan Chaplain of the N.C.G.M. for a number of years, was succeeded by Fr. F. Kelly, P.P., of Mundingburra.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Nov. 1956 - <i>Report of Episcopal Visitation</i> , 13.2.58
1956	During 1956 at Our Lady's Mount in Townsville, a tuck shop was built, a bitumen tennis court was laid, all the rooms in the secondary department were repainted, two cricket wickets were permanently fenced, a new assembly hall was completed and the tennis court was laid with bitumen.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Nov. 1956
1956	On Monday 01.10.1956, in St. Joseph's Church, Townsville, three Sisters of Mercy took their Final Vows. They were Sr. M. Catherine, Sr. M. Barbara and Sr. M. Gregory. De Martini from Ingham was professed as a Sr. of Mercy in 1956).	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Nov. 1956 <i>Portrait of a Parish</i> , page 275 Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui
1956	On Wednesday 03.10.1956, Bishop H. E. Ryan solemnly blessed the new grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes on Fantome Island.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Dec. 1956 & Aug. 1957.
1956	Former Blessed Edmund Campion College student, Peter Ruzzene, flew to Brisbane to run in the Queensland Island Secondary School Championships. Peter won the 100 yards under 14 years in the record time of 11 seconds.	<i>Blessed Edmund Campion College</i> <i>Silver Jubilee 1953 – 1978</i>
1956	On 1st October, Br. Duggan arrived at Mount Carmel College to fill a gap in the Senior English ranks. He had served here previously in the years 1949-51.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Nov. 1956
1956	In October, Mons. K. J. H. Kelly had two rooms added to the Ayr presbytery with bath and kitchen.	Excerpt from diary in old exercise book. Author Dr. K. J. H. Kelly.
1956	A meeting held at the Bishop's House, a Catholic Broadcasting Committee for the Diocese of Townsville was formed.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Dec. 1956
1956	On 1.11.1956, Mons. K. J. H. Kelly was granted 12 months sick leave.	Excerpt from diary in old exercise book.

	g the year, he had been three months in hospital in Lewisham and Ayr. oved to Murwillumbah in December. (Returned to Ayr in February 1957).	Author Dr. K. J. H. Kelly.
1956	om Sunday 04.11.1965, the Catholic Hour was broadcast from the Townsville studio dio Station 4AY and was conducted by Administrator of the Cathedral, Fr. Michael ns	<i>HDMS Ref. 675/6</i>
1956	<u>al movements:</u> T. T. Garvey was appointed Administrator of the Ayr Parish, in the absence of ns. K. J. H. Kelly who had been granted twelve months sick leave. - - - - - T. Kelly was welcomed back to the Diocese following leave due to illness last r. V. Ashwood, formerly assistant priest at West End, was transferred to the m Island Mission Station to act as Chaplain during the illness of Fr. B. Foster. Ray Egan who was recently ordained in Mary Immaculate Church, Ipswich ad, Brisbane, arrived in the Diocese having completed his course at Pius XII vvincial Seminary at Banyo.	<i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> Dec. 1956 - Diary Dr. K. J. H. Kelly - (Photo in TCN Sep. 1957). - (Photo in TCN Mar. 62 & Aug. 65)
1956	ark the opening of their new Gymnasium, Mount Carmel College held their annual h Night in the Gymnasium on the 02.11.1956.	<i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> Nov. 1956 <i>Townsville Bulletin,</i> 14.06.1989.
1956	For the first time, students from St. Terese's College, Abergowrie were submitted for the Senior Examinations.	<i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> Dec. 1956
1956	The Townsville congregation of the Sisters of Mercy elected Sr. M. Austin as the new congregational leader. (1956 to 1968).	" <i>The News</i> ", Dec. 1991 Photo included.
1956	On 19.11.1956, at the Cardinal Gilroy College Speech Night, the Principal, H. H. Wittig, B.A., A.Ed. announced that at the beginning of the new year, a Christian Brothers' Old Boys' Association would be established for all Brothers' Old Boys resident in Ingham.	<i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> Dec. 1956
1956	The 1956 Summer Olympics, officially known as the Games of the XVI Olympiad were held in Melbourne from 22.11.1956 to 08.12.1956. The Olympic flame arrived in Darwin and was flown to Cairns. The Olympic Torch Relay then commenced in Cairns on 09.11.1956 and passed through Townsville on its way down the East coast of Australia to Melbourne. Running day and night and covering the 4554 kilometer in little more than 13 days, the 1956 relay was the longest to date in Olympic Games history.	<i>Virtual Reading Room</i> <i>Archival records for teachers & students</i> <i>Olympic Torch Relay</i>
1956	On Sunday 25.11.1956, Bishop H. E. Ryan presided at a ceremony in St. Joseph's Church on the Strand during which four young ladies were received into the Congregation of the Sisters of Mercy. They were Bernice Farrell, Townsville, a past pupil of St. Patrick's College (Sr. M. Gabrielle); Patricia Hindom, Boulia, a past	<i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> Jan. 1957 Photo included.

	pupil of St. Patrick's College (Sr. Paul Mary); Joan Cummins, Rockhampton, (Sr. M. Juliana); and Giovannina Barra, Ingham, (Sr. M. Josephine).	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> , page 275 Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui
1956	During the year, ten young ladies entered the Congregation of the Sisters of Mercy. Four of them were Past Pupils of St. Patrick's College on the Strand.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Dec. 1956
1956	Credit cards were introduced to Australia by the Diners Club.	
1956	The Fatima Rest Home at Mt. Spec on the Paluma Range was blessed and opened by Bishop Ryan.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jan. 1957
1956	In the Annual Report for the year 1956 of the Stella Maris Conference (Catholic Club for Seafarers, Townsville), prayers were asked for the repose of the soul of Rafael Gonzales, who lay buried in the Stella Maris burial plot at the Townsville Cemetery.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Mar. 1957 & Mar. 1960
1956	The Council gave approval to the formation of the new Parish of Parkside which would include Jarvisfield. <u>Clergy Changes</u> Fr. T. A. Kelly to Railway Estate and Fr. B. Foster to Ayr.	Minutes of a Meeting of the Council of the Diocese of Townsville 11.12.1956, Page 88
1956	On 13.12.1956, Fr. Tom Kelly was appointed assistant priest to Fr. H. O'Twomey at Railway Estate. Although on sick leave, he served St. Anthony's, Oonoonba, on an almost permanent basis from 1957 to 1963.	<i>Report of Episcopal Visitation</i> , Railway Estate, 13.10.1957. <i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Nov. 1972
1956	On 29.12.1956, Bishop Ryan divided the Parish of Ayr into two sections. The Parish of Parkside, covering the areas of Parkside and Jarvisfield, was entrusted to the care of the Confraternity of Christ the Priest (CCS) and Fr. John Whiting was appointed as the Administrator.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Apr. & Jul. 1957, Jun. 1963
1956	On Boxing Day and New Year's Day 1956, a small band of voluntary workers commenced the task of repairing the historic St. Patrick's Church at Ravenswood. The back wall of the Sanctuary was renewed; the roof was renewed where necessary and the priest's room was dismantled because of dry rot and white ant infestation. On Boxing Day 1957, it was hoped to have another group of volunteers finish the work and commence painting the building.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Nov. 1957 Photo in TCN Dec.61.
1957	<u>Blessed Edmund Campion College – Ayr -1957</u> Br. Norman Hart succeeded Br. Clarence Cunningham as Principal Br. Clarence was appointed to the Solomon Island Missions. Br. Columban replaced Br. Theodore who was transferred to Sydney. Roll Call – 167 boys	<i>Blessed Edmund Campion College</i> <i>Silver Jubilee 1953 – 1978</i>
1957	Sr. Susanna Castelli, for the second time, was appointed as Principal of Canossa Convent Primary School, Trebonne, Ingham (1957 to 1959).	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> , page 277 Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui
1957	Death of Fr. Terence Reynolds in Lautoka, Fiji aged 50 years on 08.01.1957. Fr. Terence was returning from Ireland by way of America when he became ill on	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Mar. 1957 & Oct. 1961.

	the plane between Hawaii and Fiji. He was taken from the plane at Lautoka and admitted to the local hospital where he died. A plain white cross marks his lonely grave in Suva. (1933 to 1957).	Memorial Card
1957	<u>Clerical changes:</u> 1. Fr. R. Egan, newly ordained, assistant priest at Cathedral. 2. Fr. D. Smith, from Cathedral to assistant priest at Bowen. (Entries in Baptismal Register from 20.01.1957 to 18.04.1959) 3. Fr. T. Lambert, assistant priest at West End, Townsville. 4. Fr. K. Clancy, assistant priest at Ayr. (January) - - - - - 5. Fr. L. Perry, from assistant priest Ayr to assistant priest at Mundingburra, - - - - - Townsville. (Jan. 1957) - - - - - 6. Fr. T. Kelly, assistant priest at Railway Estate, Townsville. 7. Fr. Samuele Rodomonti O.F.M., parish priest of Halifax for six years, transferred To the parish of Wynnum in Brisbane.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Mar. 1957 - Diary Dr. K. J. H. Kelly - Diary Dr. K. J. H. Kelly - Report of Episcopal. Visit. 13.11.1957
1957	Fr. Basil Foster transferred from Palm Island to Ayr on light duties.	Diary Dr. K. J. H. Kelly
1957	By 1957, thanks to the new sulphone drug introduced in 1949, there were now only 24 patients at the leprosarium on Fantome Island.	<i>Outcasts of the Outcast</i> <i>A History of Fantome Island</i> Jonathan Cornford, page 21
1957	Br. J. C. Stevens succeeded Br. R. G. Maranta to become the eighth Principal of St. Teresa's College, Abergowrie (1957 to 1962).	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> , page 278 Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui
1957	Br. K. B. O'Farrell, Headmaster of Mount Carmel College (1956 only), was transferred to Sydney. He was succeeded by Br. P. J. Skehan (1957 – 1962), who had been Principal of Our Lady's Mount for the last three years. (1957 to 1962) Br. Skehan was previously on the staff at Mt. Carmel for four years before going to Our Lady's Mount. He was succeeded at Our Lady's Mount by Br. Killian.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Mar., Apr. & May 1957, Apr. 1963 <i>Christian Brothers in Charters Towers</i> <i>Commemorating 100 years 1902 - 2002</i> Page 13
1957	Fr. F. R. Rush, formerly parish priest at Abergowrie, was appointed as the ninth parish priest of Ingham. (1957 to 1960)	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Dec. 1960
1957	Saturday 19.01.1957, was momentous for the Institute of Our Lady of Mercy and for the Church in Australia, for it was the opening day of the First Council of the Federation of the Sisters of Mercy. The Council was held in Ballarat. Mother M. Austin and Mother M. Magdalen represented the Townsville Diocese.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Mar. 1957. Photo included.
1957	Brother Clarence, the first Superior of the Marist Brothers College in Ayr was transferred to the Solomon Islands. He left Ayr towards the end of January and was replaced by Brother Norman.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Mar. 1957. Excerpt from diary in old exercise book. Author Dr. K. J. H. Kelly.
1957	On Sunday 27.01.1957, at St. Patrick's, the Strand, Sister M. Ursula (Walsh) celebrated the Silver Jubilee of her Profession.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Mar. 1957
1957	Although granted 12 months sick leave in November 1956, Mons. K. J. H. Kelly returned to Ayr from the south in February and stayed on as Fr. P. S. Carroll had	Excerpt from diary in old exercise book. Author Dr. K. J. H. Kelly.

	been hospitalised.	
1957	The demolition of the original Winton church building, now sited behind the convent school, was commenced on 26.02.1957. Material from the old building was used to make a recreation room for the boarders. Work was carried out by Bill Chesham with assistance from Peter Christon	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Mar. 1971 Information from Mrs. Kate Holmes, Bindex St. Winton, 07.06.1957.
1957	Miss Rae Hammond, a past pupil of St. Patrick's College, the Strand, entered the Novitiate of the Sisters of Mercy. Fulham Road, Townsville.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Apr. 1957 (Photo included).
1957	On 13.03.1957, Fr. Patrick O'Brien returned to his duties as Parish Priest of Richmond after his holiday in Ireland. His Locum, Fr. Martin Donovan, was appointed temporarily to Ayr to replace Fr. P. S. Carroll who was in hospital.	Excerpt from diary in old exercise book. Author Dr. K. J. H. Kelly. T'ville Catholic Archives, Ref. 775/5
1957	In March, Fr. M. Donovan was appointed temporarily to Ayr to replace Fr. P. S. Carroll who was in hospital.	Excerpt from diary in old exercise book. Author Dr. K. J. H. Kelly.
1957	Fr. J. T. Whiting, the Priest in Charge of the Parkside area, announced a building campaign for the new Parish. Plans had already been drawn up by Br. Emmanuel of the Confraternity of Christ the Priest for a new church in Jarvisfield. The existing building had been originally erected as a church in Brandon during 1897. It was blown down by a cyclone in March 1903, re-erected and re-opened in 1904. It was shifted to a new site on the Ayr / Brandon Road and served as a school until 1923 when the school was closed. Then in 1936, the building was moved to Jarvisfield to serve as a church once again. (Photo in TCN Nov. 61) The next project would be the building of the Parkside Catholic School and this would be followed by the erection of a convent for the sisters who would teach at the school.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Apr. 1957 Townsville Catholic Archives, Ref. 761/1
1957	Fr. T. Borthistle, Superior of the Redemptorist community in Townsville, celebrated his Silver Jubilee as a Priest of God.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Apr. 1957
1957	On 28.03.1957, restorations and renovations commenced on the old school building in Ayr, formerly St. Francis' Church / School. Two large rooms were added with a twelve foot veranda along Edward Street frontage. Contractor for the project was Mr. W. Hogan. (The finished work was blessed and opened by Bishop Ryan on Sunday 22.09.1957).	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , May, Oct. & Nov. 1957. Diary Dr. K. J. H. Kelly <i>The Greatest Gift</i> <i>Celebrating 100 Years, page 8</i>
1957	Death of Monsignor James Joseph Rowan, Vicar General of the Rockhampton Diocese, on 03.04.1957 at Mackay. In 1917 Mons. Rowan was appointed as the first parish priest of Townsville West Parish (West End), which included Mundingburra, Stuart and Belgian Gardens.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , May 1957 page 2
1957	Fr. P. S. Carroll returned to Ayr after spending ten weeks in Sydney undergoing medical treatment.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Apr. 1957
1957	Fr. Hogan S.J., from Melbourne, came north to speak to the Sisters of Mercy on the	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> ,

	rules of their new Constitution.	Apr. 1957
1957	At Mount Carmel College in Charters Towers, the theatre and the Brothers residence were painted, the dining room was enlarged and the study was converted into a new senior dormitory. A new building for the Seniors and Sub-Seniors was expected to be started before the end of the year. The College was also awaiting the arrival of a new Ferguson tractor.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , May 1957
1957	The St. Vincent de Paul Society in Townsville established a “soup style” kitchen to assist track travellers.	“ <i>The News</i> ”, Jun. 1995
1957	Frs. H. O’Twomey, parish priest of Railway Estate and D. Ryan, parish priest of Giru, left for a visit to Ireland. They would be absent from the diocese until the end of the year.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jun. 1957
1957	<u>Clerical changes:</u> 1. Fr. J. Garvey was transferred from Mt. Isa, where he had been engaged in the building of the new church, to the position of Administrator of Julia Creek. (May 1957 to 28.03.1969) (TCN Sep. 67 & Sep. 72) 2. Fr. C. Devereux, parish priest of Julia Creek for the last thirteen years, to take the place of Fr. H. O’Twomey at Railway Estate. 3. Fr. E. Brill, parish priest of Cloncurry, after several months leave, would relieve at Giru during the absence of Fr. D. Ryan. 4. Fr. T. Donovan to take over Cloncurry.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jun. 1957
1957	On Sunday, 19th May 1957, the new Church of St. Joseph in Mt. Isa was blessed and officially opened by Bishop Hugh Ryan. The church was designed by Joseph Rooney of Townsville and built by R. Cooke and W. Nye Contractors. The new School Hall was opened at the same time. The hall was built by Mr. W. McCarthy of Mt. Isa with help from Fr. John Garvey and a band of volunteers. It was to serve primarily as an Infants School. Fr. Garvey had acted as Parish Priest while Fr. O’Dwyer was on leave. With voluntary helpers, he erected a stone wall along Death Adder Gully and raised the level of the playground. The School Hall was decided on after plans to move the old church to serve as a hall, proved impractical.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Aug. 1954, Jun. 1957, May 1965 & Feb. 1981 Photo on cover of TCN, Jun. 57. A History of Mount Isa Parish 1930 – 1976 by Fr. Peter Kerwick <i>Townsville Bulletin</i> , 21.05.1957 <i>Mt. Isa Mail</i> , 23.05.1957 <i>The North West Star</i> Tuesday 30.09.1980, page 17 <i>Townsville Catholic Archives</i> , Ref 774/6 & 775/2
1957	With the assistance of Fr. T. T. Garvey, Administrator, a number of parishioners repaired and painted the presbytery in Ayr and fitted new curtains and blinds etc. The church was also painted.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , May 1957. Excerpt from diary in old exercise book. Author Dr. K. J. H. Kelly.
1957	On Saturday 15.06.1957, the high level Burdekin River Bridge was opened by the Premier Vince C. Gair. At that time it was the longest bridge in Australia. The first sod had been turned by the then Premier E. M. Hanlon on 10. 04. 1947.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jul. 1957 <i>Sun Community Newspapers</i> ,

	Mons. K. J. H. Kelly represented the Bishop at the opening ceremony.	19.09.2012, page 14.
1957	In June, a two week mission was preached in the Ayr parish church by two members of the Redemptorist Fathers from Townsville, Frs. Hannigan and Goss.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Aug. 1957. Diary Dr. K. J. H. Kelly
1957	Ordination of Keith Huddy in the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Townsville by Bishop Ryan on 29.06.1957. Keith was educated at St. Joseph's, the Strand and Our Lady's Mount C.B.C.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jun., Jul. & Aug. 1957 Photo in TCN Aug. 1957.
1957	Death of Archbishop Terence McGuire in Sydney on Thursday, 04.07.1957. He had served as the first Bishop of Townsville from 1930 to 1938. His name lives on in the Townsville Diocesan Offices, formerly the Bishop's House, called McGuire House.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Aug. 1957 The Story of Holy Spirit Parish. Cranbrook, Townsville 1965 – 2010 Page 9
1957	<u>Clerical Changes</u> Fr. Arthur Ryan to go to Currajong in September. (New Parish erected) Fr. P. S. Carroll from Ayr to Charters Towers. Fr. R. C. Jones from Charters Towers to Ayr.	Minutes of a Meeting of the Council of the Diocese of Townsville 10.07.1957, Page 91
1957	Construction commenced on the new St. Joseph's Primary School building in Mundingburra commenced. (? see T.C.N. Jun. 1958)	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Aug. 1957
1957	On 15.07.1957, Fr. F. Kelly, Administrator of Mundingburra Parish, celebrated twenty five years as a priest.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jul. & Aug. 1957
1957	On 17.07.1957, the centenary of the foundation of the Good Samaritan Sisters in Australia was marked with a Pontifical High Mass which was celebrated at St. Margaret Mary's Church, Hyde Park, by Bishop Ryan.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Aug. 1957 <i>Townsville Bulletin - Catholic News Supplement</i> 16.11.2006.
1957	On 31.07.1957, Mother M. Benedicta and Sr. M. Brigid of the Sisters of Mercy celebrated the Golden Jubilee of their Religious Profession. Both sisters left Ireland on 11.09.1903 and arrived in Townsville on 30.10.1903. They were professed on 31.07.1907. To mark the occasion, a fine brass altar rail was purchased and suitably engraved for the South Townsville Convent Chapel.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Sep. & Oct. 1957
1957	In August, an Italian Mission was preached in Ayr by Fr. Ladislau Boceda OFM Cap.	Diary Dr. K. J. H. Kelly
1957	On 22.08.1957, In St. Joseph's Church on the Strand, Bishop Ryan admitted two aspirants into the Order of the Sisters of Mercy. They were Marie Whelan (Sr. Frances Mary) and Raymunde Hammond (Sr. Mary Fabian).	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Oct. 1957 Photo in TCN Oct. 1957
1957	On Sunday 08.09.1957, the Centenary celebrations of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan were opened in Charters Towers with a Solemn High Mass of Thanksgiving at which Bishop Ryan presided.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Oct. 1957 Photo in TCN Oct.1957.
1957	On 15.09.1957, The first Brothers of the Confraternity of Christ the Priest in Parkside, Ayr, took vows of poverty, chastity and obedience	<i>The Advocate (Ayr)</i> 18.11.1968, pages 1 & 3
1957	On 22.09.1957, the extensions to the old school building in Ayr, formerly St. Francis' Church / School, were blessed and opened by Bishop Ryan.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , May, Oct. & Nov. 1957

	<p>Two large extra rooms with a twelve foot veranda along the Edward Street frontage to the primary school had been added and a septic system installed.</p> <p>The old building which began its existence as the first church in Ayr had been moved forward into line with the new building. Sufficient space was left between the buildings to add the large roof under which people could gather.</p> <p>The builder was Mr. Hogan.</p>	<p>(Photo in TCN Jan. 58)</p> <p>T'ville Catholic Archives Ref. 761/1</p>
1957	<p>The foundation stone for the new St. Colman's War Memorial Church in Home Hill was blessed and laid by Bishop Ryan in 1957.</p> <p>(Photo in TCN Jan. 1958) The church was opened in 1958.</p>	<p><i>St Colman' Parish, Home Hill Diamond Jubilee 1926 to 1986 Townsville Catholic News, Nov. 57.</i></p>
1957	<p><u>On Wed. 25.09.1957, the following decisions by Bishop H. E. Ryan were released.</u></p> <p>1. The new Parish of St. John Fisher's was erected at Currajong, Townsville. (A note in the front of St. Teresa's Baptism Register states "The Garbutt / Currajong Parish was separated from West End Parish on 06.10.1957"). Fr. Arthur Ryan was appointed as the first parish priest but continued to live at the West End Presbytery. Parts of the suburbs of Pimlico and Currajong were excised from Mundingburra parish and included in the new parish. (The Parish of Garbutt was separated from Currajong on 04.07.1959).</p> <p>2. The new Parish of St. Pius X was erected at East Ingham. St. Patrick's Parish was divided with Palm Creek as a rough dividing line. The areas east of Palm Creek including Hawkins Creek, Braemeadows, Victoria Estate and Forrest Beach all formed part of Pius X Parish and all the rest, including Ingham Line, Trebonne and Stone River remained part of St. Patrick's Parish. The Parish Priest was to reside at Cardinal Gilroy College and the Chapel of Our Lady of Fatima would become the parish Mass centre.</p>	<p><i>Townsville Catholic News, Oct. 57, Sep. & Dec. 59, Sep. 60, Mar. 61 (photo), Jun. 63, Aug. 65.</i> <i>The News, Sep. 1992.</i> Photos in TCN Jul. 1959 Minutes of a Meeting of the Council of the Diocese of Townsville 12.12.1957, page 93</p> <p><i>Portrait of a Parish – A History of St. Patrick's Church and Parish 1864-1996</i> Page 83 Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui</p>
1957	<p><u>Clerical appointments announced on Wednesday 25.09.1957:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fr. D. J. O'Meara, B.A., from Ingham to St. Pius X Parish, East Ingham as Parish Priest. (1957-1962) 2. Fr. F. Rush, from Abergowrie to St. Patrick's, Ingham as Parish Priest. (9th). 3. Fr. K. Martell, from Ingham to St. Teresa's Parish, Abergowrie, as Parish Priest. 4. Fr. A. Ryan, Parish Priest of St. John Fisher's, Currajong. 5. Fr. D. Buckley to be temporary priest-in-charge at Kolijo. 6. Fr. T. Lambert from West End to be assistant priest at Charters Towers. 	<p><i>Townsville Catholic News, Oct. 1957</i></p> <p>Minutes of a Meeting of the Council of the Diocese of Townsville 12.12.1957, page 93</p>
1957	<p>At Millaroo in the Ayr Parish, a new State School building was erected.</p> <p>The former State School building was purchased by Fr. T. T. Garvey to be moved to a block of 5 acres (2.02 hectares) of land granted by the Lands Dept. on the western side of the township.</p> <p>(After remodelling, this building became the Church of St. Therese of the Child</p>	<p><i>Townsville Catholic News, Oct. & Nov. 57, May & Jul. 58, Feb. 59, Apr. 62, Jul.67 & Jun. 68.</i> Photos in TCN Mar.59 & Apr.62</p>

	Jesus, opened in November 1958).	T'ville Catholic Archives Ref. 761/1
1957	During a visit to Dalbeg in the Ayr Parish, Bishop Ryan announced that a new church was to be constructed and that after the tobacco season, the Rolfe Brothers (building contractors) would erect it and donate the labour. Plans for the new church were drawn by Mr. M. Dillon, Architect of Townsville. (The church was opened in 1962).	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Oct. 1957 Apr. & May 1962.
1957	On 28 th /29 th September, the centenary of the Good Samaritans in Hughenden was celebrated.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Oct. 57
1957	At Praire in the Hughenden Parish, a new fence was erected around St. Brigid's Church.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Oct. 57
1957	On 04.10.1957, Russia's "Sputnik" was launched to become the world's first artificial satellite in space. It was about the size of a beach ball (58 cm or 22.8 inches in diameter)	NASA History Office
1957	A note in the front of St. Teresa's Baptism Register states "The Garbutt / Currajong Parish was separated from West End Parish on 06.10.1957". (See entry for Wednesday 25.09.1957)	St. Teresa's Parish, Garbutt Baptism Register
1957	On 10.10.1957, Brothers of the Confraternity of Christ the Priest commenced building a new church at Jarvisfield. (St. Francis Xavier)	<i>The Advocate (Ayr)</i> 18.11.1968, pages 1 & 3
1957	St Mary's Church in West End, Townsville was painted in October 1957.	Report of Episcopal Visitation Nov. 57.
1957	At Richmond, during the October heat wave, afternoon temperatures in the Convent School room were as high as 114 degrees F. (45.5 C.). When funds were available, it was planned to install two big fans in the rooms. Sisters listed at Richmond at this time were:- Sr. Hilarion Fagan (Superior), Sr. Bernadette Barlow and Sr. Anthony Allen.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Dec. 1957 <i>Townsville Catholic Archives</i> Ref. 775/1
1957	New branches of the Sacred Heart Sodality were established at both Clare and Millaroo in the Parish of Ayr.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Dec. 1957
1957	On Sunday 20.10.1957, the Ayr Catholic Ladies Association organised Ayr's very first Parish Picnic which was held at Groper's Creek.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Dec. 1957. Diary Dr. K. J. H. Kelly
1957	In October, Mons. K. J. H. Kelly underwent an operation in the Rockhampton Mater Hospital. (He returned to Ayr at the end of November).	Excerpt from diary in old exercise book. Author Dr. K. J. H. Kelly.
1957	On Saturday 26.10.1957, the Seventh Annual Baby Show and Fete was held in the Convent School grounds at Calen. (Koliyo Parish)	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Dec. 1957 & Mar. 1958
1957	During his report at the Mount Carmel Speech Night on 01.11.1957, the principal, Br. P. J. Skehan announced that plans were being drawn up for a major building project at the college to cope with an increasing enrolment during the next decade.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Dec. 1957
1957	On 07.11.1957, parishioners at the northern end of Koliyo Parish organised a beach carnival at Midgee Point, near Bloomsbury. The debt on the church at Elaroo was cleared with the proceeds.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Mar. 1958

1957	Towards the end of 1957, three new branches of the Holy Name Society were established in the Ayr District. They were at Brandon, Clare and Millaroo.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Dec. 1957 T'ville Catholic Archives Ref. 761/1
1957	On Sunday 10.11.1957, the newly formed Parish of Parkside saw the formation of The Immaculate Heart, Parkside Branch, of the Holy Name Society.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Dec. 1957 T'ville Catholic Archives Ref. 761/1
1957	Death of Joseph Gabriel Rooney on 10.11.1957 in Townsville aged 66 years. Joseph was the Architect who designed St. Margaret Mary's Church in Hyde Park, the Good Shepherd Church at Mt. Isa, St. Patrick's Church in Ingham, the Little Flower Academy on the Strand, the Belgian Gardens Convent and the Greek Orthodox Church in Townsville.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jan. 1958
1957	Death of Mother M. Attracta (Meagher) RSM in the Mater Hospital, West Townsville, on Thursday 14.11.1957 aged 47 years. Mother Attracta entered the Strand Convent, Townsville on 31.05.1926 and received the Holy Habit of Religion on 13.06.1927. She took her final vows as a Sister of Mercy on 01.08.1932.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Dec. 1957 <i>Headstone in Belgian Gardens Cemetery</i>
1957	On 25.11.1957, Bishop H. Ryan granted permission for the erection of Stations of the Cross in the convent and the new church in St. Catherine's Parish, Proserpine.	
1957	At the end of November, Mons. K. J. H. Kelly returned to Ayr having undergone an operation in the Rockhampton Mater Hospital in October. He requested that Fr. T. Garvey continue as administrator for the whole of 1958. (Fr. Garvey continued until June 1959)	Excerpt from diary in old exercise book. Author Dr. K. J. H. Kelly.
1957	At the end of 1957, the Canossian Sisters in Ingham closed their boarding school due to unreliable enrolments, staff being difficult to attract and hold, and a building that required much work to bring it up to an appropriate standard.	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> , Page 79 Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui
1957	On 08.12.1957, during an Episcopal Visitation, the new St. Catherine's Church in Proserpine, built under the supervision of Parish Priest, Fr. J. P. McCoy, was solemnly blessed and opened by Bishop H. E. Ryan. The old church building was sold to a local farmer for demolition and removal.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Apr. 52, May 58 & Apr. 65. (Photos in TCN May 1958 & Apr. 1965)
1957	Sister M. Annunziata was presented with her Missionary Cross by Bishop H. E. Ryan in St. Joseph's Church, the Strand before her departure for the New Guinea Mission in 1958. Poor health forced her to return to Townsville in 1959.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jan. 58 Photos in TCN Jan. 58 <i>Catholic Leader</i> , 05.01.1975, page 2.
1958	Australia's population 9,947,000	<i>"Australia Through Time"</i> 2005 Edition.
1958	At Blessed Edmund Campion College in Ayr, Br. Roger replaced Br. Columban. Roll Call – 180 boys	<i>Blessed Edmund Campion College Silver Jubilee 1953 – 1978</i>
1958	On 07.01.1958, the Reception and Religious Profession of Miss Mary O'Donnell (postulant) and Sisters M. Leonie (Williams) and M. Luke (Anita Ready) (final vows), took place in St. Patrick's Convent Chapel before Mons. T. Grogan.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Mar. 1958 <i>Townsville Bulletin</i> , 15.05.2008, page 8.
1958	Early in the year, Mons. T. Grogan left his South Townsville parish for a year holidaying in his homeland of Ireland.	Minutes of a Meeting of the Council of the Diocese of Townsville

		12.12.1957, page 94
1958	In January, a school hall and presbytery for the parish priest were erected at Cardinal Gilroy College. The school hall was to serve as a parish centre as well, with one part of the hall partitioned off for parish office and bedroom.	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> , Page 83 Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui
1958	Brian Hurney, a past student of the Marist Brothers College in Ayr, entered the Pius XII seminary at Banyo in 1958.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , May 1958
1958	At Abergowrie College, a new residence was provided for the Brothers, a new locker room for the boys, and dining rooms and offices for priests and staff.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Feb. 1959
1958	On 16.01.1958, a Mass was celebrated in St. Patrick's Convent Chapel, the Strand, by Fr. J. Hogan C.SS.R. to mark the Silver Jubilees of Sr. M. Chanel and Sr. M. Joan	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Mar. 1958
1958	Fr. Luciano Rocchi O.F.M. Cap (1958 to 1960) replaced Fr. Samuele Rodomonti O.F.M. Cap as P.P. of Halifax.	<i>Golden Jubilee of St. Peter's Church, Halifax 1929-79</i> Fr. Publius Cassar O.F.M.Cap
1958	Fr. Valerian O.F.M., formerly Fr. Vincent Monckton of the Townsville Diocese, was formerly professed in the Franciscan Order.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Oct. 1967
1958	Death of Sr. M. Laurentia Donovan RSM aged 85 years, in the Mater Hospital, West Townsville, on 22.01.1958. Sister Laurentia taught in various schools of the Townsville Diocese and had served as Superior in Ravenswood, Bowen and Giru. She was buried in the Belgian Gardens Cemetery.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Oct. 1956 & Mar. 1958
1958	At the end of January, following a request from Mons. K. J. H. Kelly, Bishop Ryan authorised and blessed the establishment of the Blue Army in the diocese. People were encouraged to join the Blue Army to oppose the military might of the Russian Red Army through prayer and penance. Mons. Kelly was appointed Director.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jan., Mar., Apr., Jun. 58 & May 61. Diary Dr. K. J. H. Kelly
1958	The Wells Organisation, an American fund-raising agency, introduced Planned Giving to the Townsville Diocese in February 1958. The Cathedral was the first parish in Qld. to introduce this system of Church finance. The Parkside Parish also launched a successful Planned Giving program in 1958.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , May 1958 & Mar, 1960 <i>The History of the Sacred Heart Parish, Ayr, 1912 – 2012, page 19</i>
1958	During February, the "Blue Army" was established in the Townsville Diocese. Pope Pius XII requested that Catholics consecrate themselves during the Lourdes Centenary year to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , 01.12.1958 Pages 8 & 9
1958	Fr. Egan was transferred from assistant at the Cathedral, Townsville, to Ingham as assistant to Fr. F. Rush. (1958 – 1959)	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> , page 84 Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui
1958	The Catholic Men's Club of Townsville was inaugurated during March 1958.	<i>T'ville Catholic News</i> , Mar. & May 1959
1958	On 10.03.1958, a contract was signed for extension and renovation of the Brother's House at Blessed Edmund Campion College in Ayr. Gino Calligaro was the successful tenderer.	<i>Blessed Edmund Campion College Silver Jubilee 1953 – 1978</i>
1958	A mission was preached at Stuart by Fr. M. Garvey C.SS.R. from 23.03.58 to	

	30.03.58.	
1958	In March 1958, a contract was signed with Mr. G. Calligaro for repairs, renewals and extensions to the Marist Brothers' residence at Blessed Edmund Campion College in Ayr. Work commenced in July. The old buildings were converted to study, kitchen, dining and reception rooms. A chapel was built and a cottage for the accommodation of the house keeper. (The alterations were blessed and opened by Bishop Ryan on Sunday 30.11.1958).	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , May & Sep. 1958, Feb.1959. Excerpt from diary in old exercise book. Author Dr. K. J. H. Kelly. <i>Townsville Catholic Archives, Ref. 761/1</i>
1958	During March, Miss Monica Quilty entered the Novitiate of the Sisters of Mercy at Fulham Road.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , May 1958
1958	Fr. A. Ryan formed a Branch of the Holy Name Society in the Currajong Parish.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , May 1958
1958	A Mission was conducted in Charters Towers from 16 th to 30 th March by Redemptorist Fathers Hennessy and Kennedy.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , May 1958
1958	A small intense cyclone damaged nearly every building in Bowen on 01.04.1958. Roof repairs were necessary for St. Mary's Church, School and Convent.	"Australia Through Time" 2005 Edition.
1958	In April, excavation work was begun at St. Mary's College in Charters Towers for the construction of a swimming pool.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Aug. 1958
1958	The Church of St. Kevin at Clare in the Burdekin was lowered on to low blocks, extended and painted and a new liturgical altar was installed.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , May & Jul. 1958
1958	Parishioners in Camooweal reported holding a successful St. Patrick's Ball and also that they would soon begin building their church. (St. Therese's).	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jun. 1958
1958	Due to over crowding, St Anne's Church of England Girl's School was forced to move to a new site away from the city. The site was the 23 acre (9.3 hectare) "Ellersie" property in Mundingburra, Townsville, which had been purchased in 1953 in anticipation of the school's growth. The new school was opened on 13.04.1958 but teaching at the new site did not commence until 01.09.1958.	<i>The Cathedral School of St Anne & St James Townsville Celebrating 100 Years Page 16</i>
1958	On Anzac Day 25.04.1958, the Christian Brothers College Cadet Band made its first appearance. The band had been formed in March 1958. In 1959, Mr. Neville Minon, a member of the 31st Battalion, undertook to train boys interested in band work.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jul. 1959 & Nov. 1960. Photo in TCN Jun. 1962
1958	A contract was signed for a new Infants' School building at St. Joseph's, Mundingburra.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> Jun. 1959
1958	In the Parish of Koliyo during May, 1958, Fr. T. Kennedy C.S.S.R. conducted a mission in centres at Bloomsbury, Elaroo, Wagoora, Calen, Koliyo and Mt. Ossa. During the year, the Convent at Calen was painted and a start was made on the painting of the Church at Koliyo. In the Church at Seaforth, a voluntary effort resulted in the lining, ceiling and painting of the sanctuary. A confessional was constructed and the altar was also painted. As numbers at the school had dropped, a school bus service had to be initiated to bring in the out-laying children.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Mar. 1959 & Feb. 1961.

1958	A mission was also preached in Proserpine during 1958 by the Redemptorist Fathers.	
1958	During May, missions were preached at Ayr, East Ayr, Brandon and Up River.	Diary Dr. K. J. H. Kelly
1958	On 24.05.1958, Blessed Edmund Campion College, Ayr, won the Halliday Cup at the May Day Sports for the first time. The boys expected a holiday to celebrate the victory but Principal Br. Norman announced “No Holliday for Halliday”.	<i>Blessed Edmund Campion College Silver Jubilee 1953 – 1978</i>
1958	Death of Fr. Raymond Campbell MSC in Sydney on 31.05.1958.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jun. 1963
1958	Repairs and extensions to the Marist Brothers residence in Ayr were completed with the new chapel containing a new liturgical altar and a metal tabernacle donated by a parishioner. (The blessing and opening took place on 30.11.1959).	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jul. 1958 & Feb. 1959
1958	A Diocesan Congress of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was held in Townsville on Sun. 01.06.1958.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jul. 1958
1958	St Colman’s Church at Cloncurry was renovated and painted internally. St. Joseph’s Primary School was also painted.	
1958	On Sunday 08.06.1958, Mt. Isa Parish farewelled Fr. Thomas J. O’Dwyer who had been Parish Priest for the past 17 years. Fr. O’Dwyer left for Hughenden (1958 to 1965) where he took over from Fr. T. Gard M.C.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Aug. 1958
1958	Fr. T. Gard returned to Mt. Isa in June 1958 and continued as parish priest (1958 to 1966) of the Good Shepherd Parish when St. Joseph’s was set up as a separate parish in 1959. He had previously served Mt. Isa in 1939/40 when Fr. Ormond Francis Rush was on leave.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Feb. 1968 & Feb. 1981.
1958	In June 1958, reconstruction began on the old state school building at Millaroo in the Ayr Parish. The building had been purchased by Fr. T. T. Garvey in 1957 and relocated to a block of five acres of land on the western side of the township by W. Hogan. It was placed on low cement blocks, enlarged, remodelled and relined to become the future Church of St. Therese of the Child Jesus. (Opened and blessed on 23.11.1958.)	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Oct. & Nov. 57, May & Jul. 58, Feb. 59, Apr. 62, Jul.67 & Jun. 68 Photos in TCN Mar.59 & Apr.62 <i>Burdekin Valley Parish Past & Present</i> , Joan Auer, 19.03.2000
1958	By mid 1958 a contract for the construction of the St. John Fisher’s Church / School near “The Ark” at Currajong had been awarded to Kern Bros. Ltd. of Townsville.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jun. 1959 Photo in TCN Mar. 1961.
1958	The portion of land in the Shire of Thuringowa which later became the modern day suburb of Kirwan was owned by Joe Kirwan. He began sub-dividing it in 1958.	<i>Sun Community Newspapers</i> , The Spirit of Thuringowa 05.03.2008, page 3
1958	On Tuesday 01.07.1958, Rev. Brian McIntyre and Rev. Benjamin Lewis (a convert Anglican Minister), were ordained by Bishop H. E. Ryan D.D. in the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Townsville. After a short holiday, they completed their studies at Pius XII Seminary, Banyo, and were appointed to the staff of the Cathedral. (Fr. Ben retired in 2009 at age 86 after 25 years in Collinsville).	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jun. & Jul. 58 & Feb. 59. Photo on cover of TCN, Jul. 1958 <i>Copy of Remembrance card Townsville Catholic Archives, Ref. 775/5</i>
1958	News was received that another Townsvillite, the Rev. Clement Godwin, S.V.D.,	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> ,

	was ordained in Techny, Illinois. Clement received his primary education at St. Mary's Convent, West Townsville and his secondary education at Our Lady's Mount, Townsville, and Mount Carmel, Charters Towers.	Jun. & Jul. 1958
1958	On 06.07.1958, Br. Ian arrived to supplement the Staff at Blessed Edmund Campion College, Ayr, for six months.	<i>Blessed Edmund Campion College Silver Jubilee 1953 – 1978</i>
1958	On Sunday 13.07.1958, during an Episcopal Visitation to St. Brigid's Church at Stuart, Bishop H. E. Ryan D.D. blessed a large picture of St Brigid of Ireland, Patroness of the Parish. The picture was hung in the Parish Church and was a gift from the Pares family in honour of the memory of Tacito and Anastasia Pares.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Sep. 1958
1958	Bishop Hugh Ryan called the Second Synod of the Diocese of Townsville. It was held on the 16.07.1958. The first was held in July 1948.	Minutes of a Meeting of the Council of the Diocese of Townsville 18.03.1958, page 95
1958	Plans were drawn up by Mr. J. D. McColl for the erection of a Church Hall in Wulguru on land selected by Fr. T. T. Garvey when he was administering the parish in 1953.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Sep. 1958 & Mar. 1959.
1958	An extensive building programme was due to begin at Mount Carmel College in Charters Towers. A new residence for the Brothers was to be constructed and the present residence converted to quarters for the increasing numbers of boarders. The main part of the extensions was to be a new larger chapel.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Sep. 1958
1958	On Thursday 31.07.1958, the Feast of St. Ignatius Loyola, the Profession of six Sisters of Mercy, Novices from the Sacred Heart Novitiate, Fulham Road, Townsville, took place in St. Joseph's Church, the Strand. They were Sr. M. James Smith (Bowen), Sr. M. Philomena Lowth (West End), Sr. M. Damien Langan (North Ward), and Srs. M. Regina O'Riordan, M. Emmanuel Horgan and M. Stanislaus Martyn (all from Cork, Ireland). Their vows were received by Bishop H. E. Ryan.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Aug. 1958 Photo on cover of TCN Aug. 1958
1958	In 1958, Townsville boundaries extended again when more land was excised from the Shire of Thuringowa. This included the area from Garbutt West to the Bohle River. (Extensions occurred in 1918, 1936, 1938, 1958, 1974 and 1994)	<i>Townsville Sun</i> <i>The Spirit of Thuringowa</i> Page 3
1958	The Paluma Dam and diversion pipeline were constructed to act as storage to supplement the supply in Crystal Creek in times of low flow. A second pipeline was completed in 1963.	NQ Water Supply History
1958	Black Box Flight Recorders were developed by David Warren of Melbourne.	
1958	On 07.08.1958, for the first time, a Nudgee College Old Boys' Association Reunion Dinner was held in Ayr. The dinner was held at the Delta Hotel. Forty old boys attended, some coming from Townsville and Proserpine.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Sep. 1958. Excerpt from diary in old exercise book. Author Dr. K. J. H. Kelly.
1958	The empty Belfry in the grounds of St. Patrick's Convent on the Strand was demolished to make way for the new chapel for the Sisters of Mercy. (Opened July	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Aug. 1958 & Sep. 1959.

	<p>1959). It was erected in 1878 and survived the flood in 1892 which swept away the Church.</p> <p>The bell had been removed to the Sacred Heart Cathedral in 1938 when the Bishop's residence was moved to Stanley Street. A large cross, erected in front of the old church by the Passionist Fathers, which also survived the flood, was also removed.</p>	<p><i>The Townsville Daily Bulletin</i>, Saturday, 23.04.1977, Page 3.</p>
1958	<p>The old St. Joseph's presbytery on the Strand in Townsville was demolished to make way for a new chapel for St. Patrick's Convent. (Opened July 1959).</p>	
1958	<p>A large cross was removed from the grounds of St. Joseph's Church on the Strand in Townsville, to make way for a new Chapel for the Sisters of Mercy.</p> <p>The cross had been a landmark since its erection by the Passionist Fathers during a mission in the late 1800's and had survived the disastrous flood which had destroyed St. Joseph' Church in January 1892.</p>	<p><i>Townsville Catholic News</i>, Aug. 35, Jan 42 & Nov. 68.</p>
1958	<p>On Sunday 10.08.1958, the Foundation Stone for the new Convent Chapel of Our Lady of Mercy was laid by Bishop H. E. Ryan at the Strand, Townsville, on the site of St. Rita's – the old presbytery. (Opened July 1959). This marked the first stage in a master plan to replace the wooden portion of the Convent with bricks.</p> <p>The Convent was nearly 80 years old and the old Chapel nearly 60 years old.</p>	<p><i>Townsville Catholic News</i>, Aug. 1958 & Sep. 1959. Photos in TCN Sep. 59.</p>
1958	<p>On 15.08.1058, the Feast of Our Lady's Assumption, two young men received the Habit of Coadjutor Brothers in the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, attached to the Mission House of the Confraternity of Christ the Priest at Norham Road, Ayr. The new novices were Brother John (Kevin Hay of Colac, Vic.) and Brother Joachim (William Cuddihy of West Essendon, Vic.).</p> <p>They were received by the Superior, Fr. John Whiting.</p>	<p><i>Townsville Catholic News</i>, Sep. 1958 & Oct. 1959 T'ville Catholic Archives, Ref. 761/1 <i>100 Years of Grace, 1912 – 2012</i> <i>The History of the Sacred Heart Parish, Ayr, page 26</i></p>
1958	<p>In response to an urgent request of Pope Pius XII around September 1958, Bishop Ryan decided to consecrate the diocese, each parish, and each individual family in the diocese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on 08.12.1958.</p>	<p><i>Townsville Catholic News</i>, Oct. 1958</p>
1958	<p>On Sunday 07.09.1958, the new St. Peter's Church in Mary Kathleen was blessed and opened by Bishop Hugh Ryan on a lease obtained by Fr. Brill in 1956 from the Rio Tinto company.</p> <p>The architect and supervisor of the project was Mr. Thomas Blackshore.</p> <p>(The Mary Kathleen mine was shut down in 1982 and St. Peter's Church was moved to St. Joseph's in Mt. Isa in 1984).</p>	<p><i>Townsville Catholic News</i>, Oct. 1958 Photo on cover of TCN Oct. 58. Good Shepherd Parish 2005 Calendar</p>
1958	<p>On 12.09 1958, Jack Kirby, an American engineer who was hired at Texas Instruments to work on electronic miniaturization, produced the first intergrated circuit, also known as silicon chip.</p>	<p><i>Gria – Web and Tech news</i> <i>History: Back to the Invention of the first silicon chip for computers</i></p>
1958	<p>On 13.09.1958, Blessed Edmund Campion College marched in Ayr's first Water Festival.</p>	<p><i>Blessed Edmund Campion College</i> <i>Silver Jubilee 1953 – 1978</i></p>
1958	<p>Death of Sr. M. Veronica (Wall) RSM in the Mater Hospital, West Townsville, on</p>	<p><i>Townsville Catholic News</i>,</p>

	Friday 16.09.1958 aged 75 years. At various times, Sister was stationed in Halifax, Ingham, Ravenswood, Winton and the Strand. She was buried in the Belgian Gardens Cemetery.	01.12.1958 Page 13
1958	At the recent Townsville Juvenile Eisteddfod, Montague Devereux, a pupil of St. Patrick's Convent School, South Townsville, won the Vocal Solo under 10 years. He also received merits in the Piano Duet and Piano Solo.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Feb. 1959
1958	By October, the Currajong (St. John Fisher's) Sacred Heart and Children of Mary Sodalities had been formed.	The St. John Fisher's/Holy Family Parish 1957 – 1992
1958	On 01.10.1958, during a visit to St. Mary's College in Charters Towers, Bishop Ryan inspected the newly completed swimming pool which at the time was being filled. On 07.10.1958, Mr. L. Bagley, the coach, became the first to swim in the pool.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Nov. 1958
1958	Death of Pope Pius XII on 09.10.1958. (1939 to 1958) Photos in TCN Jun. 47 & Nov. 58.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Nov. 1958 <i>All Roads Lead to Rome.</i>
1958	On Wednesday 15.10.1958, a new liturgical High Altar in the Ayr Parish Church was used for the first time on the occasion of the Requiem for the late Holy Father, Pope Pius XII. The Altar and Tabernacle were donated by Mons. K. J. H. Kelly and Fr. F. T. Kelly in memory of their parents, John and Margaret Kelly. A new candelabra was placed in front of the shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour by Mrs. Vera Donovan in memory of her husband, Bernard Stephen Donovan. Also on this day, the Marist Brothers of Blessed Edmund Campion College, Ayr, moved into their new Quarters.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Nov. 1958 Townsville Catholic Archives Ref. 761/1 <i>Blessed Edmund Campion College Silver Jubilee 1953 – 1978</i>
1958	Planned Giving was introduced into the Julia Creek Parish in October 1958.	<i>T'ville Catholic News</i> , May 65, Sep. 67.
1958	On Wednesday 23.10.1958, High Mass was celebrated in St. Joseph's Church at Julia Creek to honour the occasion of Fr. John Garvey's Silver Jubilee of the Priesthood.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , 01.12.1958 Page 16
1958	On Sunday 26.10.1958, wreckage of the aircraft "Southern Cloud", missing since 1931, was found in the Snowy Mountains.	"Australia Through Time" 2005 Edition.
1958	Election of Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli as Pope on 28.10.1958. He was crowned Pope John XXIII on 04.11.1958. (1958 to 1963)	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Dec. 1958. <i>All Roads Lead to Rome.</i>
1958	The new swimming pool at St. Mary's College in Charters Towers was officially opened on 09.11.1958	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Nov. 1958
1958	On Thursday 13.11.1958, the Sisters of Mercy celebrated the eightieth anniversary of the arrival of the first Sisters in Townsville.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> Feb. 1959
1958	The St. Vincent de Paul Society's Ozanam House in Townsville was opened in Nov. 1958. It served until 1971 when it was replaced by a new Hostel in Palmer Street, Sth. Townsville.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Apr. 1971
1958	On 16.11.1958, Bishop Hugh Ryan blessed a grotto in the grounds of the	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> ,

	<p>Redemptorist Monastery in Aitkenvale commemorating the centenary of Our Lady's apparition at Lourdes. The realistic portrayal of the Apparition was built by Mr. Jack Allen & Co. The same year, a statue of St. Joseph was set up.</p>	<p>01.12.1958, page 2 Townsville Bulletin Townsville Catholic Archives Ref. 850/5</p>
1958	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Clerical Changes soon to take place</u></p> <p>Fr. S. Shannon goes to Mt. Isa as Assistant. Fr. K. Huddy to South Townsville as pro tem. Fr. Basil Foster applied to the Bishop for permission to work in the Tongan Islands. The Bishop agreed and recommended him. Fr. Leo Perry requested incardination into the Townsville Diocese. The Council was in favour of the move as Fr. Leo had been working in the Diocese since 16.05.1956. (His letters of incardination were signed on 15.06.1959). Frs. Brian McIntyre and Benjamin Lewis (both ordained on 01.07.1958) would be stationed at the Cathedral after completion of their studies at Banyo Seminary.</p>	<p>Minutes of a Meeting of the Council of the Diocese of Townsville 18.11.1958, Pages 99 & 100</p>
1958	<p>During November, Fr. Basil Foster left Ayr for Tonga Island. (He returned to Ayr in July 59).</p>	<p>Diary Dr. K. J. H. Kelly</p>
1958	<p>On Sunday 23.11.1958, at Millaroo, Bishop H. E. Ryan solemnly opened and blessed the newly constructed Church of St. Therese of the Child Jesus, "the Patroness of the Missions" The building was the former State School purchased twelve months ago, relocated to land on the western side of the township and remodelled. The consulting engineer for the move was Tom Rolfe of Dalberg. Previously, Mass had been celebrated monthly in the mess hut for the workmen engaged in the irrigation scheme (IWS) and afterwards in the new State School.</p>	<p><i>Townsville Catholic News</i>, Oct. 57, May 58, Feb. & Mar. 59, Jun. 68. Photos in TCN Mar. 59.</p> <p>Diary Dr. K. J. H. Kelly</p> <p>T'ville Catholic Archives Ref. 761/1</p>
1958	<p>On Sunday 30.11.1958, at Blessed Edmund Campion College in Ayr, Bishop H. E. Ryan blessed and opened extensions to the Marist Brothers residence, a chapel and a house keeper's cottage. The old buildings were converted to study, kitchen, dining and reception rooms.</p>	<p><i>Townsville Catholic News</i>, May & Sep. 1958, Feb.1959. Diary Dr. K. J. H. Kelly <i>Blessed Edmund Campion College Silver Jubilee 1953 – 1978</i></p>
1958	<p>A new St. Joseph's School building on the Strand in Townsville was blessed and opened. (Photo on cover of TCN Feb. 1959 & in TCN Feb 1960).</p>	<p><i>Townsville Catholic News</i>, Feb. 1959</p>
1958	<p>Death in Townsville of Fr. Alphonsus Winter C.SS.R on 01.12.1958 aged 43 years. Fr. Winter was born on 29.11.1915 and was professed on 02.02.1935 and was ordained on 10.03.1940. He was buried in the Belgian Gardens Cemetery.</p>	<p><i>The Men who Went Before. 1882-1982</i> W. D. Creede, C.SS.R. <i>Headstone in Belgian Gardens Cemetery</i></p>
1958	<p>On 03.12.1958, Feast of St. Francis Xavier, Fr. Thomas Gard, M.B.E., P.P. of Mt. Isa, celebrated his Silver Jubilee in the priesthood.</p>	<p><i>Townsville Catholic News</i>, Feb. 1959</p>
1958	<p>On Saturday, 06.12.1958, in St. Patrick's Church on the Strand, four Sisters took their first Vows as Sisters of Mercy, and two young ladies were received into the</p>	<p><i>Townsville Catholic News</i>, Feb. 1959</p>

	<p>Congregation of the Sisters of Mercy. The four professed were Sr. Paul Mary (Hindon), Sr. M. Gabrielle (Farrell), Sr. M. Josephine (Barra) Sr. M. Juliana (Cummings). Miss Monica Quilty and Miss Margaret O'Keefe received the white veil, taking the names of Sr. M. Eymard and Sr. M. Ignatius. Bishop H. E. Ryan received the Sisters' Vows.</p>	
1958	<p>During the month, The Ayr parish received a fortnight's visit from Fr. Stefano O.F.M. (Cap.) of the Capuchin Fathers in Halifax. The whole period was spent in an intensive visitation of the Italian speaking parishioners of Clare, Millaroo and Dalbeg including Masses in the country centres on Sunday 07.12.1958.</p>	<p><i>Townsville Catholic News</i>, Feb. 1959 Townsville Catholic Archives Ref. No. 761/1</p>
1958	<p>The natives on Fantome Island spent three weeks building an altar at the foot of the grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes in order to honour Our Lady on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (08.12.1958).</p>	<p><i>Townsville Catholic News</i>, Feb. 1959</p>
1958	<p>On 08.12.1958, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Bishop Ryan solemnly consecrated the Diocese of Townsville to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.</p>	<p><i>Townsville Catholic News</i>, May 1961. Diary Dr. K. J. H. Kelly</p>
1958	<p>Science teachers from Catholic schools and colleges in North Queensland held the First Annual Seminar at Mount Carmel College, Charters Towers. (Photo included).</p>	<p><i>Townsville Catholic News</i> Feb. 1959</p>
1958	<p>With the help of Mr. J. McColl, plans were drawn up for a church/hall in Wulguru. (Opened in 1960)</p>	<p><i>Townsville Catholic News</i>, Oct. 1964</p>
1958	<p>On 11.12.1958, the new brick Church of St. Francis Xavier at Jarvisfield built by Brother Emmanuel of the Confraternity of Christ the Priest in the Ayr Parish was blessed and opened by Bishop Ryan. The architect was the late J. G. Rooney.</p>	<p><i>The Advocate (Ayr)</i> 18.11.1968, pages 1 & 3 (Photos in TCN Feb. 59 & Nov. 61).</p>
1958	<p>St. Colman's War Memorial Church in Home Hill was officially opened and blessed by Bishop H. E. Ryan on Sunday afternoon 14.12.1958. The contractor was Mr. Geo. Populin and the altars of polished silky oak were made by the Delta Furniture Works of Ayr. Permission to erect Stations of the Cross in the new church was granted by Bishop Ryan on 24.12.1958. The old church building, originally moved from Ravenswood in 1918, became the Parish Hall until 1990, when a new Parish Hall was erected and the old building was demolished.</p>	<p><i>St Colman' Parish, Home Hill Diamond Jubilee 1926 to 1986 Townsville Catholic News</i> Feb. 1959 Photo included. <i>The News</i>, Jul. 1990.</p>
1958	<p>On Sunday 28.12.1958, the new Church of St. Joseph in Giru was solemnly blessed and opened by Bishop Ryan on Sunday. The parish priest was Fr. Denis Ryan. The architect for the new church was Mr. Martin Dillon from the firm of L. E. Williams, Townsville. Among the gifts received were a hand carved set of Stations of the Cross from Mr. and Mrs. Peter Smith, a statue of Our Lady of Fatima from Miss D. Long, a baptismal font from the Children of Mary, and a second baptismal font from Mr. George Parison. The revolving tabernacle and the three new altars were donated by</p>	<p><i>Townsville Catholic News</i>, Oct. & Nov. 44, Jun. 45, Oct. 57, Jun. 59, Aug. 61, Jun. 63, Sep. 67 & Sep. 75. <i>The News</i>, Jun.1991. Photos in TCN Jun. 1959 & Aug.1961. (See also Bishop Faulkner's photo</p>

	Fr. Ryan in memory of his parents.	album).
1958	St. Teresa's College at Abergowrie celebrated the 25 th anniversary of its foundation at the College Speech Night and at a Jubilee Dinner in the College Dining Hall. This year 112 students had been enrolled, the first time that enrolment had gone over the 100 mark.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Feb. 1959 <i>Portrait of a Parish</i> , Page 84 Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui
1958	During the year, one Sister from Townsville joined Sisters of Mercy from other centres to form a community to do missionary work in Wewak Diocese of New Guinea, first at Torembi and then at Yangoru. (In 1970, a convent was established at Negrie).	<i>Catholic Leader</i> , 20.08.1979, Page 5.
1958	Towards the end of 1958, the Jarvisfield Men's Italian Choir was formed by Giovanni Mottin and accompanist Gloria Parisotto (Lazzarini).	<i>100 Years of Grace, 1912 – 2012 The History of the Sacred Heart Parish, Ayr, page 27</i>
1958	<u>New buildings completed in 1958 include:</u> 1. St. Colman's Church, Home Hill. 2. St. Francis Xavier's Church, Jarvisfield. 3. St Teresa's Church, Millaroo. 4. St. Peter's Church, Mary Kathleen. 5. The hall at East Ingham. 6. Extensions to St. Joseph's Church, Giru. 7. St. Joseph's Primary School, the Strand, Townsville. 8. The "Planned Giving" office, a room built near the Corcoran Street end of St. John Fisher's College in Currajong, was extended to become the parish presbytery. (Photos in TCN Jul. 59 & Mar 61) 9. The Marist Brothers' residence and chapel, Ayr.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> Feb. 1959 The St. John Fisher's/Holy Family Parish 1957 – 1992
1959	Australia's population 10,161,000	<i>"Australia Through Time" 2005 Edition.</i>
1959	<u>Clerical changes:</u> 1. Fr. Shannon of the Cathedral staff transferred to Mt. Isa to assist Fr. Gard P.P. and Fr. Kerwick. Fr. Shannon was for three years a member of the Cathedral staff and during that time was Editor of the "Townsville Catholic News". Fr. G. P. Dore succeeded him as Editor. (01.02.1959 to 31.12.1960) 2. Fr. Huddy transferred to the relieving staff and stationed at Charters Towers. Fr. Huddy was for one year a member of the Cathedral staff and recently held the position of Port Chaplain.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> Feb. 1959
1959	Blessed Edmund Campion College – Ayr. Br. Dionysius transferred to Brisbane. Br. Clive replaced him as Scholarship Teacher. Roll Call – 173 boys	<i>Blessed Edmund Campion College Silver Jubilee 1953 – 1978</i>
1959	Sr. M. Thecla replaced Sr. M. Aquinas as Superior at St. John Bosco's School in Collinsville. (Jan. to Dec. 1959)	
1959	Sr. Mary Celsus McBride SGS succeeded Sr. Mary Enda Donlevy SGS as Principal of St. Francis' Primary School in Ayr. (1959 – 1964)	<i>The Greatest Gift</i> 100 Years, page 18
1959	St. Francis Xavier School opened in Victoria Estate Ingham , in a church/hall and	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> ,

	was staffed by two Sisters of Mercy who travelled from the Ingham convent each day. The school was moved into a new building in June 1959.	Page 85 Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui
1959	Pimlico State High School opened on Fulham Road, Townsville.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Mar. 1963
1959	Fr. J. P. McCoy returned from a holiday overseas to his parish of Proserpine.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> Feb. 1959
1959	On 02.01.1959, the Confraternity of Christ the Priest in Parkside, Ayr, commenced publishing its new magazine "CONTACT" in four page newsletter format. The editor was Fr. John Thomas Whiting C.C.S.	<i>The Advocate (Ayr)</i> 18.11.1968, pages 1 & 3 T'ville Catholic Archives, Ref. 761/1
1959	On 03.01.1959, voluntary workers officially commenced the construction of the Church - hall in Wulguru. Some preparatory work had been completed by that date.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Mar. & May 1959
1959	Terry Lyons and N. Creen entered Pius XII Seminary at Banyo, to study for the Priesthood. Terry was educated at St. Joseph's, the Strand and passed his Senior Examination at Our Lady's Mount in 1958. N. Creen did his Senior Examination at Our Lady's Mount in 1957 and spent last year working for a Townsville firm.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Feb. & Mar. 1959 & Sep. 1970
1959	Fr. William Grennan was appointed Parish Priest at Mundingburra.	<i>75th Jubilee – St. Joseph's Mundingburra 1924 – 1999</i> Compiled by Louise Burke
1959	A Basque secular priest from Spain, Fr. Thomas Ormazabal , working in the Townsville Diocese to assist in the spiritual care of the Spaniards and Basques of the Diocese, finished his work in Ayr and began working in the Ingham district.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Feb. & May 1959
1959	Sr. M. Vincent of the Sydney Mater was made available to act as Matron at the Townsville Mater Hospital in West Townsville for a period of 12 months. Sr. M. Jacinta also joined the staff on an exchange basis for 12 months.	<i>Catholic Leader</i> , 27.09.1970, Page 6.
1959	On 21.01.1959, Sr. M. Dolores celebrated the Silver Jubilee of her Profession at the Convent of Mercy on the Strand, Townsville,	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Mar. 1959
1959	On 25.01 1959, Pope John XXIII announced his intention of convoking an Ecumenical Council. Almost four years later, Vatican II met in four sessions from Oct. 62 to Dec. 65.	<i>The Grail Newsletter</i> , Vol. 28 No.2 August 1996
1959	On 30.01.1959, The Marist Brothers at Blessed Edmund Campion College, Ayr, wore white Soutanes for the first time and became known as the "Holy Ghosts".	<i>Blessed Edmund Campion College</i> <i>Silver Jubilee 1953 – 1978</i>
1959	<u>Clerical Transfers:</u> 1. Fr. E. Brill transferred to the parish of Giru as Parish Priest. Last year, Fr. Brill travelled overseas. Previously, he was in the Cloncurry Parish. 2. Fr. D. Ryan, who was Parish Priest of Giru last year, was transferred to Home Hill as Administrator of the parish. This followed the departure of Fr. John Colleran P.P. for a holiday in Ireland.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Mar. 1959
1959	On 02.02.1959, three young ladies entered the Sisters of Mercy Novitiate on Fulham Road, Townsville. They were Sheila Aitkenhead (Scotland), Rose Pelleri (Ingham) and Marie Geddes (South Townsville). Rose worked as a cane farmer and grocery store attendant before she entered the convent at age 26.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Mar. 1959 <i>Herbert River Express</i> , Tuesday 15.07.2003 page 9.

1959	The first National Conference of Australian Churches began in Melbourne on Wednesday 03.02.1960. Twelve denominations and church groups attended. The delegates were predominately Anglican, Methodist and Presbyterian.	<i>"Australia Through Time"</i> 2005 Edition.
1959	Death of Charles Dalton Lynch in the Townsville Mater Hospital on 07.02.1959 aged 88 years. During his long career as an architect, Mr. Lynch designed many buildings throughout North Queensland, amongst them, Buchanan's, Lowth's, Great Northern and Victoria Bridge Hotels in Townsville. He retired in 1924 but came out of retirement in 1930 and designed the Bishop's House in Townsville.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Mar. 1959
1959	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Constructions during 1959:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A new chapel for the Sisters of Mercy was being erected at the corner of the Strand and Fryer Street in Townsville. (On the site of St. Rita's – the old presbytery) (Photos in TCN Sep. 1959) 2. The Church – hall at Wulguru. 3. A permanent Chapel and two classrooms at St John Fisher's Christian Brothers' School at Currajong. (Photo in TCN Mar. 1961). 4. Extensions at Mount Carmel College in Charters Towers to provide rooms for eight Brothers, a suite for the Chaplain, the Headmaster's office and the Secretary's office. The present residence would be taken over by the senior section of the school. A new concrete Chapel was to be built and the present Chapel would become the locker and shower block for the senior section of the school. 	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Mar. 1959
1959	Permission was granted by the Chancellor, Fr. Michael Mullins, to erect Stations of the Cross in the Home Hill Convent on 12.02.1959.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> Feb. 1959
1959	On 13.02.1959, Premier G. F. R. Nicklin visited all schools in Ayr.	Diary Dr. K. J. H. Kelly
1959	<p><u>Cyclone "Connie"</u> struck the North Queensland Coast on 16.02.1959 causing severe wind and flood damage.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In Bowen, St. Mary's Church had its roofing extensively blown away. (It was completely re-roofed with heavy gauge iron). 2. In Home Hill, the old Church, the Convent and the Presbytery were largely unroofed. The new Church suffered minor damage to the roof. 3. St. Francis' Primary School in Ayr was partly unroofed and the Church suffered damage to the roof and roofing structure. (Both the old 1912 and 1936 buildings were joined and a new roof fitted). The Convent windmill was also damaged. After the blow, members of the St. Vincent de Paul Soc. rebuilt three huts at Plantation Creek and re-roofed and repaired ten other residences. The Reconstruction Sub-Committee concluded their activities in May. 4. Blessed Edmund Campion College in Ayr suffered some damage. 	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Mar., Apr., May & Jun. 1959 Bishop Faulkner's photo album. (Ayr) Excerpt from diary in old exercise book. Author Dr. K. J. H. Kelly <i>The Greatest Gift</i> <i>Celebrating 100 Years</i> , <i>Pages 8 & 23</i> (Photo in TCN Dec. 61)

	<p>5. St. Patrick's Church in Ravenswood had windows blown in and the wall behind the sanctuary was practically wrecked. A group of volunteers from the Stuart Parish got together and eventually repaired the damage.</p> <p>6. In Proserpine, extensive damage occurred to the church, presbytery, school and hall. (The interior of the church was eventually painted because of the damage).</p>	
1959	Death of Mother M. Gerard Wood RSM at the Mater Hospital, West Townsville on Monday 23.02.1959 aged 54 years. Mother Gerard had taught at the Strand, Bowen, Proserpine, West Townsville, Halifax and Ingham, and had been the Superior in Ingham since 1953. (1926 to 1959). Buried in Belgian Gardens Cemetery.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Mar. & Apr. 1959 <i>Catholic Leader</i> , 26.03.1959, page 13.
1959	A new theatrical group was formed in Townsville, its players to be known as Townsville Genesians. Their first general meeting took place on 26.02.1959. Their first play was "The Vigil"; an Easter play staged in the Theatre Royal on 19 th , 20 th , 21 st and 22 nd March 1959. Headquarters for the Genesians was to be St. Joseph's School on the Strand. (Mention of amalgamation into "Townsville Little Theatre" in article on death of John Brennan in TCN Mar. 1974).	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Mar. 59 & Feb. 63.
1959	Mons Grogan, P.P., V.F., returned to his parish of South Townsville after spending a year holidaying in his native Ireland.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Apr. 1959
1959	On Sunday 01.03.1959, the "Sung Mass" broadcast from the Cathedral was sung by a choir new to Townsville, the Jarvisfield Men's Italian Choir (Ayr). The choir was formed towards the end of 1958.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Apr. 1959 Photo in TCN Oct. 1959. T'ville Catholic Archives, Ref. 761/1
1959	On 01.03.1959, ground breaking and work commenced on the construction of the Sydney Opera House. (Formerly opened on 20.10.1973)	
1959	Death of Sr. M. Oliver Meagher in the Townsville Mater Hospital on 04.03.1959, aged 50 years. Sr. M. Oliver was born in Limerick, Eire, in 1908. She entered the Convent of Mercy on the Strand in 1926 and was professed in 1929. Sr. M. Oliver served in Proserpine, Collinsville, Bowen, Winton and Ingham where she was in charge of the school for the last five years.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Apr. 1959 <i>Catholic Leader</i> , 26.03.1959, page 13 <i>Headstone in Belgian Gardens Cemetery</i>
1959	On Friday 06.03.1959, Miss Jean Murray from the Belgian Gardens section of the Cathedral parish, entered the Novitiate of the Sisters of Mercy.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Apr. 1959
1959	On Thursday 19.03.1959, the Catholic Men's Club of Townsville celebrated its first anniversary at a meeting held in the Country Women's Association Lounge in Denham Street.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , May 1959
1959	On Thursday 19.03.1959, the St. Patrick's Night Concert in Hughenden was held in the Olympia Theatre before a full house.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , May 1959
1959	Extra seating brought into the Gem Theatre in Ayr could still not accommodate the large crowd which attended the annual St. Patrick's Day Concert held on Sunday 22.03.1959.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , May 1959

1959	A Benediction Set was donated to St. Brigid's Church, Stuart, by Mrs. M. Joyce of Antil Plains, in memory of her late husband, Martin. She also donated a Roman Missal and a set of Altar Charts for use at Mass stations in the country.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , May 1959
1959	Mr. R. Cormack, a parishioner of St. Joseph's Church, the Strand, was appointed as a Judge in the Northern and Central Districts.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , May 1959
1959	A Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society was inaugurated in the Stuart Parish on Wednesday 08.04.1959.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , May 1959
1959	A Mission was preached in the Cathedral Parish from April 12 th to April 19 th by Fr. Kennedy C.S.S.R.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Apr. & May 1959
1959	Death of Fr. William Connors M.S.C. in St. Vincent's Hospital, Darlinghurst, Sydney, on 23.04.1959 aged 59 years. In mid 1933, Fr. Connors was transferred to Palm Island where he served until 1939 when he was sent to Melville Island near Darwin.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jun. 1963
1959	Construction of the Sydney Opera House began on 05.05.1959.	"Australia Through Time" 2005 Edition.
1959	On the weekend of 16 th – 17 th May, a Young Christian Workers (Y.C.W.) Leaders' Training Camp was held at the National Fitness Camp at Picnic Bay on Magnetic Island. The School was conducted by the National Chaplain of the Movement, Fr. Kevin Toomey.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jun. 1959
1959	On Sunday 17.05.1959, Bishop H. E. Ryan blessed and officially opened the extensions to the Church and School in St. John Fisher's Parish, Currajong. The original building was erected eight years ago, the upper floor serving as both a Church and a classroom. The Brothers with the help of volunteers were currently fencing the whole property with galvanised piping and K-Wire, erecting a bike shed and toilet block and store room and laying down concrete paths and lawns.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , May, Jun. & Sep. 1959 Photos in TCN Mar. 61 & Dec. 62.
1959	As part of the festivities in honour of Our Lady Help of Christians, Bishop Ryan solemnly blessed and officially opened Ozanam House, situated at the corner of Stanley and Wills Street in the shadow of the Cathedral. Ozanam House was the official headquarters of the St. Vincent de Paul Society in Townsville. The Society had received the house as a gift from the Bishop about two years previously.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jul. 1959
1959	Mother Mary Antonietta Novello, the Reverend Mother General of the Canossian Daughters of Charity, visited the Townsville Diocese during May.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jun. 1959
1959	On Wednesday and Thursday 27 th and 28 th May, the Combined Catholic Schools and Colleges of Townsville presented a Centenary Concert in the Wintergarden Theatre.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , May & Jul. 1959
1959	To mark Queensland's Centenary, the Ayr parish conducted a Catholic Centenary Ball on 4 th June and a Catholic Centenary Concert on 28 th June.	Excerpt from diary in old exercise book. Author Dr. K. J. H. Kelly.
1959	On Sunday 07.06.1959, the new St. Francis Xavier Church / School building at Victoria Estate in East Ingham, was blessed and opened by Bishop H. E. Ryan as a	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jul. 59, Nov. 65 & Oct. 70.

	centenary celebration function. The altar was donated in memory of the late Mrs. Gard and the tabernacle by Fr. David O'Meara in memory of his mother. The school was staffed by two Sisters of Mercy from the Ingham Convent. It was also provided with a bus for the transport of the children. The Gard family had donated the land for the new building as well as that for the old church building (a hall). (The school closed in 1970).	(Photo in TCN Jul. 1959) <i>Portrait of a Parish – A History of St. Patrick's Church and Parish 1864-1996</i> Page 85 Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui
1959	On 07.06.1959 after Sunday Mass, the Currajong Parish held a Parish Breakfast at St. John Fisher's Church School at which parishioners were updated on the progress of the Parish Planned Giving Review Canvass.	<i>Annual Review Canvass circular</i> <i>Dated June 1959</i> <i>Box 320 / 1</i>
1959	On Monday 08.06.1959, the Townsville Genesians produced three one act plays and a production entitled "Theatre through the Ages", in St. Joseph's school room on the Strand. The plays were "Husband for Breakfast", a Welsh comedy, "The Fourth Man", a quiet comedy, and "The Cloak", a modern mystery play in verse. Casting for "Pygmalion" was also completed in June.	<i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> Jun. & Jul. 1959
1959	In mid-June, Fr. P. Naughton was entertained by the parishioners of Proserpine on the occasion of his Silver Jubilee as a priest. (10.06.1934).	<i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> Jul. & Aug. 1959
1959	Fr. Leo Perry's letters for incardination into the Townsville Diocese were sighted by the Council of Priests and signed by Bishop Ryan on 15.06.1959. Fr. Leo had been working in the Diocese since 16.05.1956.	Minutes of a Meeting of the Council of the Diocese of Townsville 15.06.1959, page 101
1959	Fr. T. Borthistle , Rector of the Redemptorist Monastery at Aitkenvale in Townsville, was transferred to Pennant Hills, N.S.W. in June 1959 to be a Provincial Consultor.	<i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> Oct. 1968
1959	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Clerical changes:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mons. V. Vandeleur was transferred from Abergowrie College to become the first Parish Priest of the new Parish of Hyde Park. He was officially inducted by Bishop Ryan on Sunday 05.07.1959. (Jul. 1959 to Jan. 1985) (Photo in TCN Jun. 47) 2. Fr. Michael Mullins left the administrator ship of the Sacred Heart Cathedral to become Director of Abergowrie College. (18 months, 1959 – 1960) 4. Fr. F. T. Kelly was transferred from Mundingburra (15 years as Administrator) to become the first Parish Priest of the new Parish of Mary Help of Christians in Belgian Gardens, which had been separated from the Cathedral Parish. Soon afterwards, Fr. Kelly was appointed Vicar General of the Diocese of Townsville. 4. Fr. Martin (Tony) Donovan was transferred from Cloncurry to become the first Parish Priest of the new Parish of Mary Kathleen erected because of the development of the Mary Kathleen Uranium Mine approximately half way between Cloncurry and Mt. Isa. He also served Boulia and Dajarra even though 	<p>Minutes of a Meeting of the Council of the Diocese of Townsville 15.06.1959, pages 102 & 103</p> <p><i>Townsville Catholic News,</i> Jul. 1959 Aug 1959 Sep. 1960 May 1962 Aug. 1963 Sep. 1963 May 1968 Apr. 1969 Feb. 1981 <i>Parish of Mary Kathleen</i></p>

	<p>they were part of the Mount Isa Parish.</p> <p>5. Fr. D. Ryan was transferred from Home Hill to become the first Parish Priest of the new Parish of St. Joseph's in Mt. Isa (Mine side) (1959 to 1973). The new Parish took in all the southern section of the old Good Shepherd Parish as far south as Bedourie. The Good Shepherd Parish now embraced the township of Mt. Isa, East of the Leichardt River and extended to Camooweal. (Good Shepherd Parish and St. Joseph's Parish were rejoined in 1973) - - - - -</p> <p>6. Fr. C. Devereux was transferred from Julia Creek to become the first Parish Priest of the new Parish of St. John the Apostle, East Ayr. - - - - -</p> <p>7. Fr. Peter Kerwick was transferred from Mt. Isa to become the first Parish Priest of the new Parish of Garbutt (1959 to 1963) and also chaplain to the RAAF in Townsville. Fr. Peter lived at West T'ville for nine months as the guest of Fr. McCoy P.P., until a presbytery was provided at Garbutt in March 1960. - - - - -</p> <p>8. Fr. P. J. Carroll was transferred from West Townsville to Cloncurry.</p> <p>9. Fr. Kevin Clancy was transferred from Ayr to Collinsville. (July 1959) - - - - -</p> <p>10. Fr. M. Donlon to Proserpine.</p> <p><u>Administrators transferred:</u></p> <p>1. Fr. J. P. McCoy from Proserpine to West Townsville as Administrator. - - - - -</p> <p>2. Fr. W. Grennan from Collinsville to Mundingburra. (1959 – 1969)</p> <p>3. Fr. T. Garvey from Ayr to the Cathedral. (June 1959) - - - - -</p> <p>4. Fr. D. McMullen from Cloncurry to Home Hill</p> <p><u>Assistant priests transferred – effective 4th July 1959</u></p> <p>1. Fr. L. Perry from Mundingburra to Ayr. - - - - -</p> <p>2. Fr. P. S. Carroll from Charters Towers to West Townsville.</p> <p>3. Fr. D. Smith from Bowen to Charters.</p> <p>4. Fr. R. Egan from Ingham to Mundingburra. (Appointed as Chaplain to the combined N.C.G.M. and Y.C.W. groups now under the one title of Y.C.W). (Photo in TCN Mar. 62 & Aug. 65)</p> <p>5. Fr. K. Huddy from Charters Towers to Ingham as assistant. (04.07.1959 – 1966)</p> <p>6. Fr. B. McIntyre from the Cathedral in Townsville to Bowen. (Bap. Reg. 08.08.1959 to 29.07.1962)</p>	<p><i>Fr. Michael Lowcock Collection</i></p> <p>- Good Shepherd Parish 2005 Calendar</p> <p>- <i>Ayr Advocate</i> 21.06.1964</p> <p>- <i>The News</i>, Apr. 1989.</p> <p>- Diary Dr. K. J. H. Kelly</p> <p><i>Townsville Catholic News</i>, - Jul. 1959 & Jul. 1970.</p> <p>- Diary Dr. K. J. H. Kelly</p> <p>- Minutes of a Meeting of the Council of the Diocese of Townsville 15.06 1959</p> <p>- <i>Portrait of a Parish</i>, page 89 Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui</p>
1959	On Sunday 28.06.1959, Archbishop James Duhig laid the Foundation Stone for Townsville's Madonna House, sponsored by the Townsville Branch of the Catholic Daughters of Australia (C.D.A.) for women and children in need.	<i>Townsville Diocesan Archives</i> <i>Ref. 771/5</i>
1959	Fr. Don Smith was transferred from Bowen to Charters Towers as assistant priest. He left Bowen on Tuesday 30.06.1959) (1959 to 1962)	<i>Note in Bowen Baptism Register</i> <i>1955 to 1984</i>
1959	On Tuesday 30.06.1959, the Townsville Branch of the Catholic Daughters of	<i>Townsville Diocesan Archives</i>

	Australia (C.D.A.) presented their 7 th Annual Report.	<i>Ref. 771/5</i>
1959	<u>On 01.07.1959</u> Mons. K. J. H. Kelly resumed full duties as parish priest of Ayr. Fr. T. T. Garvey was transferred to Townsville as Administrator of the Cathedral. Monsignor V. F. Vandeleur became the Director of the Catholic Hour.	Excerpt from diary in old exercise book. Author Dr. K. J. H. Kelly HDMS Ref. 675/6
1959	On Friday 03.07.1959, Bishop H. E. Ryan announced that His Holiness Pope John XXIII had elevated Fr. Vincent Vandeleur to the rank of Domestic Prelate with the title of Right Rev. Monsignor. He was vested with his robes of office by Bishop Ryan at St. Margaret Mary's Church, Hyde Park on Sunday 13.09.1959.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Aug. & Oct. 1959 Photos included.
1959	During the year, two new classrooms were added to St. John Fisher's School in Currajong.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Dec. 1959
1959	On 04.07.1959, Bishop H. E. Ryan created six new Parishes in the diocese, bringing the total in the Diocese to thirty three. The new Parishes were: Mary Help of Christians in Belgian Gardens (1959 to 1997) (F. T. Kelly). Hyde Park (Vandeleur), East Ayr (C. Devereux), Mary Kathleen (T. Donovan), St. Joseph's, Mount Isa Mine Side , (D. Ryan), Garbutt (Kerwick) (A note in the front of St. Teresa's Baptism Register states " <i>The Parish of Garbutt was separated from Currajong on 04.07.1959</i> ").	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jul. 1959 & Jun. 1963. Excerpt from diary in old exercise book. Author Dr. K. J. H. Kelly. Minutes of a Meeting of the Council of the Diocese of Townsville 15.06.1959, page 101
1059	As there was no church or presbytery in the new parish of East Ayr, mass was celebrated each morning in a classroom of the Marist College. The Blessed Sacrament was reserved in a tiny cubicle on the veranda.	<i>100 Years of Grace, 1912 – 2012</i> <i>The History of the Sacred Heart Parish, Ayr, page 29</i>
1959	Fr. J. P. MCCoy was appointed Diocesan Consultant to the Bishop with the title of Dean.	<i>T'ville Catholic News</i> , May 61 & Jul. 70
1959	Two Oblate Fathers of Mary Immaculate gave retreats in July at the Mater Hospital, the Novitiate of the Sisters of Mercy and St. Patrick's College on the Strand. They were Frs. Brady and McCann of the Oblate Fathers Monastery, Eagle Junction, Brisbane.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Aug. & Dec. 1959
1959	On Tuesday 07.07.1959, Marist Br. Baptist joined the staff at Blessed Edmund Campion College, Ayr, for the remainder of the year.	<i>Blessed Edmund Campion College</i> <i>Silver Jubilee 1953 – 1978</i>
1959	On Tuesday 07.07.1959, ex-students of St. Joseph's College, Nudgee, held a re-union dinner at the Queen's Hotel, the Strand, Townsville.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Aug. 1959
1959	Mother M. Vincent came to Townsville from the Sisters of Mercy in Sydney to fill the position of Matron of the Mater Hospital, Stagpole Street, Townsville.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Aug. 1959
1959	A mission was preached at St. Teresa's, Garbutt, by Fr. Thomas Mahoney C.S.S.R.	Note in St. Teresa's Marriage Register 1959 - 1995.
1959	During the year, a series of missions to Italian speakers were preached in the	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> ,

	<p>diocese. They were conducted at Trebonne, Stone River, Bambaroo, Toobanna, Four Mile, Bemerside, Halifax, Ayr, Dalbeg, Clare, Millaroo, Brandon, Kolijo, Calen and Giru. The mission in Ayr concluded on the feast of St. Anthony and the Giru mission was held from 9th to 12th July.</p> <p>The mission priest was Fr. Luciano Rocchi OFM Cap from Halifax.</p>	Aug. 1959
1959	In July, Fr. Basil Foster returned to Ayr from Tonga Island.	Diary Dr. K. J. H. Kelly
1959	Death of Fr. Jerome Woodhouse O.F.M. at Fantome Island aged 59 years on Monday 13.07.1959. Fr. Jerome had come from Paddington, Sydney, to convalesce. He had been on the island only two days.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Aug. 1959
1959	<p>William Ross, a member of the society of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, was ordained a priest of the Townsville Diocese by Bishop Hugh Ryan in the Sacred Heart Cathedral on 20.07.1959.</p> <p>His final preparation for the priesthood was at St. Teresa's College, Abergowrie, where for a short period, he was on the teaching staff.</p> <p>(1959 -1980 - 2010)</p>	<p><i>Townsville Catholic News</i>, Aug. 1959</p> <p><i>Townsville Bulletin- Catholic News Supplement</i> 16.09.2010.</p> <p>Minutes of a Meeting of the Council of the Diocese of Townsville 18.03.1958, page 96</p>
1959	<p>The new chapel at St. Patrick's Convent on the Strand in Townsville was blessed and opened by Bishop Ryan on 26.07.1959. The builder was Mr. John Allen.</p> <p>(The chapel was built on the site of St. Rita's – the old presbytery).</p>	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Sep. 1959 (Photos included).
1959	<p>After damage from cyclone "Connie" to St. Francis Xavier's School in Ayr early in the year, the old 1912 and 1936 buildings were joined and a new roof was fitted.</p> <p>(<i>A history of the Catholic School & Parish of Ayr.</i>) 1912 – 1987.</p>	<i>Planting the True Vine</i> Compiled by Br. Ken Rae F.M.S.
1959	<p>In July all parishioners of St. Catherine's in Proserpine were invited to a dinner held in the Grand Theatre to introduce a Fund Raising Campaign.</p> <p>(Planned Giving Program – Fr. Donlon P.P.)</p>	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Sep. 1959 <i>The News</i> , Dec. 1995.
1959	<p>Death of Sr. M. Aidan Stephens RSM on Sunday 02.08.1959, aged 69 years.</p> <p>Mother Aidan came to Australia and entered the Convent of Mercy on the Strand in 1915. She taught in Bowen, Winton and Proserpine. In 1937, Sr. Stephens was appointed Superior of St. Joseph's School on the Strand and in 1941 she was appointed Mistress of Novices, which office she held until 1947.</p>	<p><i>Townsville Catholic News</i>, Sep. 1959</p> <p><i>Headstone in Belgian Gardens Cemetery</i></p>
1959	<p>During August, a Spanish Mission was preached in Ayr by Fr. Thomas Ormazabal who worked for a month in the parish.</p>	Excerpt from diary in old exercise book. Author Dr. K. J. H. Kelly.
1959	<p>On Monday 17.08.1959, the first meeting of the Townsville Branch of the Downlands Past Students' Union took place when a number of Downlands Old Boys met at the home of Dr. Gavin Douglas at North Ward in Townsville.</p>	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Sep. 1959
1959	<p>The Chaplain for the Hungarian migrants in Queensland, Fr. Stephan Miklos, visited the Townsville Diocese around 20.08.1959, the feast of St. Stephen, which was Hungary's biggest national holiday.</p> <p>He said Mass for the migrants in the Cathedral and also visited Mt. Isa where the</p>	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jun. & Sep. 1959

	number of Hungarians was greater than in Townsville.	
1959	The Sisters of Mercy made their annual retreat in their new chapel with Fr. W. Byrne as the Retreat Master.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Sep. 1959
1959	St. Teresa's Church in Garbutt, Townsville, (opened in 1933), was given a fresh coat of paint. Its last facelift was some ten years ago when it was also give a ceiling.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Sep. 1959
1959	On 25.08.1959, Sr. Mary Francis Whelan, Eire, and Sr. Mary Fabian Hammond, West Townsville, were professed as Sisters of Mercy in the new chapel on the Strand. Mons. T. Grogan officiated.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Oct. 1959
1959	On 08.09.1959, at the Parkside Monastery in Ayr, Kevin Hay of Colac, Victoria, made his Profession of vows in the Confraternity of Christ the Priest before Bishop H. E. Ryan and Fr. J. T. Whiting, the Superior. He became Brother John.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Oct. 1959
1959	On Saturday 12.09.1959, the first Mt. Isa Rotary Rodeo was held as part of Queensland Centenary celebrations.	Good Shepherd Parish 2005 Calendar
1959	On Saturday 12.09.1959, at St. Patrick's Convent, four young ladies were clothed in the religious habit of the Sisters of Mercy. They were: 1. Miss Sheila Aitkenhead Scotland (Sr. Philip Mary) 2. Miss Rose Pelleri Ingham (Sr. Mary Giovanni) 3. Miss Marie Geddes Townsville (Sr. Mary Christopher) 4. Miss Jean Murray Townsville (Sr. Mary Louis)	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Oct. 1959
1959	On Sunday 13.09.1959, Monsignor V. F. Vandeleur was vested with his robes of office by Bishop Ryan in St. Margaret Mary's Church, Hyde park. (Photo in TCN Oct. 1959).	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Oct. 1959
1959	On Tuesday 15.09.1959, the Catholic people of Charters Towers paid tribute to the fifty years of the Priesthood of their Pastor, Mons. L. F. McLaughlin, V.G., who had been Parish Priest of their city for almost thirty years.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Sep., Oct. & Nov. 1959 Photos in TCN Oct. & Nov. 1959.
1959	The Christian Brothers came to Mt. Isa to open St. Kieran's College for the 1960 school year. On 27.09.1959, Bishop Hugh Ryan opened and blessed their residence and the school on the same block of land as the Good Shepherd Church, on the town side of Mt. Isa. The residence and school were built by contractors W. T. and L. D. McCarthy	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Nov. 59, Feb. 61 & May 65 Good Shepherd Parish 2005 Calendar
1959	At the National Council of the National Catholic Girls Movement (N.C.G.M.) held in Canberra during September 1959, the name of the Movement was changed to the Young Christian Workers' (Girls') Movement (Y.C.W.).	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Mar. & Jun. 1960
1959	On 01.10.1959, the cadets of Our Lady's Mount C.B.C. held the first public passing-out parade in the history of the College.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Dec. 1959
1959	On 02.10.1959, the Copper Refineries Ltd. in Townsville was officially opened. (In the 1990's Mount Isa Mines Ltd. was purchased by XSTRATA who announced	

	in May 2011 that the refinery would be closed in 2016).	
1959	Sunday 04.10.1959 saw the opening of the first Catholic Youth Week held in the Diocese of Townsville.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Nov. 1959
1959	A large band of men from the Stuart Parish under the direction of Mr. John O'Neil completed the ground work for the new church / hall at Wulguru. The next stage was left to the contractor. The first Mass was celebrated in the incomplete church / hall by Fr. T. T. Garvey on 04.10.1959. The church/hall was opened in 1960.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , May, Oct. & Nov. 1959 Photo in TCN Oct. 1964
1959	In October, the Townsville Genesians presented their next play, "Toad of Toad Hall".	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jun. 1959 & Feb. 1963.
1959	Death of Sr. M. Loreto Ford RSM on Thur. 15.10.1959 aged 38 Years. (1949-59)	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Nov. 1959
1959	On Wednesday 28.10.1959, celebrations were held in Bowen to mark the Silver Jubilee of the St. Mary's Branch of the Holy Name.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Dec. 1959
1959	On 01.11.1959, Bishop H. E. Ryan blessed and opened a new building for infants attending St. Joseph's Convent School in Mundingburra. It consisted of two upstairs classrooms with an open area downstairs for lunch and play. (It was destroyed by fire in 1989). School registers from 1959 to 1965 inclusive, have the school's name as Blessed Oliver Plunket, but all other registers throughout the schools 75 years have the name recorded as St. Joseph's. The original presbytery / Infants school (The Hut) was sold and relocated to the Black River, north of Townsville, for use as a beach hut. It was washed away by flood waters in January 1998.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , May & Jun. 59, Feb.60. Sisters of St. Joseph Community Diary.
1959	Channel 7 commenced telecasting in Queensland on 01.11.1959	50 th Anniversary news item Nov. 2009
1959	On Wednesday 04.11.1959, Bishop H. E. Ryan left by plane for Sydney, where, on the following Saturday, he boarded the "S.S. Oceania" for Rome on his "Ad Limina visit. He was accompanied by Mons. V. F. Vandeleur, P.P. of Hyde Park. During Monsignor Vandeleur's absence, Hyde Park was served by Fr. T. A. Lambert, who had been Curate to Mons. McLaughlin in Charters Towers.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Nov. & Dec. 1959
1959	Fr. O'Regan returned to the Diocese and was temporarily stationed at Railway Estate. He had been absent for many months in Sydney receiving medical treatment.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Dec. 1959
1959	Fr. Clement Godwin, a member of the Society of the Divine Word, visited Townsville before taking up duties as a teacher in a Mission Seminary in India. Fr. Godwin was educated at the Christian Brothers College, Townsville and Mt. Carmel, Charters Towers.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Dec. 1959
1959	Brian Feeny, a student of St. John Fisher's School in Currajong, gained first place in the State in the Christian Brothers' State-wide Sub-Scholarship examination with 95.3%. He was first also in social studies with 97%.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Dec. 1959

1959	Michael Putney, a student at Our Lady's Mount C.B.C., won the Hibernian Scholarship for both the Northern Division and the Central Division.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Dec. 1959
1959	On Thur. 18.11.1959, Fr. E. A. Brill, P.P. of Giru, celebrated the Silver Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood. The official celebration of his Jubilee was held on 08.12.59.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Dec. 1959 & Feb. 1960
1959	A mission was conducted by Fr. T. Mahoney C.S.S.R. in the new church / hall at Wulguru, in the Parish of Stuart, commencing Sunday 22.11.1959 and continuing for a week. Fr. Mahoney was the Superior of the Redemptorist Monastery in Aitkenvale, Townsville.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , May, Oct. & Nov. 59 Photo in TCN Oct. 64
1959	24.11.1959, the Cabinet of Australia decided that the 1951 National Service call-ups should be terminated and that arrangements for the January 1960 intake would be cancelled.	<i>National Archives of Australia</i> <i>National Service, 1951 – 59</i> <i>Fact Sheet 163</i>
1959	A newcomer to Townsville was Fr. F. Smith, C.S.S.R., who was attached to the staff of the Redemptorist Monastery at Aitkenvale in Townsville.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Dec. 1959
1959	Mons. P. Bannan, Parish Priest of North Rockhampton, celebrated the Golden Jubilee of his Ordination. In the early days, Fr. Bannan served in Ravenswood, Charters Towers, Townsville and Richmond.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Dec. 1959
1959	After three and a half months campaigning in the Townsville Diocese for their Missions in the East and the Pacific, Frs. G. O'Collins and P. Hennessy, members of the St. Columban Mission Society in Essendon, returned to the south.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Dec. 1959
1959	On Thursday 11.12.1959, Bishop Hugh Ryan blessed and opened the new church in Jarvisfield, dedicated to "The Immaculate Heart of Mary." The architect was Mr. J. G. Rooney and the builder was Br. Emmanuel of the Confraternity of Christ the Priest with the assistance of outside labour from time to time. This new building replaced an old structure which had originally been erected in Brandon in 1897.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> 01.02.1959 Page 5 Photo included Townsville Catholic Archives, Ref. 761/1
1959	Ordination of John Holyoak in Rome by Cardinal Agagianian on 20.12.1959. Fr. John passed the Scholarship examination at Our Lady's Mount C.B.C. in Townsville before moving to Brisbane with his family. He completed his seminary formation at Propaganda College in Rome.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Feb. 1960 <i>Townsville Bulletin- Catholic News Supplement</i> , 18.08.2005
1959	On Tuesday 22.12.1959, Mons. V. F. Vandeleur celebrated the Silver Jubilee of his Ordination to the Priesthood while accompanying Bishop Ryan on his visit to Rome.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Dec. 1959 & Feb 1960.
1959	Television transmission began in Queensland.	
1959	Two blocks of land beside the church in Cannon Valley (Cannonvale) were donated by Bernie Lewis to the church when Fr. J. P. McCoy was Parish Priest.	
1959	The first QANTAS 707 flew into Sydney.	
1959	During 1959, a plan was conceived to rebuild Mount Carmel College.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jul. 1966
1959	A new residence was completed for the Christian Brothers at Mount Carmel College	<i>Townsville Bulletin</i> 14.06.1989

	in Charters Towers and was ready for occupation. It contained a chaplain's suite, accommodation for the Brothers, secretarial offices, and reception rooms for visitors. The second stage of the building programme included a new college Chapel and would commence early in the new year.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Dec. 1959
1959	The micro chip was developed.	
1959	New classrooms were added to St. Joseph's School on the Strand.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Jul. 1959
1959	At the Cloncurry Convent School, a cool water system was installed in readiness for the 1960 school year and tubular steel frame desks were purchased to replace the old desks which had done service for fifty years.	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Mar.1960