

## DIOCESAN TIMELINE 1990 to 1999

Date	Event	Reference
	10.11.2020	
1990	Australia's population 17,169,000	<i>"Australia Through Time"</i> 2005 Edition.
1990	The Townsville Diocesan Commission for Ecumenism commenced its fourth year of service in the diocese.	<i>"The News"</i> , Mar. 1990 & Dec. 1991.
1990	Sr. Rosanella Ganzetti was appointed as Superior of Canossa Nursing Home for the Aged, at Trebonne, Ingham (1990 to 1996) succeeding Sr. Carla Radaelli.	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> , page 279 Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui
1990	Kevin Bowd (Pastoral Worker Jan 1990 – Dec 1990), Sr Ellen Horgan RSM (Jan 1990 – Dec 1992), and Fr Danny Kinnane (Upper Ross/Kirwan, early 1990 – Jan 1992) were welcomed to the staff of Holy Spirit Parish, Cranbrook.	<i>The News</i> , Mar 1990, page 7, Apr 1990 <i>The Story of Holy Spirit Parish Cranbrook, T'ville 1965-2010</i> , page 78
1990	Mr. Ed Burke was appointed Principal of St. Catherine's in Proserpine.	<i>"The News"</i> , Dec. 1991
1990	<u>Clergy transfers announced by Bishop Benjamin, effective in late January:</u> <b>1. Fr. Michael Mullins</b> to be the priest member of the Currajong/Gulliver pastoral team which had no priest since the death of Fr. Kerwick in April 1989. Fr. Mullins would reside in Mundingburra parish house. <b>2. Fr. Danny Kinnane</b> to be the priest member of the Upper Ross/Kirwan pastoral team. Fr. Kinnane would continue as Diocesan Director of the Renew program as well as being involved with the Upper Ross/Kirwan pastoral team in Holy Spirit Parish. <b>3. Fr. Maurice Casey</b> to be assistant priest, Ayr. ( Feb. 1990 to Jan. 1993) <b>4. Fr. Max Garlick S.S.C.</b> to be assistant priest Sacred Heart Cathedral. (1990-91) <b>5. Fr. Cassian Double O.F.M.</b> came into the diocese to reside at the Franciscan friary in West End and serve as Catholic chaplain at the Townsville General Hospital.	<i>"The News"</i> , Mar. 1990. Page 7
1990	Mrs Mary Robertson succeeded Mrs Elisabeth (Dinny) Culican as Principal of St. Raphael's College. (1990-96 and 1998-99)	JCU <i>"Link"</i> 1993 Vol. 2. <i>Catholic Leader</i> , 17.10.1999.
1990	On Tuesday 23.01.1990, school principals and secretaries attended a training day at the Catholic Education Office to acquaint them with the use of computers which had been installed in the offices of the large primary schools in the diocese.	<i>"The News"</i> , Mar. 1990.
1990	During January 1990, the Townsville Diocese held its second Mixed Cursillo.	<i>History of the Cursillo Movement T'ville Diocesan Archives Ref. 739/6</i>
1990	29 <sup>th</sup> January to 12 <sup>th</sup> April – School Term 1.	Diary 1990.
1990	A Family Respite Care Facility at 38 Tenth Ave. Railway Estate, Townsville, was blessed and opened by Bishop Benjamin on 31.01.1990.	<i>The News</i> , Oct. 1990. Diocesan News, Jan. 2002

	“Respite House” was purpose built with money from the Department of Housing on land donated by the St. Francis Xavier Parish. It was called the “Sharing and Caring Host Programme”. (Programme of the Opening Ceremony.)	<i>Townsville Bulletin- Catholic News Supplement</i> 17.09.2009, page 8 T’ville Cath. Archives ref. 766/5
1990	The Gilroy Santa Maria College in Ingham P. and F. association and the ladies auxiliary provided funds to install twenty new IBM computers in the college’s computer room.	“ <i>The News</i> ”, Mar. 1990, Page 2
1990	Sr. Mary McDonald SGS was appointed for a further four years as Director of the Catholic Education Office of Townsville.	“ <i>The News</i> ”, Mar. 1990. Photo included.
1990	Fr. Gerry Dore was appointed Police Chaplain. (1990 to 1996)	Funeral Liturgy Booklet, 26.03.2012.
1990	Following approval from the Commonwealth Government New Schools Committee, planning for the new St. Anthony’s Primary School, in Veales Road, Deeragun, Thuringowa, was on target. The opening was scheduled for January 1992.	“ <i>The News</i> ”, Mar. 1990 Page 8
1990	John Maguire, lecturer in history at James Cook University (Cairns Campus) donated his personal theological library to “The Ivett Memorial Library” which was located in the Resource Centre, Catholic Education Office in Townsville.	“ <i>The News</i> ”, Mar. 1990, page 2 & Oct. 1990. Photo included in Mar. 1990
1990	On 10.02.1990, Sr. Annetta Llewellyn, S.G.S., departed from Townsville for a new position as Deputy Director of Centacare in Newcastle, the official Catholic Welfare Agency for the Diocese of Maitland. For the past four years, Sr. Annetta had been the Director of Family Care, the Townsville Diocesan Welfare Agency (1986 - 90).	“ <i>The News</i> ”, Mar. 1990.
1990	Sr. Monica Franklin, a member of the Missionary Sisters of Service, discussed her work with the Aboriginal people in Charters Towers.	“ <i>The News</i> ”, Mar. 1990, page 10 Photo included.
1990	Sunday 11.02.1990 marked the 60 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the erection of a separate Townsville Diocese. The celebrations officially began on 11.02.1990 with a Mass in the Sacred Heart Cathedral celebrated by Bishop Benjamin. (Photo in <i>The News</i> , Mar. 1990). Jubilee celebrations took place from 17 <sup>th</sup> to 25 <sup>th</sup> May. A Diocesan Mass was celebrated in the Holy Trinity Church, Mundingburra on Tuesday 22.05.1990.	“ <i>The News</i> ”, Aug. 1989 & Mar. 1990, page 1 <i>Portrait of a Parish</i> Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui Page 203
1990	St Patrick’s Church at Osborne in the Home Hill Parish was closed in early 1990. (The church was opened on 28.12.1979).	
1990	The Guild of St. Christopher in Townsville, established in 1962, held its final meeting on 13.02.1990 in the Holy Family Church at Gulliver.	
1990	On 15.02.1990, AICC Ipika Murrabi Creations commenced in Mount Isa and operated until 19.09.2002.	<i>Good Shepherd Parish – Mount Isa Historical dates</i>
1990	Death of Sr. M. Felicitas Doyle RSM on 16.02.1990, aged 84. Sister Felicitas was buried in the Belgian Gardens Cemetery on 19.02.1990.	<i>Headstone in Belgian Gardens Cemetery</i>
1990	Repairs were completed to the fire damaged school block at St. Joseph’s School in Mundingburra. The repaired building was blessed and opened by Fr. Kevin Clancy on 18.02.1990.	Diary J. K. White
1990	Sr. M. Nancy Doyle MSS was commissioned as Pastoral Leader of the Giru and	“ <i>The News</i> ”,

	Burdekin Valley Parishes on 18.02.1990. During the last five years, Sr. Doyle had been co-ordinator of the Oatlands Parish in the midlands of Tasmania.	Mar. 1990 Page 3
1990	Church property at Gumlu, south east of Home Hill, was resumed by the Main Roads in 1990. St. Joseph's Church was opened in 1969. The last Mass was celebrated in St. Joseph's on 25.02.1990.	<i>The News</i> , July 1990.
1990	At the end of February, Fr. Maurie Casey left the Diocesan Matrimonial Tribunal to commence new duties as assistant priest in Ayr. (Feb. 1990 to Jan. 1993).	<i>The News</i> , July 1990.
1990	A new Physiotherapy Centre at Villa Vincent was blessed and opened by Bishop Benjamin on 02.03.1990.	<i>Villa Voice</i> 24.04.1990
1990	In early March, Mr. Guido Vogels from Perth took up his position as the new Director of Family Care for the Diocese of Townsville succeeding Sr. Annetta Llewellyn S.G.S. who had been director for the last four years. (Mr. Vogels resigned from his position effective 28.06.1991 – <i>The News</i> Sep. 1991)	" <i>The News</i> " Mar. 1990, page 9 Townsville Catholic Archives Ref. 784/6
1990	On 05.03.1990, Mrs Leslie Griffin joined the Townsville Diocesan Matrimonial Tribunal to provide secretarial and reception services.	<i>The News</i> , July 1990.
1990	On 15.03.1990, Bishop Benjamin presided at a liturgy at the Diocesan Matrimonial Tribunal offices in Townsville and received the oath for the positions of Notary from Deacon James Erskine, Leslie and Michael Griffin and Barbara Erskine.	<i>The News</i> , July 1990.
1990	During March, Fr. Robert (Bob) Hartigan, Director of Family Ministries in the Archdiocese of Newark, New Jersey, U.S.A., visited the Townsville Diocese. During his visit, he gave many talks on various ministries including family, marriage encounter and preparation, healing, elderly, pro-life and liturgical. He visited the Ingham Parish on Wednesday 21.03.1990.	<i>The News</i> , July 1990 <i>Portrait of a Parish</i> Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui Page 212
1990	The Mundingburra Parish Council formed a Church Refurbishing Working Party to look at necessary alterations to Holy Trinity Church to facilitate celebrating post Vatican II liturgies.	<i>The News</i> , July 1990.
1990	Mrs. Lorraine Abel met with Sr. Marie Louise, Congregation Leader of the Sisters of Mercy in Townsville, re providing accommodation for young women with disabilities and aging parents. Her ideas did not come to fruition until 2010.	Letter from Sr. Marie Louise RSM, to Mrs. Abel dated 09.04.1990.
1990	On Good Friday night, 13. 04 1990, a group of non-denominational drama artists, the <i>Covenant Players</i> , performed " <i>the Redemption, Salvation Story</i> " in St. Patrick's Church, Ingham. (They returned on Friday 19.04.1991).	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui Page 213
1990	Easter Sunday 15.04.1990.	1990 Diary
1990	On Saturday 21.04.1990, a large group of religious women and men, representing fourteen congregations, gathered at the Mater Education Centre in Townsville for their first official assembly. The assembly agreed the need to work towards the formation of a Council of Religious in the diocese.	<i>The News</i> , July 1990.
1990	23 <sup>rd</sup> April to 15 <sup>th</sup> June – School Term 2.	Diary 1990.

1990	As a mission project in the Townsville Diocese, a twinning project was introduced with the Diocese of Truk in the Caroline/ Marshall Island.	<i>The News</i> , July 1990.
1990	Beginning on Sat. 05.05.1990, the House of Prayer spiritual direction team conducted retreats for parishioners of the Holy Spirit Parish, which was centered in Cranbrook, Townsville.	<i>The News</i> , July 1990.
1990	On Sunday 20.05.1990, Sr. Paule Francoise F.M.M. (Marie Rose Duford) celebrated the 70 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of her taking the religious habit. The Eucharistic celebration took place at St. Michael's Parish on Palm Is. and was led by Bishop Benjamin assisted by Fr. Michael Peters.	<i>The News</i> , July 1990. Photos included.
1990	On Monday 04.06.1990, the historic "first" gathering of Pastoral Assistants, Priests and Consultants of the Townsville Education Office was held.	" <i>The News</i> ", Oct. 1990
1990	On Friday 15.06.1990, a memorial Mass was celebrated for Brother Cryan at Gilroy Santa Maria College in Ingham. Brother Cyran was the first principal of Cardinal Gilroy College in 1949. He died in May 1990.	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui Page 204
1990	In June 1990, the Beginning Experience movement held a reunion dinner to celebrate five years of ministry in the Townsville Diocese.	<i>The News</i> , Oct. 1990.
1990	The Catholic Women's' League in Ayr raised the funds necessary to enable the purchase of a hi-tech computer system to service the Sacred Heart Parish community	<i>Ayr Advocate</i> 27.06.1990.
1990	A new Parish Centre was built in Home Hill. The old Parish Hall, which had been moved from Ravenswood in 1918 to serve as Home Hill's original St. Joseph's Church, was demolished.	<i>The News</i> , July & Dec. 1990.
1990	Four classrooms were upgraded at St. Colman's School in Home Hill. A new infants' classroom and a veranda were constructed and provision was made for a preschool.	<i>The Observer</i> , 03.05.1990 <i>The News</i> , Jul. & Dec. 1990.
1990	In 1990, the current three year "Planned Giving" programme in Ingham ended. A successful new campaign was conducted by the parish rather than by professionals resulting in a cost saving.	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> Page 215 Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui
1990	2 <sup>nd</sup> July to 14 <sup>th</sup> September – School Term 3.	Diary 1990.
1990	On 11.07.1990, in Holy Trinity Church, Mundingburra, Townsville, a special Diocesan Jubilee Mass was celebrated for three diocesan priests. Monsignor Ormond F. Rush celebrated the Diamond Jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood (30.11.1930). Frs. Terry Lyons and N. Creen celebrated the silver jubilee of their ordinations (29.06.1965).	<i>The News</i> , Jul. & Oct. 1990. (Photos included ) <i>Our Parish History, Holy Family Parish and St John Fisher's, 1957 – 1992</i>
1990	On 15.07.1990, Bishop Raymond Benjamin blessed the Chapel and extensions of a very special house in Townsville called "Gethsemane – Place of Blessing".	<i>The News</i> , Oct. 1990. & Dec. 1994.
1990	On Sunday 15.07.1990, Dr. Mark Searle, associate Professor of Theology at the University of Notre Dame, Indiana, held three workshops in St. Margaret Mary's College Speech and Drama Centre. 1. "The Theology of Childhood"; 2. "The Family As Your Home Church"; 3. "The Sacraments of Initiation".	<i>The News</i> , July 1990.

1990	A new single storey building to accommodate 5 Medical Consulting Suites at the Townsville Mater Hospital was blessed and opened by Fr. Michael Mullins V.G. on 27.07.1990.	<i>Townsville Independent News</i> 27/28.07.1990 <i>Mater Health Services North Qld.</i>
1990	Sr. M. Lowcock R.S.M., a former Holy Family School Principal, completed her Master's Degree at the Catholic Theological Union and graduated on 27.07.1990. She returned to Townsville and joined with Fr. Michael Mullins as part of the Currajong /Gulliver Pastoral Team.	<i>The News</i> , Dec. 1990. Photo included.
1990	On 27.07.1990, an agreement for the sale and removal of the former St Brigid's Church building in Prairie was signed by Bishop Raymond Benjamin and the purchaser Mrs. E. A. Hill. Mass was last celebrated in the church once in 1987. (Partial photo of building in Box 319 / 1). The church was sold for removal to Charters Towers for display as a "Pioneer Church Building". Early in 1991, three Lots of church land in Prairie were also sold.	<i>Report by Fr. D. Lancini, 17.08.1988</i> <i>Form K – Qld Notice of Parting of</i> <i>Ownership of Freehold Land, 15/2/91</i> <i>Agreement for Sale Document</i> <i>Dated 27.07.1990</i> Townsville Catholic Archives Ref. 775/1
1990	On Saturday 04.08.1990, a Regional Assembly of the parish families of Bowen, Collinsville and Proserpine was held in Bowen.	<i>The News</i> , July 1990.
1990	On Sunday 12.08.1990, Bishop Benjamin presided over a special thanksgiving Mass celebrating the Silver Jubilee of the Holy Spirit Parish, Cranbrook. Following the Mass, a parish picnic was held in the grounds of the Holy Spirit School.	<i>One in the Spirit</i> <i>The Story of Holy Spirit Parish</i> <i>Cranbrook, T'ville 1965-2010, page 78</i>
1990	On 18.08.1990, at a Diocesan Pastoral Council meeting, a new constitution was agreed upon for the DPC.	" <i>The News</i> ", Oct. 1990
1990	At its August meeting, the Diocesan Pastoral Council set up a Media Task Force.	<i>The News</i> , Mar. 1991.
1990	On 21.08.1990, the Australian Treasurer, in a Budget Speech, confirmed the decision to remove one and two cent copper coins due to inflation reducing their value and the high cost of bronze. Issuing of these coins ceased on 01.10.1990. After removal from circulation, the coins were melted down to make bronze medals for 2000 Summer Olympics in Sydney.	<i>Australian Copper Coins</i>
1990	On Sunday 26.08.1990, Sr. Cheryl Camp celebrated the 25 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of her reception into the Sister's of Mercy congregation with the Townsville and Palm Island members of the AICC on Hervey's Range during their annual review and planning weekend.	" <i>The News</i> ", Oct. 1990
1990	In August and September 1990, a Marist Retreat Team offered a weekend retreat experience in Townsville to post-school age young adults.	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> , page 193 Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui
1990	The director of Townsville Catholic Education Office, Sr. M. McDonald, CGS, announced the appointment of Mrs Dot Parnell as research and development officer within the CEO.	" <i>The News</i> ", Oct. 1990
1990	Mr. Guido Vogels, director of the Townsville Catholic Family Welfare Agency, announced the appointment of new staff for the diocesan welfare agency.	" <i>The News</i> ", Oct. 1990

	They were; Giuliana Mogorvich, supervising counsellor; Jo-Anne McVeigh, part time counsellor; Mary hunter, relationship and marriage counselling and Family Care's Youth House in Aitkenvale; Rosina Vogels, acting co-ordinator Disability Services; and Coralie Richardson, receptionist / secretary.	Photos included.
1990	On Friday 07.09.1990, internationally acclaimed Gospel singer, Steve Grace, performed at a concert in the High School Assembly Hall in Ingham.	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> , page 213 Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui
1990	On 27.09.1990, the Federal Member for Community Services and Health, Mr. Brian Howe, together with the Federal Member for Herbert, Mr. Ted Lindsay, visited the Diocesan Respite House in Railway Estate. This resulted in funding being made available to enable Townsville Catholic Family Care to run the facility.	<i>Townsville Bulletin- Catholic News Supplement</i> 17.09.2009. (Photo incl.). <i>The News</i> , Oct. 1990. <i>Diocesan News</i> , Jan. 2002
1990	Seven teachers from Catholic schools around the diocese were given a week of intensive instruction to enable them to become FLIP tutors. (Further Literacy In-service Project).	" <i>The News</i> " Dec. 1990 Photo included.
1990	The Diocesan Commission for Ecumenism bid farewell to one of its founding members when Br. Peter Sheldon was transferred to Brisbane with his Christian Brothers order.	" <i>The News</i> " Dec. 1990 Photo included.
1990	During 1990, Sr. Therese and Sr. De Lourdes celebrated the golden jubilees of their religious profession at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Collinsville.	" <i>The News</i> ", Dec. 1990
1990	At its September meeting, the Diocesan Pastoral Council decided to establish a task force to investigate parish restructuring in the area covered by Townsville and Thuringowa cities. The task force commenced its meetings on 08.10.1990.	" <i>The News</i> ", Dec. 1990, Mar. Jun. & Dec. 1991.
1990	On 18.09.1990, a Restructuring Task Force was formed by the Diocesan Pastoral Council Executive to investigate parish restructuring in the area covered by Townsville and Thuringowa cities. (The task force commenced its meetings on 08.10.1990 and finally suggested five Ministerial Regions in the Townsville district).	<i>One in the Spirit</i> <i>The Story of Holy Spirit Parish</i> <i>Cranbrook, T'ville 1965-2010</i> , page 79 " <i>The News</i> ", Dec. 1990, Mar. Jun. & Dec. 1991.
1990	1 <sup>st</sup> October to 14 <sup>th</sup> December – School Term 4.	Diary 1990.
1990	Germany was divided for almost half a century after the Second World War, with the eastern part becoming a socialist ally of the USSR, while the west was a democratic ally of the USA. On 03.10.1990, that finally came to an end when east and west were officially reunified.	<i>The Local</i> Germany's news in English
1990	On Friday 05.10.1990, " <i>With All Our Hearts</i> " – a history of the Townsville Diocese for Catholic Primary Schools – was officially launched by Bishop Benjamin in Bowen at St. Mary's School – the "first" Catholic school in the diocese.	" <i>The News</i> ", Oct. 1990
1990	Dr. John Maguire's book "Prologue – A History of the Catholic Church as seen from Townsville 1863 – 1938" was launched in the Mayoral Reception Room at the Townsville Administration Building on Friday 26.10.1990 and in Brisbane on 02.11.1990.	Invitation card & Launch Programme <i>The News</i> , Oct. 1990.

1990	The Townsville branch of the Aboriginal and Islander Catholic Council (AICC) purchased a block of land at Bluewater, part of the Diocese just north of Townsville.	<i>The News</i> , Dec. 1990.
1990	On the weekend of November 3 and 4, the Mt. Isa parish of the Good Shepherd celebrated its Diamond Jubilee.	<i>The News</i> , Dec. 1990. Photo included.
1990	On Sunday 18.11.1990, a Jubilee Mass was concelebrated by Bishop Benjamin, together with Mons. Ormond F. Rush and Fr. Edward Brill in St. Patrick's Church in South Townsville to mark the Diamond Jubilee of the blessing and opening of the church in 1930.	" <i>The News</i> ", Oct. & Dec. 1990 Photos in Oct. & Dec. editions.
1990	During November, Fr. Michael Mullins V.G. and priest member of the pastoral team for Currajong/Gulliver, suffered a heart attack. He was moved from the Townsville Coronary Care Unit to Brisbane for surgery. During his absence, the Parish was cared for by Sr. Mary Lowcock RSM with assistance from relieving priests, including Fr. Hans Stankiewicz, a Polish Missionary and the Franciscan Fathers Giles Setter, Hilary Turner and Berard Winnett. (Fr. Mullins returned to the Parish in 1991)	<i>Our Parish History, Holy Family Parish and St John Fisher's, 1957 – 1992</i>
1990	At the end of the 1990 academic year, all the Brothers at Gilroy College were transferred. They were Brothers Ryan, Macrossan and Campbell. On Saturday 01.12.1990, they were given a parish farewell dinner at the Ingham Shire Hall and on Sunday, Mass was celebrated by Bishop Benjamin in St. Patrick's Church.	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> , Page 216 Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui
1990	Tropical cyclone "Joy", from 22 to 25.12.1990, buffeted the coastline from Cape Tribulation to Townsville causing damaged estimated at \$62 million.	2009 NQ Storm & Cyclone Guide
1990	During the summer holiday period, extensions were carried out to both St. Raphael's and St. Paul's residential colleges at James Cook University.	<i>The News</i> , Mar. 1991.
1990	National breast cancer screening was introduced.	<i>Cancer Council Queensland</i>
1990	During 1990, Fr. John Hay visited Medjugorje on pilgrimage.	<i>Our Parish History, Holy Family Parish and St John Fisher's, 1957-92</i>
1990	During 1990, the Townsville Catholic Family Welfare Bureau opened and blessed a Respite House in West End. An office was also opened in Hughenden	Centacare North Queensland Townsville Catholic Archives Ref. 784/6
1990	The Canossian Daughters of Charity withdrew from St. Joseph's School at Trebonne (Ingham) at the end of the school year. Sr. Nedda was the last Canossian principal. On Sunday 30.12.1990, a special Mass was celebrated at Canossa to honour the Canossian Sisters on their withdrawal from the school. The Mass was followed by a supper hosted by past students of Canossa. From 1991 on, the school was administered by lay principals.	<i>T'ville Bulletin-Catholic News Supplement</i> , 15.05.2008, page 8  <i>Portrait of a Parish</i> , Page 216 Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui
1990	<u>Ignatius Park College - 1990</u> Br. A. J. White (Tony) arrived from St. Joseph's, Gregory Terrace at the beginning	<i>A History of Ignatius Park College 1969 – 2009</i> ,

	<p>of the year to assume the role of Principal for his second term in the position. (1974-1979 &amp; 1990-1994)</p> <p>A tragic domestic accident early in the year claimed the life of Year 8 student David Rail.</p> <p>The educational cycle was completed when Jason Wilson (1989-90) graduated as the first son of an IPC old boy, Brian Wilson (1969- 71) to do so.</p> <p>Mrs Meryl Stone retired. Meryl had worked in the College Library since 1970, briefly as an assistant and then as Librarian for twenty years and had seen the Library progress through many innovative stages.</p> <p>The College musical was the <b>Dracula Spectacula</b>. Mr. Mervyn and Mrs D’Esley Smith resigned from further duties associated with College musicals after 17 years of choreography and direction.</p>	Page 51.
1990	In late 1990 early 1991, the old Railway Estate Parish Convent was sold and was refurbished as a private residence	<i>Letter from Kevin Pitt – April 1991 Townsville Catholic Archives 766/5</i>
1991	Carmel Ashton succeeded Robert Dalla Pozza to become the third Lay Principal of St. Peter’s Catholic Primary School in Halifax (1991 to 1993).	<i>Portrait of a Parish, page 278 Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui</i>
1991	As the Canossian Sisters had withdrawn from St. Joseph’s Canossian Primary School in Trebonne, Ingham, at the end of 1990, Mr. Martin Powley was appointed as the first Lay Principal (1991 to 1993).	<i>Portrait of a Parish, Page 277 Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui</i>
1991	Br. Luke Quinn succeeded Br. Vince Ryan to become the third Principal of the combined Gilroy / Santa Maria College (1991 to 1993).	<i>Portrait of a Parish, page 277 Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui</i>
1991	Fr. Joachim Alfred (Alf) Dlugaj retired to Villa McAuley Retirement Home in 1991. Although retired, Fr. Alf remained actively involved in hospital visitation and parish supply work and as chaplain to the Polish community until his death in 2002.	<i>Townsville Bulletin- Catholic News Supplement, 26.09.2002, page 7</i>
1991	Fr. Berard Winnett OFM ministered in St. Mary’s, West Townsville and Currajong/ Gulliver during 1991.	<i>A Prayerful Memento 4<sup>th</sup> October 1997 (bookmark)</i>
1991	In 1991, the celebration of Mass at Forest Beach ceased due to the shortage of priests in the Herbert River District.	<i>Portrait of a Parish, page 186 Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui</i>
1991	From 1991 to 1993, Sr. Margaret Shannon S.G.S. worked with the disabled through Centacare in Townsville.	<i>The Annals – Golden Jubilee St. Margaret Mary’s Primary School</i>
1991	Paul Lucas, a local Christian Brothers College old boy, succeeded Alan Williams as Principal of Marian School. A pre-school was established using two groups of two and a half day sessions.	<i>Our Parish History, Holy Family Parish and St John Fisher’s, 1957 – 1992</i>



1991	On 20.01.1991, Sr. Ros Carr (from Ingham) took her first vows as a Sister of Mercy in the Holy Spirit Church at Cranbrook, Townsville.	<i>The News</i> , Mar. 1991. Photo included.
1991	January saw the introduction of a Preschool centre at St. Colman's School in Home Hill. The area under the original office, previously a covered play and assembly area, was closed in to create a classroom for this initial Preschool and Grade One groups.	<i>St. Colman's School Tales from the Tamarind Tree 1927 – 2002</i> , page 6
1991	During January 1991, the Townsville Diocese held another successful Mixed Cursillo.	<i>History of the Cursillo Movement T'ville Diocesan Archives Ref. 739/6</i>
1991	On Australia Day, 26.01.1991, Deacon Jim Erskine together with his wife Barbara and their 23 year old daughter Kristen, took their oath of allegiance, becoming Australians citizens after being residents of Australia since October 1971. They were formerly U.S. citizens. Deacon Jim was the Director of the Matrimonial Tribunal in Townsville.	<i>The News</i> , Mar. 1991. Photo included.
1991	The sale of land at Stafford Street, Currajong, to the Sisters of Mercy by the Roman Catholic Trust Corporation for the Diocese of Townsville was settled in the last week of January 1991.	<i>Settlement documents 1990 / 1991 Box 320 / 1</i>
1991	At St. Francis School in Ayr, Years One and Two moved from St. Mary's Parkside Campus and joined Years Three to Seven at the Edward Street Campus. The pre-schoolers remained at Norham Road, Parkside until the beginning of 1992. (The preschool relocated to the Parish Hall after it was vacated by the Big Bird's Day Care Centre and the Parkside Campus was sold).	<i>The Greatest Gift Celebrating 100 Years Pages 9 &amp; 19</i>
1991	The Big Bird's Day Care Centre applied to the Commonwealth Government for funding to build a new centre. The town Council agreed in principal to provide a suitable block of land.	
1991	<u>Staffing at St. John Bosco's School in Collinsville:</u> Mr. Gus Lindsay from Winton was the new principal. Mr. Lindsay taught grades 6 and 7. The school welcomed back Mrs. Scott teaching grades 4 and 5; Mrs Hawkins grades 2 and 3; and Mrs Cummins grade 1.	<i>The News</i> , Mar. 1991.
1991	<u>Staff changes at St. Mary's School in Bowen:</u> Mr. Craig Mathews moved to Home Hill.; Mrs. Madonna Hurst left to attend Newcastle University and Mrs Jan Malone moved to Milmerran. Staffing for the year was: Gr. 1 Mrs. Matheson; Gr. 2 Mrs. Feeney; Gr. 3 Mrs. Sullivan; Gr. 4 Miss Siandri; Gr. 5 Mrs. O'Donnell; Gr. 6 Miss Coppin; Gr. 7 Miss McKenzie.	<i>The News</i> , Mar. 1991.
1991	Townsville priest, Fr. Richard Lamaro, who had been on loan to a parish in Victoria and in London, moved to Italy where he became parish priest in Messina. (1973 to 2002).	<i>Townsville Bulletin- Catholic News Supplement</i> , 11.07.2002.
1991	During the first weekend of February, a gathering of all "Renew" co-ordinators was held at St. Raphael's College in Townsville.	" <i>The News</i> ", Jun. 1991

1991	The Aboriginal and Islander Catholic Council (AICC) employed a new manager to run Orana House in South Townsville. He was Mr. James Tapau. Orana House was established in 1973.	<i>The News</i> , Mar. 1991.
1991	In February 1991, the first pre-school in a Catholic School for more than fifteen years was established at the Marian Primary School in Currajong. The Marian Preschool was blessed and opened by Bishop Benjamin on 25.02.1991.	<i>The News</i> , Mar. 1991. Photo included.
1991	On Monday 25.02.1991, a Catholic Family Care office was opened in Mt. Isa. (It was later renamed Centacare Family Services and officially opened and blessed by Bishop Benjamin on 16.10.1992).	Good Shepherd Parish, 2005 Calendar Townsville Catholic Archives Ref. 784/6
1991	On Monday 25.02.1991, diocesan and parish secretaries gathered together in Ayr for a day of listening and learning from Sr. Margaret Mahon, pastoral associate in the parish and Sr. Nancy Doyle, pastoral leader in the parishes of Giru and Burdekin Valley.	<i>The News</i> , Mar. 1991.
1991	On 02.03.1991, the Media Task Force set up in August 1990, presented its recommendations to the Diocesan Pastoral Council.	<i>The News</i> , Mar. 1991.
1991	On Sunday 03.03.1991, parishioners of Holy Trinity Parish, Mundingburra in Townsville, participated in a parish assembly. Facilitators for the day were Sr. Ursula O'Rourke and Fr. Danny Kinnane.	<i>The News</i> , Mar. 1991.
1991	On Sunday 10.03.1991, St. Vincent de Paul Society's new Headquarters at 22-26 Echlin Street, West Townsville, were blessed and opened by Bishop Raymond Benjamin. (Includes Administration Office, Store and Warehouse) The building was originally one of the Feldt's Picture Theatres. It was an open air theatre known as the "Plaza" and had canvas seating. When the plaza closed, the building became a roller skating rink. It had also been a busy local garage at one time.	<i>Society News, Queensland</i> , Mar. 1991 <i>Townsville Bulletin- Catholic News Supplement</i> 17.09.2009, page 11 . 17.12.2015, page 04 <i>The News</i> , Mar. 1991. (Photo included).
1991	On Saturday 16.03.1991, Fr. Danny Kinnane, who was Director of the Diocesan "Renew" team, conducted a leaders' seminar in St. Mary's Parish, Bowen, for Proserpine and Bowen parishioners.	" <i>The News</i> ", Jun. 1991 Photo included.
1991	On St. Patrick's Day, Sunday 17.03.1991, Bishop Raymond visited St. Patrick's Parish, Brandon, to celebrate the feast day of the parish's patron saint.	" <i>The News</i> ", Jun. 1991 Photo included.
1991	On Sunday 17.03.1991, the Clare Catholic community, which is part of the Burdekin Valley Parish, celebrated the feast day of their patron, St. Joseph the Worker.	" <i>The News</i> ", Jun. 1991 Photo included.
1991	On Sunday 24.03.1991, Fr. Max Garlick SSC opened and blessed St. Vincent de Paul's new Maria House Women's Refuge in Townsville in larger premises rented from the Qld. Housing Commission. The original Maria House had been operating for seven years.	<i>Society News, Queensland</i> , Mar. 91 " <i>The News</i> ", Jun. 1991.
1991	29 <sup>th</sup> March to 7 <sup>th</sup> April – School Holidays.	Diary 1991.
1991	Fr. Noel Smyth, parish priest of Home Hill, travelled to Cape Upstart to conduct an	" <i>The News</i> ",

	Easter Mass for his parishioners holidaying there. Over 120 people attended at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Linton.	Jun. 1991 Photo included.
1991	Easter Sunday 31.03.1991.	Diary 1991.
1991	At the beginning of April, two part-time youth co-ordinators were appointed to the Diocesan Youth Centre in Townsville. The new co-ordinators were Lorraine Lane and Christine Robertson, both of whom had a background in school teaching.	"The News", Jun. 1991
1991	At Proserpine in April, Fr. Don Smith presided at a paraliturgy in honour of Our Lady of Mercy when 32 men and women were received as associate members of the Townsville Congregation of the Sisters of Mercy. Sr. M. Leonie, superior of the sisters, received the candidates assisted by Sisters Carmel King and Martina.	"The News", Jun. 1991
1991	The 1991 Diocesan Conference of the Catholic Women's League (C.W.L.) was held in Townsville on April 13 and 14. Also attending were ladies from the Uniting Church, Anglican, Salvation Army and Church of Christ.	"The News", Jun. 1991
1991	On Sunday 14.04.1991, season four of "Renew" commenced in St. Mary's Parish, Bowen, and went for seven weeks instead of the usual six.	"The News", Jun. 1991
1991	The military chaplain at Lavarack Barracks in Townsville was Fr. (Lieutenant Colonel) Dermott Casey.	"The News", Jun. 1991 Photo included.
1991	On Saturday 20.04.1991, The Diocesan Parents and Friends' Association held their annual general meeting at St. Raphael's College, J.C.U.	"The News", Jun. 1991
1991	On Sunday 28.04.1991, the Finance Committee of St. Francis Xavier's Parish, Railway Estate, held a meeting at which maintenance of St. Anthony of Padua Church building at Oonoonba was discussed. The church was now used for Mass only one a month. Building Inspector, Peter Auditore, was requested to check the condition of the building, which he did on 26.06.1991. As a result of this inspection and various quotes received for repairs, the Finance Committee resolved on 04.08.1991, that no further money be spent on the building.	<i>Minutes of St Francis Xavier Parish Finance Committee Meetings held on 28.04.1991, 02.06.1991, 04.08.1991</i>  <i>Townsville Catholic Archives File ref. 766/5</i>
1991	On Monday 29.04.1991, evangelist, Fr. Dean Braun, spoke at a dinner meeting at the Royal Hotel in Ingham.	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> , page 213 Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui
1991	At the end of April, The Townsville Diocesan Offices were moved from their cramped location at the Bishop's House in Stanley Street, Townsville, to the former Holy Family School complex in Gulliver which was closed at the end of 1987.	"The News", Mar. 1991 Photo included.
1991	On 01.05.1991, a special 30 year lease was granted by the Lands Department to the Townsville Diocese on land at Paluma on Mount Spec. This land was earmarked as the site for an environmental education facility. (Construction of the <i>Catholic Environment Field Study Centre</i> , "Gumburu", began in September 1992). (On Friday 18.09.1992, Bishop Raymond Benjamin laid the foundation stone).	<i>T'ville Diocesan Archives Ref. 861/5</i> <i>Portrait of a Parish</i> Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui, <i>Gumburu - Centre for Catholic Education for the Environment</i> Page 217
1992	Land acquired at Paluma on Mt. Spec by the Townsville Diocese was earmarked as	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i>

	the site for an environmental education facility. Construction of the <i>Catholic Environment Field Study Centre, "Gumburu"</i> , began in September 1992. On Friday 18.09.1992, Bishop Raymond Benjamin laid the foundation stone.	Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui, p. 217 <i>Gumburu - Centre for Catholic Education for the Environment</i>
1991	Two days of celebration on the weekend May 4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> marked the first ten years of existence of the House of Prayer and to farewell one of the foundation members of the core community, Sr. Carmel Street.	" <i>The News</i> ", Jun. 1991 Photo included.
1991	On Sunday 05.05.1991, Bishop Benjamin was the chief celebrant of a thanksgiving Mass held in the open beside St. Joseph's Church in Giru to mark the golden jubilee of the foundation of St. Joseph's Parish in Giru. The Bishop was assisted by Fr. Terry Lyons, Parish Priest of the Ayr / Burdekin Valley Parishes.	" <i>The News</i> ", Jun. 1991 Photos included.
1991	On 05.05.1991, a parish Mass was celebrated at the Canossa Chapel, Trebonne, Ingham for the repose of the soul of Sr. Mary Conti, the first principal of Canossa Convent School, who had died in Italy.	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> , Page 216 Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui
1991	On 09.05.1991, Sr. M. Benet McKinney, a religious sister of the order of St. Benedict, addressed a gathering of religious and lay people on the topic of "Decision making processes in the local church".	" <i>The News</i> ", Jun. 1991 Photo included.
1991	The Diocesan Pastoral Council set up a sub-committee (Task Force) to look into the local implications of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody.	" <i>The News</i> ", Jun. & Sep. 1991
1991	On 15.05.1991, during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Uniting Church Pastor Jack Frewen-Lord of the Praise Chapel, Townsville, spoke at the weekly prayer meeting held at Gilroy Chapel. Earlier the same day "a prayer of unity service" for Catholic, Uniting and Anglican Church parishioners was held in St. Patrick's Church, Ingham,	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> , Page 214 Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui
1991	On 21.05 1991, the recommendations of the Task Force for Parish Restructuring of Townsville and Thuringowa City Parishes were presented to Bishop Raymond Benjamin by Sr. Mary Lowcock RSM, the task force co-ordinator.	" <i>The News</i> ", Dec. 1990, Mar. Jun. & Dec. 1991.
1991	On Thursday 24.05.1991, St. Mary's Parish in Bowen held their annual "Our Lady Help of Christians" dinner at the Denison Hotel.	" <i>The News</i> ", Jun. 1991
1991	On Sunday 26.05.1991, Bishop Benjamin officially opened and blessed the new Home Hill Parish Centre and St Colman's new Preschool building and the refurbished library, six classrooms and the veranda.	Home Hill " <i>Observer</i> ", 30.05.1991 " <i>The News</i> ", Jul. 1990 & Jun. 1991.
1991	On 02.06.1991, St. Colman's Parish in Home Hill held its first ever Parish Assembly.	" <i>The News</i> ", Jun. 1991
1991	On 05.06.1991, Rev. Fr. Ian Thomson, an Anglican priest from N.S.W., spoke at the weekly prayer meeting in Gilroy Chapel, Ingham	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> , page 214 Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui
1991	In June 1991, St Patricia Butler commenced duties as a Pastoral Worker in Holy Spirit Parish, Cranbrook. (During the 1993 Christmas holidays she was diagnosed with a terminal illness and was unable to return to work in the parish).	<i>One in the Spirit</i> <i>The Story of Holy Spirit Parish</i> <i>Cranbrook, T'ville 1965-2010, page 90</i>

1991	15 <sup>th</sup> to 30 <sup>th</sup> June – School Holidays.	Diary 1991.
1991	Mr. Guido Vogels, agency director of the Townsville Diocesan Family Welfare Agency, resigned from his position, effective 28.06.1991.	<i>"The News"</i> , Sep. 1991, page 1
1991	On Sunday 30.06.1991, a Silver Jubilee Mass was celebrated in St. Margaret Mary's Church at Hyde Park to mark Fr. Denis Moroney's Ordination to the Priesthood.	<i>"The News"</i> , Jun. 1991 Silver Jubilee Mass Booklet
1991	Work began on clearing the site in Veales Road at Cordelia (Deeragun) for the construction of St. Anthony's School.	<i>"The News"</i> , Sep. 1991 Photo included.
1991	A National Evangelisation Team (N.E.T.) visited Secondary Schools in the Diocese. The team was made up of nine Australians, two Americans and a Canadian.	<i>"The News"</i> , Sep. 1991 Photo included.
1991	St. Colman's parish hall in Home Hill was the venue for the first ever combined A.G.M. of the Ayr and Home Hill Catholic Women's League (C.W.L.).	<i>"The News"</i> , Sep. 1991
1991	On Sunday 21.07.1991, Fr. Antonio Portella, Spanish priest visiting from Brisbane, celebrated Mass in St. Patrick's Church, Ingham, for members of the Spanish community. Fr. Portella occasionally visited Ingham for this purpose. (In 1992, he died in the Philippines on his way home to Spain).	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> , Page 200 Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui
1991	A large circular pergola area was constructed at the Upper Ross Catholic Centre in Thuringowa. Members of the Anglican community who use the Centre for Sunday services, assisted volunteers with the paving of the area.	<i>"The News"</i> , Sep. 1991 Photo included.
1991	On July 26, 27 and 28, 1991, a Marist Retreat Team once again offered a weekend retreat experience in Townsville to post-school age young adults.	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> , page 193 Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui
1991	On 01.08.1991, Mrs. Bridie Shiels celebrated twenty years of loyal service to the Catholic Primary Schools of Mt. Isa. Bridie was currently secretary at St. Kieran's Primary School.	<i>"The News"</i> , Sep. 1991 Photo included.
1991	On Saturday 03.08.1991, members of Holy Trinity Parish in Mundingburra farewelled Sr. Patrice Vines RSJ, who was moving to Heidelberg, Melbourne. Sr. Patrice was on the staff of St. Joseph's primary school in Mundingburra in 1986 and 1987. From the beginning of 1988, she served as the parish pastoral assistant.	<i>"The News"</i> , Sep. 1991 Photo included.  Diary, J. K. White
1991	On 10.08.1991, the new Holy Family Parish Centre in Gulliver was blessed by Bishop Raymond Benjamin.	Liturgy sheet
1991	Fr. Mark Kelly, a member of the parish team at the Good Shepherd parish in Mt. Isa, began working as a part time wards man four days each fortnight at the Dajarra Hospital 151 klms south of Mt. Isa.	<i>"The News"</i> , Sep. 1991 Photo included.
1991	Parish Councillor Penny Stevens, with the help of Margaret Doyle formed a Youth Committee in Mt. Isa and were running dances, squash, singing, plays and other activities.	<i>"The News"</i> , Sep. 1991
1991	After a ten year stint in Mt. Isa, Fr. Victor Dalton was transferred to Hughenden as the Parish Priest. (1991 to 1998).	<i>"The News"</i> , Sep. 1991 Funeral booklet 2012.
1991	On Tuesday 13.08.1991, at St. Patrick's College on the Strand in Townsville, a new	<i>"The News"</i> ,

	Administration, Staff and Dormitory block was officially opened by a former student, Mrs. Margie Dawkins, wife of the Federal Minister for Employment, Education and Training, Mr. John Dawkins, and blessed by Bishop Raymond Benjamin. The building retained the name “St. Theresa’s” as it had been erected on the site of the old Little Flower Academy which was demolished in 1989.	Sep. 1991 Photos in Dec. 1990 & Sep. 1991.
1991	During August, the Diocesan Pastoral task force established to assess local implications of the government “Black Deaths in Custody Report” presented its findings to the Diocesan Pastoral Council.	“The News”, Jun. & Sep. 1991
1991	Mid August saw the commencement of construction of a four storey redevelopment for Townsville’s Mater Hospital. The work included the demolition of part of two existing wings, extensions to the theatre complex and other renovations to create more administrative space.	“The News”, Dec. 1991 Sketch included.
1991	A Catholic Media Office was established to assist the Diocese and Church Groups within it to more effectively work with the media. David Donohue, Manager of “North Queensland Professional Writings”, and Deborah Trovato were responsible for conducting this work for the Diocese.	“The News”, Sep. 1991 Photo included.
1991	The Holy Spirit Parish Church in Cranbrook, Townsville, was extended. The open courtyard was roofed and integrated into the main body of the church.	“The News”, Sep. 1991 Photo included.
1991	<u>Priest shortages affected parishes:</u> 1. Fr. Dave Lancini, the former parish priest of both Hughenden and Richmond parishes, was at the Pacific Mission Institute, run by the Columban Fathers at North Taramara in Sydney. (He was away from the diocese for six months). 2. Fr. Morrie Casey was at St. Peter’s Centre in Canberra, a special facility set up by the Australian bishops. (He was away for three months). 3. Fr. Vic Dalton was about to start his long service leave, which would be for the last three months of the year. 4. Fr. Gerry Dore was taken ill while on holidays in London and was hospitalised for a time. He was due back soon. 5. Fr. Jack Gubbels was still recovering from an illness.	“The News”, Sep. 1991
1991	On Friday 01.09.1991, Fr. Jack Soulsby addressed a group at Conroy Hall, Ingham, reporting on his attendance at the <i>Brighton 91</i> conference in Britain on <i>Evangelisation 2000</i> . On Saturday he presided over a 3 <sup>rd</sup> Rite reconciliation and a healing Mass followed by a workshop at Conroy Hall.	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui Page 213
1991	On Saturday 07.09.1991, a YCW (Young Christian Workers) Golden Jubilee reunion, (1941 to 1991), was celebrated at the Ignatius Park College Hall in Townsville.	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> , page 203 Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui
1991	On 08.09 1991, Bishop Raymond Benjamin blessed a new library at St. Joseph’s School, Mundingburra, on the top floor of Block A. The library was then opened by	“The News”, Sep. 1991

	Mr. Ted Lindsay, Member for Herbert. At the end of the year, the St. Joseph Sisters withdrew from the school, ending 67 years of service in Mundingburra. The Mary MacKillop Courtyard was developed as a tribute to them. It was dedicated and named by Bishop Benjamin on Tuesday 26.11.91.	Photo included.
1991	In early September 1991, the three year “ <i>Renew</i> ” process, which was launched on 23.07.1989, came to a close. (Photo in <i>The News</i> , Dec. 1991)	“ <i>The News</i> ”, Sep. 1991, page 1
1991	On 11.09.1991, Bishop Benjamin announced that Mr. Tony McDermott from Palmyra in Western Australia had been appointed the new director of the Townsville Diocesan Family Welfare Agency (Centacare) and would take up his duties in early October. (Tony retired in January 2001).	<i>The News</i> , Sep. 1991, page 1 <i>Diocesan News</i> , Mar. 2001
1991	14 <sup>th</sup> to 29 <sup>th</sup> September – School Holidays.	Diary 1991.
1991	On Friday, September 20 and Saturday, September 21, Senor Eduardo Bonnin, one of the founders of the Cursillo Movement visited the Townsville Diocese.	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> , page 189 Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui
1991	In 1991, 60 per cent of the Townsville Diocese was under 35 years of age. (Michael Mason CSsR, <i>National Catholic Census Project</i> 1993)	“ <i>The News</i> ”, Oct. 1995
1991	Cathedral Parish parishioners built a new rock wall behind the Bishop’s House to replace a concrete retaining wall which had collapsed during the record breaking rain last summer.	“ <i>The News</i> ”, Dec. 1991
1991	A recent exchange of ministers in the western suburbs of Townsville proved a great success. The exchange involved ministers from the Uniting, Anglican and Catholic Churches who had been meeting regularly for the last five years.	“ <i>The News</i> ”, Dec. 1991
1991	The St. Vincent de Paul Society launched a new community service in Townsville known as the “Night Patrol”. It was run by the Young Adults Conference of the Society along similar lines to a group in the south known as “ <i>Rosies</i> ”. They operated on inner city streets of Townsville and Thuringowa every Saturday night from 9.30 pm to 2.00 am to provide physical support including hot drinks and food for homeless youths. Youth worker Maryanne McGee was employed to co-ordinate the Night Patrol.	“ <i>The News</i> ”, Dec. 1991 Jun. & Sep. 1992  Townsville Catholic Archives Ref. 781/1
1991	In early October, eight Townsville parish secretaries drove the 918 klms to Mt. Isa for their annual secretaries get together.	“ <i>The News</i> ”, Dec. 1991
1991	The chairman of the advisory board of Family Care, Mr. Noel Brosnan, advised that the board had agreed to change the name of the Townsville Diocesan Family Welfare Agency to “Centacare Catholic Family Services” to bring the Townsville Diocesan agency into line with most other Diocesan Catholic agencies in Australia. The change took effect on 13.10.1991.	“ <i>The News</i> ”, Sep. 1991, page 1 Photo in Dec. 1991 <i>Good Shepherd Parish, 2005 Calendar</i> Townsville Catholic Archives Ref. 784/6
1991	In October, Bishop Benjamin met with priests and pastoral leaders of the diocese for several days to read, study and reflect on the document “ <i>Never Ending Story</i> ” which had been produced by a special committee established by the Diocesan Pastoral	<i>Diocesan News</i> , Jan. 2002

	<p>Council.</p> <p>As a result of this meeting, the Pastoral Planning Commission was established by Bishop Benjamin in December 1991.</p>	
1991	<p>In October, priest and parish workers attended an in-service at the Diocesan Renewal House for the Cairns Diocese at Lake Tinaroo.</p> <p>The in-service discussed the funding of a special Task Force of the Diocesan Pastoral Council which had been commissioned to “provide an alternative method for the pastoral care of Townsville”.</p>	<p><i>Portrait of a Parish</i> Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui Page 183</p>
1991	<p>An Aboriginal woman, Colleen Muckan, who had been involved with the Aboriginal and Islander Council since 1982, retired from her role in 1991.</p>	<p><i>The News</i>, Dec. 1991. Photo included.</p>
1991	<p>On Sunday 10.11.1991, Fr. John Hay of St. Columba’s Parish and Fr. Mark Burgess of Holy Family Anglican Parish in Charters Towers dedicated a Memorial Drive at the city end of the Lynd Highway to the early pioneers of Charters Towers district.</p>	<p>“<i>The News</i>”, Dec. 1991</p>
1991	<p>On 11.11.1991, the 80 strong Townsville Congregation of the Sisters of Mercy participated in a ceremony commissioning the newly elected congregational leader, Sr. Marie Geddes who succeeded Sr. Marie Leonie.</p> <p>They also commissioned new councillors, Srs. Mary Lowcock, Marie Therese Langan, Beverley Hickson and Carmel King. Sr. Marie Geddes also works with the Queensland Corrective Services Commission as a parole officer.</p>	<p><i>The News</i>, Dec. 1991. Photo included.</p>
1991	<p>During November, Passionist Priest, Fr. Paul Traynor visited Townsville to inform interested families of the Family Group Movement which began in St. Anthony’s parish at Terry Hills in Sydney in 1972.</p>	<p><i>The News</i>, Dec. 1991. Photo included.</p>
1991	<p>After 67 years of service to Catholic education in Mundingburra, the Sisters of St. Joseph withdrew from the parish at the end of the school year.</p> <p>The last Principal was Sr. Francine Caesar who was farewelled at a dinner in the Rising Sun Hotel on 19.11.1991.</p>	<p>“<i>The News</i>”, Dec. 1991 Diary J. K. White</p>
1991	<p>On Tuesday 26.11.1991, at St. Joseph’s School in Mundingburra, the memory of the Sisters of St. Joseph and their founder was marked in a permanent way.</p> <p>A newly completed landscaped courtyard, situated between two of the school’s buildings was dedicated and named the Mary MacKillop Courtyard by Bishop Raymond Benjamin.</p>	<p>“<i>The News</i>”, Dec. 1991</p>
1991	<p>At the recent National finals of the Jaycees “Youth Speaks for Australia” competition held in Hobart, Grade 11 student at St. Teresa’s College, Abergowrie, Jamie Doran, was judged runner-up with his speech “Changing Australia My Way”.</p>	<p><i>Together in Faith</i>, Nov 1991 <i>Catholic Education in the Townsville Diocese</i></p>
1991	<p>On Thursday 28.11.1991, Sr. Ursula O’Rourke, SGS, director of the Diocesan Liturgical Commission, (end of 1982 to 1991) was farewelled from the diocese at the completion of her contract.</p> <p>After a six month break she was going to the University of Notre Dame in Indiana,</p>	<p>“<i>The News</i>”, Aug. 1989 &amp; Dec. 1991</p>



	in mid June to do further studies to complete her Masters Degree in Liturgy.	
1991	On Friday 29.11.1991, the Diocesan Archives, at this time located in the former Convent in Belgian Gardens, received its very first computer.	<i>Diary</i> <i>J. K. White</i>
1991	On 01.12.1991, a new Christian Church body known as Queensland Churches together (QCT) was officially inaugurated in St. Peter's Lutheran College in Brisbane. Fr. Michael Putney and Elizabeth Harrington outlined to delegates, the processes that had led to the formation of QCT. The service was conducted by leaders from Anglican, Catholic, Lutheran, Orthodox and Uniting Churches and from the Society of Friends.	<i>"The News"</i> , Mar. 1992
1991	Fr. Mick Peters left Palm Island. (1981 to 1991). In December, nine Palm Island parish leaders were commissioned by Bishop Benjamin to lead the parish community. The island community elected Bill Coolburra as the head pastor. Bill conducted a service on the first three Sundays of each month. On the fourth Sunday, Mass was celebrated by Fr. Tom Nicholas SJ, who worked with AICC in Townsville.	<i>"The News"</i> , Jun. 1992 Oct. 1995, page 3 Dec. 1995.
1991	Mrs. Pat Lange ended a 25 year teaching career with St. Patrick's College in Townsville. Mrs. Lange had been a past student, teacher and parent of the College.	<i>"The News"</i> , Mar. 1992, page 8
1991	After 65 years of service, the last two permanent Sisters of Mercy left Home Hill in 1991. The Congregation withdrew in March 1992. (1926 to 1991).	<i>"The News"</i> , Jun. 1992 T'ville Catholic Archives Ref. 770/1
1991	Following the report on restructuring in the Townsville Diocese, Bishop Raymond Benjamin announced the formation of an Interim Pastoral Planning and Formation Commission to investigate ways in which the recommendations of the report could be applied. The first meeting was held on 04.12.1991 with Sr. M. Lowcock as co-ordinator.	<i>"The News"</i> , Dec. 1990, Mar. Jun. & Dec. 1991. <i>Diocesan News</i> , Jan. 2002.
1991	Parents, friends and pupils of St. Catherine's in Proserpine bade farewell to their Principal of the last two years, Mr. Ed. Burke, who was moving to St. Joseph's in Mundingburra, Townsville.	<i>"The News"</i> , Mar. 1992, page 6
1991	On 03.12.1991, Archbishop Francis Roberts Rush, a former priest of the Townsville Diocese and later Bishop of Rockhampton, retired from his post as Archbishop of Brisbane.	<i>Diocesan News</i> , Oct. 2001 Photo included.
1991	On Friday 06.12.1991, Canossa Primary School at Trebonne, Ingham, celebrated its 40 <sup>th</sup> anniversary with a Mass of Thanksgiving and a barbecue.	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> , page 216 Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui
1991	On 09.12.1991, three Sisters of Mercy celebrated their silver jubilee of religious profession in Townsville. They were Sisters Cheryl Camp, Mary Lowcock and Carmel Ruddick.	<i>"The News"</i> , Dec. 1991
1991	In December, the Diocesan Commission for Ecumenism was transformed in response to requests from Bishop Raymond Benjamin. On the Queensland scene, representatives from a number of churches met to constitute a new Ecumenical body	<i>"The News"</i> , Dec. 1991

	to be known as Queensland Churches Together (QCT).	
1991	A few men and women spent several weeks cleaning the Proserpine parish hall. This building was originally an officer's hut at the Gunyarra Gas Experimental Camp during world War II. It was purchased at a disposal sale and was one of the few remaining buildings still in existence as the site of the camp has reverted back to bushland.	<i>"The News"</i> , Mar. 1992, page 9
1991	National cervical cancer screening was implemented.	<i>Cancer Council Queensland</i>
1991	<u>Ignatius Park College – 1991</u> IPC became the inaugural winners of the Hungry Jack's Shield for inter-school basketball. At the Christian Brothers Cricket Week in Brisbane, Glen Seri from IPC was selected for the Christian Brothers Australasian cricket team. A Book Hire Scheme was introduced and managed by Mr. Paddy Carew. Br. Bill O'Donnell spoke to the assembled College about his memories of life at Our Lady's Mount. The occasion was the 80 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1911 opening of Our Lady's Mount. A new computer laboratory at the Christian Brothers Ignatius Park College was dedicated to the memory of Kevin Stark, professor of Systems Engineering at James Cook University and a driving force in the installation of the original one room computing area in the college. ----- Br. Nev Thornton left the College after an association of some eight years, mainly in the curriculum areas of History and English. Br. Thornton was particularly remembered for his efforts with College photography and the College magazine. Robert McCahill, College Vice Captain, was selected to represent Australia in the Maths Olympiad. He also received the Prime Minister's Award for graduating in the top 500.	<i>A History of Ignatius Park College 1969 – 2009</i> , Page 53  <i>The News</i> , Dec. 1991. - Photo included.
1991	During 1991, the first National Church Life Survey took place. The five yearly survey provides Australian Churches with a source of information about their own vitality and mission.	<i>The Catholic Leader</i> 29.11.2009, page 5
1992	When the Gulliver campus of the Marian School closed, the parish of Gulliver / Currajong donated a de-mountable classroom block to the soon to be opened St. Anthony's School at Deeragun. The building was relocated to the school site and became a church and community centre for Catholics in the area. In January 1992, the Mass that had previously been celebrated every Sunday under a beach house at Saunders Beach was transferred to this building.	<i>"The News"</i> , Mar. 1992, Page 6 <i>Townsville Bulletin- Catholic News Supplement</i> 24.09.2015 Pages 6 & 7
1992	The Vatican Congregation for Divine Worship decreed that henceforth there would only be two Holy Days of Obligation in Australia: Christmas Day (December 25)	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> , Page 222

	<p>and The Assumption of Our Lady (August 15) unless the latter fell on a Saturday or a Monday.  The Feast of the Ascension was transferred to a Sunday (7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter).  All Saints Day would no longer be a holy day of obligation.  The decree took effect as of 1<sup>st</sup> January 1992.</p>	<p>Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui</p>
<p>1992</p>	<p><u>New Principals appointed to Diocesan Schools at the beginning of 1992.</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>Sr. Therese Gorman</u> is the new principal of <b>St. Joseph's school in Mt. Isa</b>. Sister had taught in every diocese in Queensland and was principal of St. Joseph's, Wandel, Rockhampton from 1985 to 1990.</li> <li>2. <u>Br. Bill Tynan</u> was the new principal at <b>Mt. Isa Catholic High</b>. Before going West Br. Bill spent three years in Charters Towers, a year at Yeppoon and was Principal for seven years at St. James, Central City, Brisbane.</li> <li>3. <u>Sr. Barbara Gorman</u> taught at Julia Creek in 1990 and 1991 and now moved further west as principal of <b>St. Joseph's, Cloncurry</b>.</li> <li>4. A former old boy, <u>Br. Lawrence McCane</u> returned to <b>Burdekin Catholic High</b> as principal. He spent the last three years as "master of scholastics" as well as one year on the Marist retreat team.</li> <li>5. <u>Br. David Hall FMS</u>, who was previously principal at St. Mary's, Rydalmere in Sydney, came north to be principal of <b>St. Francis', Ayr</b>. (1992 – 1992).</li> <li>6. <u>Mr. Ed Burke</u>, the former principal of St. Catherine's, Proserpine, became principal of <b>St. Joseph's school in Mundingburra</b>, Townsville.  (The school's first lay principal). - - - - -</li> <li>7. <u>Margot Lucas</u> taught in Victoria, her last school being St. Mary's, Hastings, before taking over as principal of <b>St. Catherine's, Proserpine</b>.</li> <li>8. <u>Sr. Geraldine Kearney SGS</u> returned to the diocese as principal of <b>St. Michael's on Palm Island</b>, having taught at Queanbeyan and Nowra in NSW. (1992-1996)</li> <li>9. <u>Mr. Greg Palmer</u> joined the Catholic Education Office as a general consultant and as a religious education consultant. He was an education officer at CEO Brisbane for the past three years and taught in a number of primary and secondary schools.</li> <li>10. <u>Mr. Jim Quillinan</u> also joined the religious education team at the CEO with special emphasis on secondary schools. He would assist with adult education, religious education in state schools and with CEO marketing.  He had taught in a number of Melbourne schools as well as country Victoria.</li> </ol>	<p>"The News",  Mar. 1992, page 6</p> <p>- "The News", Dec. 1991.</p>
<p>1992</p>	<p><u>Staff changes at St. Mary's School in Bowen.</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Miss Maria Siandri was now teaching grade four in Ayr.</li> <li>2. Miss Jacqueline moved to a new teaching position in Sydney.</li> <li>3. Mrs. Sharon Sullivan was on maternity leave for the first semester and Mrs. Toni Spruce would be teaching her class.</li> </ol>	<p>"The News",  Mar. 1992, page 6</p>

	<p>4. Mr. Matthew Brown and Mr. Gavin Minz were two new teachers who commenced this year at St. Mary's.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Staffing arrangements.</u></p> <p>A. Grade 1: Mrs. Mary Matheson;      B. Grade 2: Mrs Judy Feeney  C. Grade 3: Mrs Sharon Sullivan      D. Grade 4: Mr. Matthew Brown  E. Grade 5: Mrs. Carmel O'Donnell      F. Grade 6: Mr. Gavin Minz  G. Grade 7: Miss Kimberley McKenzie</p>	
1992	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Staffing for St. Catherine's School in Proserpine</u></p> <p>1. Margot Lucas (Principal)    2. V. Demartini    3. P. Byrne  4. L. Oliver                            5. E. Jones            6. A. Winmill  7. P. Telford (religious co-ordinator)    8. B. McKenzie (librarian)  9. J. Bates (secretary)                    10. D. Stevens (principal relief teacher)  11. D. Patterson (relief teacher)  12. A. Hill (remedial teacher).</p>	<p>"The News",  Mar. 1992, page 9</p>
1992	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Transfers announced by Bishop Benjamin for the beginning of 1992.</u></p> <p>1. <u>Fr. Dave Lancini</u> from Hughenden and Richmond parishes to Holy Spirit Parish  Fr. Lancini was given the pastoral care of the Kirwan and Upper Ross end of Holy Spirit Parish (Jan 1992 – Jul 1994) and would reside at the Upper Ross Catholic Centre, Kelso.</p> <p>2. <u>Fr. Danny Kinnane</u> (early 1990 – Jan 1992) moved from Kelso to the Cathedral Parish. Fr. Kinnane would work part time in the Cathedral Parish and had joined the team at the House of Prayer in Pimlico.  He would reside at the Bishop's House.</p> <p>3. <u>Fr. Max Garlick</u> SSC moved from the Cathedral Parish in Townsville to the Good Shepherd Parish in Mt. Isa where he joined the parish team.</p> <p>4. <u>Fr. Alan Sheldrick</u> moved from Mt. Isa to take over as parish priest of St. Columba's Parish in Charters towers.  (Farewell celebration in Good Shepherd Parish on 18.01.1992).</p>	<p>"The News",  Mar. 1992,  page 5</p> <p><i>One in the Spirit  The Story of Holy Spirit Parish  Cranbrook, T'ville 1965-2010,  page 92</i></p>
1992	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>New Pastoral Associates.</u></p> <p>1. <u>Sr. Mary Scanlon SGS</u> (Feb 1992 – Jul 1994) took over from Sr. Margaret Carmody as Pastoral Associate in the Upper Ross and Kirwan end of Holy Spirit Parish. Last year, Sr. Mary had been studying in various places in the Middle East and Europe and had worked in various parishes in Victoria.</p> <p>2. <u>Sr. Monica Franklin MSS</u> joined the team at Holy Trinity Parish in Mundingburra. Sr. Monica was pastoral associate in Charters Towers for nine years.  She called Victoria home.</p> <p>3. <u>Sr. Pat Kelly MSS</u> took over from Sr. Mary Lowcock RSM as pastoral associate in the Holy Family Parish at Gulliver. Sr. Pat last worked in the Gin Gin Parish in</p>	<p>"The News",  Mar. 1992, page 5</p> <p><i>One in the Spirit  The Story of Holy Spirit Parish  Cranbrook, T'ville 1965-2010,  page 92</i></p> <p><i>Our Parish History, Holy Family  Parish and St John Fisher's, 1957 –</i></p>

	Southern Queensland. She received her education at St. Margaret Mary's Convent, Hyde Park and St. Patrick's College, The Strand.	1992
1992	The Ayr pre-schoolers remained at Norham Road, Parkside until the beginning of 1992 when it relocated to the Parish Hall which had been vacated by the Big Bird's Day Care Centre. The pre-school was then incorporated into the overall administration of St. Francis' Primary School and the Parkside Campus was sold.	<i>The Greatest Gift Celebrating 100 Years Pages 9 &amp; 19</i>
1992	Sr. Rita Zuccher, Canossian Sister and pastoral Worker, started full time work in the Ingham Parish in January 1992. A car was provided for her use.	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> , page 193 Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui
1992	As of 1992 Canossa Primary School in Trebonne, Ingham offered registered preschool tuition.	
1992	The Sisters of Mercy Day Respite Care Centre was opened on Mooney Street, Gulliver, in January to provide day care for the aged, and dementia sufferers. (It was Blessed and Officially Opened on 03.05.1992).	<i>Our Parish History, Holy Family Parish and St John Fisher's, 1957 – 1992</i>
1992	Bishop John Satterthwaite invited Mons. Douglas Stewart to Lismore to work on the archives of the Diocese of Lismore.	<i>Diocesan News</i> , Oct.1999.
1992	At the Proserpine St. Vincent de Paul shop, the garage used for storing goods was demolished and a much needed extension was built.	" <i>The News</i> ", Mar. 1992, page 9
1992	On 29.01.1992, St. Anthony's Primary School, on Veales Road, Deeragun, Thuringowa, opened with an enrolment of 85 students from pre-school through to year seven. The school was staffed by <b>Ms Pam Lithgo (Principal)</b> and four full time teachers in a multi-level teaching arrangement and was located in the parish of West End / Belgian Gardens / Garbutt. Fr. Giles Setter OFM was the parish priest. The school motto was "Let Your Light Shine".	" <i>The News</i> ", Mar. 1992, page 6 Photo included <i>Our Catholic Schools Diocese of Townsville Term 4, 2017, page4</i>
1992	The Gilroy / Santa Maria College at Ingham was accredited to teach TAFE courses at the school in 1992.	" <i>The News</i> ", Mar. 1992, page 7
1992	The old presbytery in Ingham underwent repairs and renovations including a new roof, internal partitioning and painting and was rented out to the TAFE for office use and the former church was also rented.	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> , Page 217 Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui
1992	A building steering committee co-ordinated by Rod Donaldson was set up to plan the construction of a new school at Rasmussen, Townsville, to be opened in January 1996. It would be called the Good Shepherd Catholic Community School	" <i>The News</i> ", April 1995 page 1 October 1995
1992	Sr. Cheryl Camp, a Townsville Mercy sister, left Townsville early in the year to join the Mercy Mission team in Pakistan	" <i>The News</i> ", Jun. 92 & Sep. 93 Photos included.
1992	Fr. Don Smith transferred to St. Colman's Parish in Home Hill. (After serving there for 17 years, he retired to a unit in Villa McAuley, Mundingburra in 2009).	<i>Townsville Bulletin – Catholic News Supplement</i> , 17.12.2009
1992	There was a change of uniform for the students of St. John Bosco's School in Collinsville. (A snapshot of Catholic Schools in Qld. in the sesquicentenary year, 2009).	" <i>On History's Page</i> ", (DVD),

1992	In February, a new pre school was opened at St. John Bosco's in Collinsville.	"The News", Jun. & Dec. 1992
1992	The staff of the House of Prayer welcomed Fr. Danny Kinnane as a part time staff member in 1992.	"The News", Mar. 1992, page 5
1992	Death of Sr. Mary Anne (Hilda) Chester RSM on 07.02.1992 aged 77 years. Sister was buried in the Belgian Gardens Cemetery on 10.02.1992.	Headstone in Belgian Gardens Cemetery
1992	On 14.02.1992, Ms. Jane Ahearne, from Honolulu, USA, accepted the offer of the position as director of the Townsville Diocesan Liturgical Commission. This position became vacant when Sr. Ursula O'Rourke completed her contract in November 1991. Ms Ahearne was commissioned on 09.11.1992. (She resigned in January 1994 and returned to the States).	"The News", Mar. 1992, page 4 & Dec. 1992 Apr. 1994. Photo in Dec. 92. Diocesan News, Jan. 2002.
1992	During February, Fr. Martin Branagan C.S.S.R celebrated the Diamond Jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood.	"The News", Sep. 1992 Photo included.
1992	On 24.02. 1992, during Orientation Week for newly enrolled students at James Cook University, a "Catholics on Campus" information centre was set up and manned by students from St. Raphael's and St. Paul's residential colleges.	"The News", Mar. 1992, page 3 Photo included.
1992	On 06.03.1992, the Sisters of Mercy, who were withdrawing from St. Colman's Parish in Home Hill after 65 years of service, were given an official farewell. (1927 to 1992). (The Sisters' convent building was sold in May 1995 and removed from the school grounds).	"The News", Dec. 91, Jun. 92 & Dec, 95 <i>St. Colman's School</i> 1927 – 2002, page 7
1992	In March, the renovations and improvements to St. John Bosco's School in Collinsville were finished. The teachers finally had a suitable staff room, the school secretary and the principal each had their own office, and there was a new toilet block.	"The News", Jun. 1992 Page 7
1992	In March, the House of Prayer was gifted an Icon of the face of Jesus. Bishop Benjamin came to the House and blessed the new Icon.	"The News", Jun. 1992, page 6 Photo included.
1992	Under the guidance of the Diocesan Media Advisory Board, an offer from Townsville Community FM Radio Station 4TTT, to produce a one hour religious programme going to air on the fourth Sunday of each month was accepted. The religious hour went to air for the first time on 22.03.1992. Barry Cannon, a member of the Board began producing and presenting " <i>Catholic Horizons Today</i> ".	"The News", Mar. & Dec. 92, Dec. 95 Photos in Dec. 92, Sep. 93 & Dec. 95 <i>Portrait of a Parish</i> Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui Page 219
1992	The little people of Shalom pre-school, which is the Uniting Church Aboriginal pre-school in Kirwan, visited the Marian pre-school in Currajong.	"The News", Jun. 1992 Photo included.
1992	A group called <i>The Friendship Group</i> was formed in Ingham in late March 1992 for young people aged 18 years and over.	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> , page 193 Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui
1992	On 4 <sup>th</sup> April, the Townsville West Branch of the Knights of the Southern Cross celebrated their tenth Anniversary with a Mass concelebrated by Bishop Raymond Benjamin, Fr. Mullins and Fr. Branagan in Holy Family Church.	<i>Our Parish History, Holy Family Parish and St John Fisher's, 1957 – 1992</i>
1992	The Diocesan Youth Centre was staffed by two co-ordinators for twenty hours each	"The News",

	week. They were Lorraine Lane, married with two children, and newcomer Geoffrey Derry. The Centre was located at 410 Ross River Road, Cranbrook, Townsville. A rock concert was held at the centre on Palm Sunday 12.04.1992.	Jun. 1992 Page 8
1992	In April 1992, Fr. N. Creen was discharged from the Australian Regular Army and was appointed to the Holy Family Parish in Currajong / Gulliver. (Apr. 1992 to Jan. 1993)	"The News", Mar. 1993
1992	Death of Sr. M. Clement Maher RSM on 17.04.1992 aged 81. Buried in Townsville Belgian Gardens Cemetery.	Headstone in Belgian Gardens Cemetery.
1992	17 <sup>th</sup> to 26 <sup>th</sup> April – School Holidays.	Diary 1992.
1992	Easter Sunday 19.04.1992.	Diary 1992.
1992	On Thursday 23.04.92, Mrs. Rita Peck was given a surprise farewell party at the Charters Towers presbytery. Mrs Peck was retiring after serving as presbytery housekeeper for 29 years.	"The News", Jun. 1992, page 10 Photo included.
1992	In April 1992, Centacare in Townsville ran seminars on the Sexual Assault in Families (SAIF) program.	"The News", Dec. 1994
1992	From the end of April 1992, a fortnightly Mass was celebrated at Ryan School at 9.30am. This Mass alternated with the fortnightly Mass at the Upper Ross Family Centre. Henceforth, there would be Mass at 9.30am each Sunday, either at Ryan or Upper Ross.	<i>One in the Spirit</i> <i>The Story of Holy Spirit Parish</i> <i>Cranbrook, T'ville 1965-2010,</i> <i>page 92</i>
1992	On the evening of April 30 <sup>th</sup> and May 1 <sup>st</sup> , a workshop (Church in Action) was conducted at the Holy Family Parish Centre by the Jose Marins team. Fr. Marins, from Brazil, was one of three people who work as a team to assist the bishops of Latin America in fostering and supporting <i>Basic Christian Communities</i> . The other team members were Sr. Teolide Trevisan from Brazil and Sr. Carlee Chanona from Belize.	"The News", Jun. 1992, page 7  <i>Portrait of a Parish</i> Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui Page 184
1992	On 02.05.1992, Fr. Brooks Patterson took up a new appointment in Charters Towers having been transferred from the Herbert River District where he had served for four years. His replacement in Ingham was Fr. Michael Taylor from Ayr.	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui Page 184
1992	On Sunday 03.05.1992, the Sisters of Mercy Day Respite Care Centre in Mooney Street, Gulliver, was officially Blessed and Opened.	<i>Memorial Card</i> Ref. 708/5
1992	The 50 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of the Coral Sea was commemorated in Townsville during May. Two ecumenical services were organised by the Twin Cities Inter-Church Council and were held in Anzac Park on Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May and Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> of May, which were the opening and closing dates of the Coral Sea Celebration.	"The News", Mar. 1992 Page 10
1992	During May, Proserpine members of the Third Order of Mt. Carmel were visited by Fr. Paul Cahill O'Carm, provincial of the Carmelites in Australia.	"The News", Jun. 1992, page 4
1992	Bishop Benjamin announced the appointment and commissioning of Mrs. Joyce	"The News", Jun. 1992

	Higgins as the Diocesan co-ordinator of the Catechumenate (RCIA).	Photo included.
1992	In St. Catherine's Church, Proserpine, the confessional was altered to become a proper reconciliation room. Parishioners were now able to approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation either anonymously as before or face to face with the priest. Plans were also well advanced for the building of a new toilet block for St. Catherine's School and a pre-school for the 1993 school year. It was also hoped to make some improvements to St. Thomas' at Cannonvale.	<i>"The News"</i> , Jun. & Sep. 1992 Mar. & Jun. 1993.
1992	Mary MacKillop was given the title "Venerable" in 1992.	Josephite 2009 Calendar
1992	Retired Good Samaritan nun, Sister Columba (Margaret Lyons) was named the Soroptimists International North Queensland Woman of the Year. On Wednesday 16.05.1992, at a function in Charters Towers, Soroptimists' South West Pacific president, Mrs Janice Macdonald, presented the award to Sister Columba before a crowd of 80 people.	<i>"The News"</i> , Jun. 1992, page 6 Photo included. Oct. 1995, page 3
1992	On Sunday 20.05.1992, a "Place of Prayer" was blessed and opened in room five of the Mt. Isa Parish Centre.	<i>"The News"</i> , Jun. 1992
1992	Sr. Carmelita, a Canossian sister, introduced the ancient tradition of "Flores de Mayo" to the Sacred Heart Parish in Townsville. This was a Filipino festival custom to honour Mary, the mother of Jesus. On Sunday 24.05.1992, children in the parish presented gifts during Mass and attended a picnic in a park at Rowes Bay.	<i>"The News"</i> , Jun. 1992 Page 6 Photo included.
1992	On Sunday 31.05.1992, the Ingham branch of Right to Life marked the tenth anniversary of its 'pro-life' activities in the district with a public meeting held in the Conroy Hall. Guest speaker at the meeting was Winifred Egan, State Vice President of Queensland Right to Life.	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui Page 190
1992	On 03.06.1992, after a 10 year campaign through the courts by a group of indigenous residents of Murray Island led by Eddie Koiki Mabo, the High Court of Australia handed down the Mabo Decision rejecting Terra Nullius and recognising native land title where it had not been extinguished.	<i>Townsville Bulletin- Catholic News Supplement</i> 18.06.2009
1992	On 04.06.1992, Good Shepherd Parish in Mt. Isa opened a Parish Library and Resource Centre.	Good Shepherd Parish 2005 Calendar
1992	On Saturday 06.06.1992, the eve of Pentecost, the first Mass for the Rupertswood Community, (also known as the Townsville suburb of Alice River), was celebrated in the Rupertswood Hall. Fr. Dave Lancini celebrated the Mass with Sr Mary Scanlon organizing other necessities for the occasion. All residents of Rupertswood, Rangewood and Black River were invited to this grand occasion. After Mass a family BBQs was held. Rupertswood Hall is 31.8 km west of Townsville along Hervey Range Road/ State Route 72.	<i>One in the Spirit</i> <i>The Story of Holy Spirit Parish</i> <i>Cranbrook, T'ville 1965-2010,</i> <i>pages 93 &amp; 96</i>
1992	Celebrations took place on the weekend of June 6, 7 and 8 to mark the 110 <sup>th</sup> year of St. Mary's College in Charters Towers.	<i>"The News"</i> , Mar. 1992,



	The celebrations also saw the official opening and blessing of the original college building which had been restored to its former grandeur. Mt. Carmel College also celebrated its 90 years during this weekend.	Page 7
1992	Operation "CHILL OUT" was a joint exercise to provide blankets for needy people throughout Queensland during winter 1992. The St. Vincent de Paul Society approached the regular army at Lavarack Barracks and secured 800 blankets marked for surplus disposal. These were sent to Ayr, Brisbane, Cairns, Mt. Isa and Proserpine.	"The News", Sep. 1992 Page 6 Photo included.
1992	On Thursday 11.06.1992, Bishop Raymond Benjamin presided over a Mass in the Canossa Chapel, Trebonne, Ingham, to celebrate the beatification of Sr. Josephine Bakhita, a native African Canossian Sister.	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui Page 203
1992	In June / July 1992, Edward (Ed) Stewart, a student at St. Paul's National Seminary, Sydney, spent his mid term vacation in the Ingham parish as a requirement of his training.	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> , Page 213 Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui
1992	20 <sup>th</sup> June to 5 <sup>th</sup> July – School Holidays.	Diary 1992.
1992	Three bus loads of parishioners and friends of Holy Spirit Parish, Cranbrook, headed to the Northern Territory during the June-July school holiday period. This was the fourth year in a row that the "Spirit Safari" headed off to explore the countryside.	"The News", Sep. 1992 page 3 Photo included.
1992	On 13.07. 1992, a memorial plaque was unveiled at St. Francis Primary School in Ayr. It was dedicated to Sr. Jude and the Sisters of St. Joseph of Lochinvar. The plaque had been originally laid at Parkside in 1987 and was relocated from St. Francis' Infant School (formerly St. Mary's School) following the closure of the Parkside school in 1991.	<i>100 Years of Grace, 1912 – 2012</i> <i>The History of the Sacred Heart Parish, Ayr,</i> page 45
1992	St. Teresa's College, Abergowrie, carried out renovations to the block built by Fr. Ferlazzo in 1964. The refurbished building comprising classrooms, science rooms and assembly area was reopened and blessed on Sunday 19.07.1992 and named the Fr. Ferlazzo Block.	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> , Page 217 Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui
1992	On Tuesday 21.07.1992, the Rev. Doug Peters, a retired Anglican priest from Parkes, N.S.W., met with the Ingham Catholic Prayer Group at the Anglican Church and on Saturday 25.07.1992, he addressed the local chapter of the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International over breakfast at the Royal Hotel, Ingham. His special ministry included counselling, healing and teaching.	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> , Page 214 Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui
1992	On Thursday 23.07.1992, the Townsville branch of the Catholic Women's' League celebrated the 40 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the inception of the Townsville Branch of CWL. A concelebrated Mass was held at the church of Mary Help of Christians, Belgian Gardens followed by morning tea at Seagulls Resort.	<i>Take Time</i> , Vol. 2, No. 3 Oct. 1992 The Newsletter for Queensland Catholic Women's League
1992	The Holy Spirit Parish in Cranbrook constructed a Grotto similar to the one which had been built at the former Redemptorist Monastery in Aitkenvale (1958).	<i>One in the Spirit</i> <i>The Story of Holy Spirit Parish</i>

	Len Dowd supervised the electrical works and Tony Grimaldi supervised the building of the dome of the Grotto. Many people were involved as not only was the Grotto built, but a paved pathway leading to it was also constructed. On Saturday 25.07.1992, Bishop Benjamin blessed the grotto commemorating the work of the Redemptorist Priests and Brothers in the Diocese of Townsville.	<i>Cranbrook, T'ville 1965-2010, Pages 93 &amp; 94</i> "The News", Sep. 1992, page 5, Townsville Catholic Archives, Ref. No. 766/2
1992	In July 1992, Fr. Jerry Ryle, parish priest of Sacramento, California, visited the Ingham district to discuss with all parish and school committees new ideas and approaches to parish organisations and developments.	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui Page 213
1992	Fr. Brooks Patterson relieved in Home Hill for four weeks while Fr. Noel Smyth was on annual leave.	"The News", Sep. 1992, page 6
1992	The presbytery in Proserpine was entered during a weekend and robbed of the weekend collection and private papers.	"The News", Sep. 1992, page 7
1992	On 03.08.1992, members and staff of the St. Vincent de Paul Society welcomed Townsville's new Diocesan Administrator, Mr David Fox. David previously was the co-ordinator of Vincentian Centres in Brisbane.	"The News", Sep. 1992 Page 6
1992	In August 1992, the DPC Pastoral Planning and Formation Commission – Diocese of Townsville published Vol. 1 No. 1 of their newsletter " <i>Partnership – a vision of hope</i> ".	<i>Partnership – a vision of hope</i> , Aug. 1992.
1992	On 14.08.1992, Sr. Cath Fitzgerald RSM left Mt. Isa and flew back to Brisbane. Sr. Cath had arrived a week earlier to lead an in-service for the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary.	"The News", Sep. 1992, page 9 Photo included.
1992	The 1992 "Western Roundup" was held on 22 <sup>nd</sup> and 23 <sup>rd</sup> of August at Julia Creek. This was the annual regional assembly which called the western parishes together.	"The News", Jun. 1992, page 9
1992	During August, Fr. Michael Mullins VG, celebrated 50 years of service in the priesthood.	"The News", Sep. 1992, page 4
1992	A Marriage Encounter programme was conducted by the Anglican Church using the facilities of St. Raphael's College during the August recess.	<i>The Grail Newsletter</i> , Vol. 24 No.2 August 1992
1992	On Tuesday 01.09.1992, Bishop Raymond Benjamin launched the inquiry document " <i>Common Wealth for Common Good</i> " in Townsville on centre stage in the city's Flinders Mall.	"The News", Sep. 1992, page 1
1992	An occasional weekend away for young people was sponsored by the Diocesan Youth Centre in Townsville. Such a Weekend was run by Michael Fitzpatrick, a free-lance liturgist of Brisbane over the weekend of September 4, 5 and 6, 1992 and again on April 24 / 25, 1993. (Another <i>Teen Times</i> was planned for Friday 02.10.1992).	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui Page 194
1992	On September 11 – 13, Frs. Arthur Baranowski and Bob Beloin visited the Townsville Diocese to help parishes develop a vision of church based on the Small Christian Community model. Fr. Baranowski worked with western parish groups	<i>Partnership – a vision of hope</i> , Aug. 1992.

	gathering in Julia Creek for the annual Western Muster and Fr. Beloin worked with parish groups from the coastal regions.	
1992	On Saturday 12.09.1992, a Bible study group for interested people of various denominations was established in Boulia.	"The News", Jun. 1993
1992	In September 1992, construction of the <i>Catholic Environment Field Study Centre</i> , "Gumburu", commenced on land leased from the Lands Department at Paluma on Mount Spec. On Friday 18.09.1992, Bishop Raymond Benjamin laid the foundation stone.	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> , page 217 <i>Gumburu - Centre for Catholic Education for the Environment</i> <i>T'ville Diocesan Archives Ref. 861/5</i>
1992	On Thursday 24.09.1992, Sr. Rita Zuccher organised a <i>Teen Times</i> gathering of 13 to 17 year olds in the Canossa School grounds, Trebonne, Ingham. The day consisted of games and reflection. Twenty three young people attended.	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui Page 194
1992	The 18 <sup>th</sup> biennial Queensland State Conference of the Catholic Women's League was held in Townsville at James Cook University from 27 <sup>th</sup> to 30 <sup>th</sup> September 1992. A concelebrated Mass at Holy Trinity Church, Mundingburra, heralded the beginning of the conference.	"The News", Jun. & Sep. 1992 Photos included in Sep. 92.
1992	On 05.10.1992, Prime Minister Keating announced the Queen's agreement not to accept any further recommendations for imperial honours for Australians.	"Australia Through Time" 2005 Edition.
1992	Death of Sr. M. Ellen Holland RSM on 07.10.1992 aged 68 years. Buried in Townsville Belgian Gardens Cemetery.	Headstone in Belgian Gardens Cemetery.
1992	On October 13, 14, and 15, the youth co-ordinators of each Diocese in Queensland met in Townsville. Their hosts were Townsville co-ordinators Lorraine Lane and Geoffrey Derry.	"The News", Sep. 1992, Page 7
1992	On Sunday 18.10.1992, an open day was held for a new building at the Mater Hospital prior to the admission of new patients. The four storey building was to accommodate Endoscopy, Laser, Interventional Radiology, Cardiac Catheter facilities, a Maternity Unit of 22 beds and 4 neo-natal cots, a Surgical Unit and a Medical Unit – 40 beds. The Hospitals total bed capacity was now 167. (Sketch in Dec. 91 & photo in Sep. 92).	"The News", Dec. 1991, Sep. 1992, page 10 Jun. 1993  <i>Mater Health Services North Queensland, Developments</i>
1992	The 1992 Townsville Diocesan Pastoral Assembly, with the theme " <i>Signs of Hope</i> ", was held on the weekend of October 30, 31 and November 1. The venue for the assembly was the Holy Family Centre in Gulliver and the facilitator was Salesian priest, Fr. James O'Halloran from Ireland.	"The News", Sep. & Dec. 1992 Photos in Dec. 92. <i>"Partnership – a vision of hope"</i> , Nov. 1992.
1992	Death of Sr. M. Paschal Fallon RSM on 03.11.1992 aged 88 years. Buried in Townsville Belgian Gardens Cemetery.	<i>Headstone in Belgian Gardens Cemetery</i>
1992	On 09.11.1992, Ms. Jane Ahearne, from Honolulu, USA, was commissioned by Bishop Raymond Benjamin as Director of the Townsville Diocesan Liturgical Commission and so became the first lay person to be appointed as a liturgical	"The News", Mar. 1992 page 4 & Dec. 1992, page 7 Apr. 1994.

	commission director in Australia.	Photo in Dec. 1992.
1992	On 15.11.1992, Ayr parishioner Mr. Mel Breen was inaugurated as the State president of the St. Vincent de Paul Society during a celebration Mass at Holy Trinity Church, Mundingburra.	"The News", Dec. 1992 Page 4
1992	While parish priest Fr. D. Smith enjoyed a holiday in England and Rome, Fr. Brooks Patterson took care of St Catherine's Proserpine and St. Thomas' in Cannonvale.	"The News", Dec. 1992, page 5
1992	19 <sup>th</sup> September to 4 <sup>th</sup> October – School Holidays.	Diary 1992.
1992	On 12.11.1992, the first meeting of the Bereavement Support Group in Ingham, facilitated by Canossian Sister, Rita Zuccher, was held at the presbytery.	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> , page 192 Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui
1992	Death of Sr. M. Virgilius Elliott RSM aged 88 on 12.11.1992. Buried in Belgian Gardens Cemetery, Townsville.	<i>Headstone in Belgian Gardens Cemetery</i>
1992	On 14.11.1992, Fr. Michael Mullins visited Ingham at the invitation of Fr. Ferlazzo to celebrate the 50 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of Fr. Michael's ordination to the priesthood with a Jubilee Mass followed by a dinner at the Belvedere Hotel.	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui Page 213
1992	On Sunday 22.11.1992, the Australian Anglican Church, voting in the national General Synod, held at St. Andrew's Cathedral Chapter House, approved the ordination of women.	"Australia Through Time" 2005 Edition.
1992	Death of Sr. M. Borgia Dallow RSM on 23.11.1992 aged 93 years. Buried in Belgian Gardens Cemetery, Townsville	<i>Headstone in Belgian Gardens Cemetery</i>
1992	During November 1992, the Christian Brothers re-opened Westcourt Youth Centre in Kirwan, Yownsville. Brs Brian Kelly and Jim Quinn were in residence.	<i>The Story of Holy Spirit Parish Cranbrook, T'ville 1965-2010</i> , page 95
1992	The end of the school term at St. Colman's, Home Hill saw the departure of Ms. Jenny Cable to St. Peter's in Rockhampton.	"The News", Dec. 1992, page 5
1992	At some time during 1992, the Missionary Sisters of Service (MSS) left Richmond and the old convent building fell into disrepair until 2006 when it was refurbished for use as a Centre for Spirituality.	<i>Townsville Bull. - Cath. News Sup.</i> 25.06.2015, page 11 <i>Historical Plaque on footpath</i>
1992	On Thursday 10.12.1992, as Chairman of the Australian Catholic Bishop's Conference (ACBC) Committee, Bishop Raymond Benjamin nationally launched the Church's major statement for the International Year of Indigenous People, "A New Partnership with our Indigenous People".	"The News", Dec. 1992 Page 9
1992	At the end of 1992, Sr. Ellen Horgan RSM, left Holy Spirit Parish, Cranbrook where she had been serving since January 1990. Sr. Ellen had conducted a bread run to needy families, and went on visitation to the Masonic Home, the Good Shepherd Hospice and the Aitkenvale Special School for Religious Education classes.	<i>One in the Spirit</i> <i>The Story of Holy Spirit Parish Cranbrook, T'ville 1965-2010</i> , Page 97
1992	December 1992 – Death in Sydney of Sr. Maria Joseph O'Keefe SGS who once taught in St. Francis Primary School, Ayr. Sr. Joseph's funeral was celebrated in St. James' Church, Glebe (Forest Lodge-Pymont Parish).	<i>The Greatest Gift</i> <i>Celebrating 100 Years</i> Page 34
1992	Pastoral Associates – Townsville Diocese - 1992	Ref. 700/2

1992	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Ignatius Park College – 1992</u></p> <p>Japanese was introduced as a subject into the College this year.</p> <p>The IPC Environmental Group was formed at the beginning of the year and they saw as their charter the ‘greening of the College environment’. Ms. M. Millard, Mrs. S. Howlett and Mr. J. Nuss were the teachers involved.</p> <p>Queensland’s first female Governor, Leneen Ford, was inaugurated in Brisbane, and College Captain was there to witness the event and represent the College.</p> <p>The IPC Old Boy’s Association erected a pergola as an eating area for the Year 12 students.</p> <p>The College community rallied behind 1990 Year 10 Dux, Francesco D’Ilario who spent the year fighting leukaemia in Brisbane. A fund was established so that a laptop computer could be used by Frank to aid him in his studies. The entire community was saddened by his death in November.</p> <p>The College musical production was <b>Viva Mexico</b>, directed by College drama teacher Mr. Malcolm Watt.</p> <p>Mrs. Shirley Hiette retired after 18 years of service as Canteen Convenor at Ignatius Park College in Townsville. - - - - -</p>	<p><i>A History of Ignatius Park College 1969 – 2009,</i> Page 55.</p> <p>- - “The News”, Jun. 1992</p>
1993	The United Nations declared 1993 as the International Year of Indigenous Peoples	“The News”, Jun. 1993
1993	<p>Josephite Sr. Carmel Street, with Mary Stark as Partner in Mission, established a Western Ministry for Spirituality covering Hughenden, Richmond, Julia Creek, Cloncurry, Mt. Isa, Winton and all points in between.</p> <p>The Ministry began with an invitation to a Western Region meeting in Winton in August 1993.</p>	<p><i>The News</i>, Aug. 95, Oct. 96 &amp; Dec. 97 <i>Catholic News – Townsville Bulletin</i>, 18.03.2010 &amp; 21.06.2012 <i>A Brief History of the Western Ministry for Spirituality, 1993-2015, page 4</i></p>
1993	Br. Greg Carter FMS succeeded Br. David Hall FMS as Principal of St. Francis’ Primary School in Ayr. (1993 – 1996)	<i>The Greatest Gift</i> 100 Years, page 18
1993	Fr. William Busuttin was appointed Parish Priest of Cloncurry, Winton and Julia Creek. (1993 to 1996)	<i>T’ville Bull. – Cath. News Supp.</i> 18.09.2014, p.12
1993	Michael Colahan was appointed as Principal of St. Colman’s School, Home Hill. (1993 – 1998) (He returned later as Acting Principal in Semester 1, 2021, while Principal Carla Johnson was on leave)	<i>Email Joan Kennedy to alldiocese</i> 08.10.2020
1993	St. Joseph’s Pre-school in Mundingburra was opened in January 1993 and the school	<i>75<sup>th</sup> Jubilee – St. Joseph’s</i>

	library was automated.	<i>Mundingburra 1924 – 1999</i> Compiled by Louise Burke
1993	The teaching staff at St. John Bosco School in Collinsville was increased from four to five full time teachers.	" <i>The News</i> ", Dec. 1992
1993	Fr. Mark Kelly was farewelled from Mt. Isa where he had served for five years. Fr. Mark was moving to Brisbane to further his studies.	" <i>The News</i> ", Mar. 1993. Photo included.
1993	On 14.01.1993, Fr. Giles Setter O.F.M. (1984 – 1992) was farewelled by his parishioners at a function at St. Mary's Parish Hall in West Townsville. Fr. Giles had been appointed parish priest of St. Mary of the Angel Parish in Singapore. Fr. Brian Lester OFM (1993 – 1997) was appointed Parish Priest of Townsville West, succeeding Fr. Giles. He was assisted by Fr. Hilary Turner OFM and Anthony Stott OFM.	" <i>The News</i> ", Mar. 1993. Photo included  <i>A Prayerful Memento</i> <i>4<sup>th</sup> October 1997 (bookmark)</i>  <i>Franciscan Provincial Archives</i>
1993	On 16.01.1993, Fr. Terry Lyons celebrated the last wedding to be held in the Church of St John the Apostle in East Ayr. On the night of 18.01.1993, parishioners attended Mass in the Church of St. John the Apostle in East Ayr for the last time. The church was closed and the building was transferred to the growing Burdekin Catholic High School. The East Ayr presbytery had previously been transferred to Burdekin Catholic High School and for many years was used as a music room with woodwork underneath.	<i>Marriage Register</i> <i>Sacred Heart Church, Ayr</i> " <i>The News</i> ", Mar. 1993  <i>100 Years of Grace, 1912 – 2012</i> <i>The History of the Sacred Heart Parish, Ayr, page 44</i>
1993	On Friday 22.01.1993, two Christian Brothers celebrated their golden Jubilees with their families in the St. John Fisher's / Holy Family Parish at a concelebrated Mass. They were Br. Brian Cumming and Br. Bill Langan. Br. Brian was presently serving at the Woorabinda Community in Central Queensland and Br. Bill had served mainly in NSW Colleges.	" <i>The News</i> ", Mar. 1993.
1993	On Saturday 23.01.1993, twenty years of team ministry were celebrated at the Good Shepherd Church in Mt. Isa. With the departure of Fr. Kelly, the new team consisted of Fr. Max Garlick SSC, Fr. Mick Lowcock, Mr. Andrew O'Brien, Mrs. Margaret Fitz-Gibbon, Mrs. Robyn Dolzan and Mrs. Helen Tartellin (team convenor).	" <i>The News</i> ", Mar. & Dec. 1993.
1993	On 23.01.1993, Fr. N. Creen was farewelled from the Currajong / Gulliver (Holy Family) Parish in Townsville. He had been appointed parish priest of Holy Spirit Parish in Cranbrook.	" <i>The News</i> ", Mar. 1993.
1993	<u>Clergy Transfers announced by Bishop Raymond Benjamin – effective 31.01.1993.</u> 1. Fr. Don Smith from Proserpine to Parish Priest, Home Hill. - - - - - 2. Fr. Mark Kelly from Mt. Isa to Study Leave. 3. Fr. Michael Lowcock from Cranbrook (Jan 1986 – Jan 1993) to Mt. Isa. 4. Fr. Noel Smyth from Home Hill to Parish Priest, Holy Family, Gulliver.	<i>The News</i> , Dec. 1992 - <i>The News</i> , Mar. 1993  <i>One in the Spirit</i> <i>The Story of Holy Spirit Parish</i>

	<p>5. Fr. Danny Kinnane from Cathedral to Mundingburra.  6. Fr. N. Creen from Holy Family, Gulliver to Cranbrook (Feb 1993 – Apr 1994)  7. Fr. Brooks Paterson to Parish Priest, Proserpine. -----  8. Fr. Michael Peters to Assistant Priest, Cranbrook (Jan 1993 – Jan 1994)  9. Fr. Denis Moroney to Hospital Chaplain and Assistant Priest, Cathedral.  10. Fr. Keith Turnbull from Southport to Administrator, Ayr. -----  11. Fr. Terry Lyons from Ayr to Study Leave (12 months). -----  12. Fr. Maurie Casey from Ayr to Parish Priest, Railway Estate / Hyde Park. -----  13. Fr. Laurie Whiting from Winton returning to Marist Father’s Province, New Zealand. (From 01.01.1993).  Winton Parish to be administered by Cloncurry based Fr. Bill Busuttin, and by Fr. Terry Stallard from Longreach in the Rockhampton Diocese. -----  14. Fr. John Hay from Charters Towers to Assistant Priest, Ayr. -----</p>	<p><i>Cranbrook, T’ville 1965-2010, Page 157</i>  - <i>The News</i>, Mar. 1993   - <i>The News</i>, Mar. 1993  - <i>The News</i>, Mar.1993  - <i>The News</i>, Mar. 1993   - <i>The News</i>, Apr. 1994  - <i>The News</i>, Mar. 1993</p>
1993	Bishop Benjamin informed the Sacred Heart Parish in Ayr that there would not be a third priest so it was not feasible to have seven Mass times.	
1993	1 <sup>st</sup> February to 9 <sup>th</sup> April – School Term 1.	Diary 1993.
1993	A regular annual event on St. Raphael’s College calendar at James Cook University was the hosting of St. Patrick’s College Year 12 leadership day.	<i>The Grail Newsletter</i> , Vol. 25 No.1 April 1993
1993	The Grail established the “Pacific Centre” in Townsville. Sheila Hawthorn “signed up” on 14.02.1993 for tenancy of 30 Cordelia Avenue, Cranbrook, to provide a suitable place for women from the Pacific to live while they studied at James Cook University. The house was sold in 1996 and the Grail had to vacate by 28.07.1996.	<i>The Grail Newsletter</i> , Vol. 25 No.1 April 1993 <i>The Grail Newsletter</i> , Vol. 28 No. 2 Aug. 1996
1993	Bishop Raymond Benjamin announced the appointment of a new chairman of the Diocesan Pastoral Council. Mrs. Geraldine O’Brien took over the position from Mr. Peter McHugh who held the position for the previous six years.	“ <i>The News</i> ”, Mar. 1993. Photo included.
1993	On Monday 18.02.1993, staff, students, parents and special guests gathered at St. Mary’s College in Charters Towers to celebrate the accreditation of their Religious Education Program. St. Mary’s was the first school in the Townsville Diocese to receive this accreditation.	“ <i>The News</i> ”, Mar. 1993. Photo included.
1993	St. Raphael’s College saw the upgrading of one of its self- contained units, a widening of the car park and extensions to staff accommodation.	<i>The Grail Newsletter</i> , Vol. 25 No.1 April 1993
1993	On 27.02.1993, an outdoor church service and social gathering were held in Ayr to welcome Fr. Keith Turnbull and Fr. John Hay who had arrived two weeks previously. Fr. Turnbull was appointed administrator of the Ayr Parish for twelve months, relieving Fr. Terry Lyons who was undertaking further studies in Sydney. Fr. Hay had been a Brother in the Confraternity of Christ the Priest and had worked in the Parkside Parish in the 1960’s.	<i>The History of the Sacred Heart Parish, Ayr, page 98</i>
1993	On 28.02.1993, a new Branch of the Catholic Womens League (C.W.L.) was opened	<i>Townsville Catholic Archives</i>

	in Charters Towers.	<i>Ref. 770/2</i>
1993	Sam La Spina built a toilet block for children with special needs at Lourdes Primary School in Ingham. Mark Mappas was the design consultant for the project.	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> , page 218 Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui
1993	On 01.03.1993, Holy Spirit Parish centred at Cranbrook in Townsville celebrated the first year of Family Groups, an initiative of the Passionist Fathers.	<i>"The News"</i> , Mar. 1993. Photo included.
1993	Two Townsville priests were involved with ecumenical activities in Brisbane. Fr. Ormond G. Rush and Fr. Michael Putney joined forces in drafting the 1993 Lenten pastoral letter.	<i>"The News"</i> , Dec. 1992
1993	Marillac House celebrated its 20 <sup>th</sup> year of service to the Mt. Isa district.	<i>"The News"</i> , Dec. 1993
1993	On Saturday 20.03.1993, members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul elected Mrs. Rita Shemlowski as their new Townsville Diocesan president replacing retiring president Ron Telford. Rita was installed during a Mass in the Sacred Heart Church in Ayr by Fr. Keith Turnbull on Sunday 06.03.1993 and so became the first woman to hold this position. (Rita held this position until her death on 20.01.1995).	<i>"The News"</i> , Jun. 1993 Apr. 1995, page 5
1993	On Saturday 20.03.1993, a new Saint Vincent de Paul Society Maria House Women's Refuge was officially opened and blessed at 4 Trevor St. Currajong, Townsville.	<i>Invitation to attend extended to +Raymond Benjamin from Margaret Wheeler dated 12.03.1993.</i>
1993	On 26.03.1993, St Catherine's new Pre-school in Proserpine was blessed by Bishop Raymond Benjamin and officially opened by Senator Margaret Reynolds, representing the Federal Government. Staff appointed to the pre-school were Mrs. Carmel Price and Tanya Lawrence. Later in the year, a new shaded extension and storage was constructed.	<i>"The News"</i> , Sep. 1992, Mar. & Jun. 1993 & Dec.1994 Photo in Jun. 93.
1993	The first Acies of the Legion of Mary held in Holy Spirit Church, Cranbrook, Townsville, took place on 28.03.1993.	<i>"The News"</i> , Jun. 1993
1993	Fr. Keith Turnbull, parish priest of Ayr, was appointed as the new spiritual advisor of the Townsville Diocesan Council of the St. Vincent de Paul Society replacing Fr. Bill Busuttin who had served in that capacity over the previous six years.	<i>"The News"</i> , Jun. 1993
1993	During the Ignatius Park College annual fete in March, Bishop Raymond Benjamin blessed and opened the Joe Griffin Audio-visual Theatrettes and also blessed the building extensions to the Library and Staffroom. IPC proved itself to be a premier Queensland rugby league school by winning the Bob Lidner trophy at the annual Confraternity Shield Carnival which was held in Cairns. The College had not competed in the competition since 1987.	<i>A History of Ignatius Park College 1969 – 2009</i> , Page 57.
1993	At the end of March, Mr. Harry Power retired from his position as Manager of the Diocesan Development Fund. (1963 – 1988 – 1993). He was succeeded by Mr. Garry Bolton who commenced working with Harry during March and April to ensure a smooth transition for the DDF and Diocese.	<i>"The News"</i> , Mar. 1993



1993	Easter Sunday 11.04.1993.	Diary 1993.
1993	19 <sup>th</sup> April to 18 <sup>th</sup> June – School Term 2.	Diary 1993.
1993	A project known as the “Adopt a Granny” scheme was launched in the Holy Spirit primary school at Cranbrook in Townsville. The project matched primary age children with elderly overseas born Australians.	“ <i>The News</i> ”, Jun. 1993
1993	Death of Sr. M. Paula Murphy RSM on 20.04.1993 aged 93 years. Buried in Belgian Gardens Cemetery, Townsville.	Headstone in Belgian Gardens Cemetery.
1993	On Saturday 24.04.1993, an ‘Open House’ and afternoon tea was held at the Sisters of Mercy Convent in Ingham to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of Sr. Mary Stephen.	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> , page 198 Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui
1993	On the weekend of 29/30 May, St. Teresa’s College, Abergowrie, celebrated its Diamond Jubilee with Mass on Saturday followed by a dinner at the International Club and on Sunday with a barbecue.	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui Page 218
1993	On Friday 30.04.1993, St. John Bosco’s School community in Collinsville farewelled Mrs. Betty Pierce who had been the school secretary for the last two years. On Tuesday 04.05.1993, the school welcomed their new school secretary, Mrs. Lynne Cochrane.	“ <i>The News</i> ”, Jun. 1993
1993	Death of Sr. M. Cecilia Flynn RSM on 02.05.1993 aged 84 years. Buried in Belgian Gardens Cemetery, Townsville.	<i>Headstone in Belgian Gardens Cemetery</i>
1993	Paul Lucas, principal of Marion Catholic primary school in the Gulliver / Currajong parish, was awarded a Masters degree with Honours from the Jesuit’s Regis University in Denver, Colorado, USA. Paul’s degree was awarded in “Adult Christian Community Development and Family Ministry”.	“ <i>The News</i> ”, Jun. 1993
1993	Sr. Elaine Smith celebrated her 25 <sup>th</sup> jubilee as a Sister of St. Joseph with the House of Prayer community.	“ <i>The News</i> ”, Jun. 1993
1993	“ <i>Youth Outreach</i> ” was published monthly and was the official newsletter of the Diocesan Youth Office. “ <i>Wallies from Above</i> ” went to air every fourth Sunday of the month on Townsville’s community radio station 4TTT (103.9 FM). There were two Antioch groups active in the Townsville Diocese, one in Holy Spirit Parish and one in Mt. Isa.	“ <i>The News</i> ”, Dec. 1994 Photos included
1993	Renovations were made at the Townsville Mater Hospital to allow for ICU/CCU - 11 beds, a larger entrance foyer, Administration, Medical Records, and expansion of the central Sterilising and Supply Unit, an additional Operating Room – total 5 – and 3 more Recovery Room Bays – total 9.	<i>Mater Health Services North Queensland, Developments</i>
1993	The Townsville Mater became the first hospital north of Brisbane to commission a cardiac catheter laboratory and provide advanced open heart surgery.	<i>Townsville Bulletin</i> , 23.06. 2001, page 39.
1993	Monday 28.06.1993 was the 40 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ordination of Fr. Tam Ferlazzo to the priesthood. On Sunday 27.06.1993, a Mass was celebrated to mark his anniversary and was followed by a barbecue at Lourdes School.	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui Page 204

1993	The Mt. Isa branch of the AICC hosted the World Council of Churches conference called "Sharing the Struggles of the Indigenous Peoples", and the venue for the day was the Good Shepherd Church.	"The News", Dec. 1993 Page 5
1993	Under the guidance of Sr. Anne-Marie Kinnane RSM from Rockhampton, Holy Spirit Parish has worked towards a new organisational structure which will be known as the Holy Spirit Ministerial Region.	"The News", Dec. 1994
1993	5 <sup>th</sup> July to 17 <sup>th</sup> September – School Term 3.	Diary 1993.
1993	On 09.07.1993, Bishop Raymond Benjamin officiated at the opening and blessing of a new counselling service offered by Centacare called "Break Even". The centre was opened by the Queensland Minister for Family Services, Anne Warner, at 169 Bundock St., Belgian Gardens.	"The News", Sep. 1993
1993	On 17.07.1993, the Australian Catholic Bishop's Conference voted in agreement that the Australian Catholic Church be a foundation member of the National Council of Churches in Australia. (The inauguration took place in early July 1994).	"The News", Dec. 1993 Page 8
1993	Death of Fr. Tom Gard in Proserpine on Wednesday 21.07.1993 aged 83 years. Fr. Gard spent the last 27 years of his life at Proserpine as parish priest and then as a retiree. Buried in the Proserpine Lawn Cemetery, Lawn LHS, Section 3, Row 1. (He was a <i>Rat of Tobruk</i> with the 2/43 Battalion and in 1941 was decorated for bravery for saving wounded soldiers from no-man's land after an attack on a German position).	"The News", Sep. 1993  <i>Portrait of a Parish</i> Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui Pages 204, 303 & 304.
1993	On 25.07.1993, Bishop Raymond Benjamin officially opened and blessed the Stella Maris Seafarer's Centre, which had been established in St. Patrick's Parish Hall in South Townsville. Now, twenty-six years after the closure of the centre on the Jetty Road due to the expansion of the Townsville Port, the A.O.S. (Apostleship of the Sea) had new premises and another chapter had begun.	"The News", Sep. 1993 <i>History – Apostleship of the Sea – Australia (Townsville)</i> <i>Townsville Archives Reference</i> 735 / 3
1993	Barry Cannon, a member of the bishop's Media Advisory Board for the Townsville Diocese, was appointed co-ordinator of all religious broadcasting on community radio 4TTT.	"The News", Mar. & Dec. 1992 Photo in Dec. 92. Sep. 1993
1993	During a visit to the Whitsunday Parish, Bishop Benjamin inspected 15 acres of land purchased at Cannonvale for a future church and school	"The News", Apr. 1994
1993	The Sacred Heart Cathedral in Stanley Street, Townsville, was listed as a heritage building. The Cathedral had never been completed and would most likely remain incomplete.	"The News", Sep. 1993
1993	On 11.08.1993, a Salesian priest, Fr. Eligio Pertusati celebrated an Italian Mass in St. Patrick's Church, Ingham. Fr. Eligio was visiting with a group of Italian citizens from Conzano, Italy, as special guests of Ingham as the towns had developed a sister city relationship.	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui Page 213
1993	Death of Sr. M. Austin Heffernan RSM on 11.08.1993 aged 88.	Headstone in Belgian Gardens

	Buried in Belgian Gardena Cemetery, Townsville.	Cemetery.
1993	On 14.08.1993, a Jubilee, Thanksgiving and Valedictory Mass, organised by Lourdes Primary School in Ingham, was celebrated to mark Sr. Stephen's 50 years of being a Mercy Sister. She was also leaving for Townsville. Sr. Stephen had worked as sacramental co-ordinator in St. Patrick's Parish for 10 years. Sr. Stephen was replaced by Sr. Rose Pelleri.	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui Page 198
1993	On 17.08.1993, Ed Stewart was admitted to Candidacy for the Priesthood by Bishop Raymond Benjamin in the Holy Spirit Church at Cranbrook in Townsville.	<i>Townsville Diocese Archives</i> <i>File 731/5</i>
1993	On Wednesday 18.08.1993, the 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ordination to the Priesthood of Fr. Frank Andersen MSC was celebrated with a Thanksgiving Mass in Holy Spirit Church, Cranbrook, followed by a lunch in the Presbytery for Priests and Associates.	<i>Townsville Diocese Archives</i> <i>Files 731/5 &amp; 883/2</i>
1993	During August, the Bowen Branch of the Catholic Women's League held a special evening to celebrate 40 years of being a branch in CWL, originally the Catholic Daughters of Australia.	" <i>The News</i> ", Apr. 1994
1993	In August, the Mt. Isa team ministry farewelled Fr. Max Garlick SSC as he returned to his homeland, New Zealand. This left Fr. Mick Lowcock as the only priest on team. (Fr. Max died in Wellington Hospital on 12.06.1996 after a fall which cracked his skull).	" <i>The News</i> ", Dec. 1993 Page 5 Those Who Journeyed With Us Deceased Columbans 1918 - 2016
1993	In Mt. Isa, twenty five years service in their respective orders was celebrated by Sr. Lyn Freestone of the St. Joseph's Order and Sr. Milagros FMM. Sr. Lyn had spent 11 years in Mt. Isa and Sr. Mila had been there for the last two and a half years but had moved on to Brisbane to take up studies in mid-wifery.	" <i>The News</i> ", Dec. 1993 Page 5
1993	The St. Vincent de Paul Society established a Conference at St. Anthony's, Deeragun, in Townsville.	" <i>A Century Not Out</i> " St. Vincent de Paul Society leaflet.
1993	The St. Vincent de Paul Society established a Conference at St. Thomas' Church, Airlie Beach, Whitsunday. (via Proserpine)	" <i>A Century Not Out</i> " St. Vincent de Paul Society leaflet.
1993	The Church and Society Commission invited all to a gathering on 03.09.1993 at the Townsville City Council administration building to discuss ecumenical involvement in Townsville and the new National Council of Churches in Australia.	" <i>The News</i> ", Apr. 1994
1993	On 01.11.1993, Mr. Mike Byrne was appointed as Director of Townsville Catholic Education Office. Mike had been Assistant Director for the last three years. He succeeded Sr. Mary McDonald S.G.S., who held the position of Director since 1985. Sr. Mary had completed her contractual agreement with the Diocese and had accepted an invitation to attend North Western University, Illinois, as Visiting Scholar for one academic year. She would be leaving the Diocese to go overseas in mid-December.	" <i>The News</i> ", Apr. 1994 - Photo incl.  T'ville Catholic Archives Ref. 769/6 (C.W.L. papers)
1993	In September, the IPC Basketball team were crowned the best team in the State, after the secondary schools titles were held in Townsville.	<i>A History of Ignatius Park College</i> <i>1969 – 2009, page 57.</i>

1993	The latter half of 1993 saw the emergence of a Townsville Diocesan Catholic Ecumenical Commission.	<i>"The News"</i> , Dec. 1993 Page 8
1993	St. Paul's College at Townsville's James Cook University held a 25 year reunion from 24 <sup>th</sup> to 26 <sup>th</sup> September 1993.	<i>"The News"</i> , Jun. 1993
1993	At a state conference of the Knights of the Southern Cross held in Maryborough, a "Significant Achievement Award" was presented to the Townsville West branch of the order for their efforts in promoting their "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster in the lead up to Christmas 1992.	<i>"The News"</i> , Dec. 1993 Page 2
1993	The first conference of Deacons of the Catholic Church in Australia was held in Sydney from September 27 to October 1. Director of Townsville Diocesan Matrimonial Tribunal, Deacon Jim Erskine, was a speaker at the conference.	<i>"The News"</i> , Dec. 1993 Page 11
1993	On 29.09.1993, a <i>Fun and Games Teen-Time</i> picnic was held at Forrest Beach for young people of 13 to 17 year old.	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> , page 194 Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui
1993	4 <sup>th</sup> October to 17 <sup>th</sup> December – School Term 4.	Diary 1993.
1993	In October 1993, Sr. Catherine Slattery S.G.S., Principal of Ryan Catholic Community College was appointed to the Good Samaritan Council in Sydney, NSW.	<i>The Annals – Golden Jubilee St. Margaret Mary's Primary School</i>
1993	At the October meeting of the Townsville branch of the Catholic Women's League members welcomed their new patroness, Mrs. Marge Cole who has filled the position left vacant by the death of Mrs. Ann McDiarmid in September.	<i>"The News"</i> , Dec. 1993 Page 10
1993	On 13.10.1993, "The Catholic Hour" went to air for the first time. It was presented by Jim Wilkinson who had previously been a guest presenter on "Catholic Horizons Today" which was produced and presented by Barry Cannon who was the religion area co-ordinator for Radio Station 4TTT.	<i>"The News"</i> , Dec. 1995 Photo included.
1993	On Friday 15.10.1993, Leon Le-Grand, an authority on the apparition of Our Lady at Medjugorje, visited Ingham to speak on the subject. (On 24.06.1981, Our Lady as <i>The Blessed Virgin, Queen of Peace</i> was purported to have appeared before six young people at Medjugorje in what was Bosnia – Herzegovina).	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui Page 213
1993	On Friday 15.10.1993, Edward (Ed) Stewart, a student at St. Paul's National Seminary, Sydney, was ordained to the Diaconate at Holy Spirit Church, Cranbrook, Townsville.	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> , page 213 Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui
1993	On 16.10.1993, Bishop Raymond Benjamin blessed "Gumburu", in the rainforest at Paluma on Mount Spec between Townsville and Ingham in the north. Townsville Catholic Education established "Gumburu" (Misty Place) as an Environmental Education Centre. The facility catered for 56 people and had a resident manager and support staff. Visitors could participate in a range of activities including rainforest eco walks, a sensory trail and a bush tucker trail. It was the first Catholic Environmental	<i>The Catholic Leader</i> , 31.10.2004 & 18.12.2011, page 24 <i>Townsville Bulletin Catholic News Supplement</i> 27.03.2014, page 8. <i>Gumburu - Centre for Catholic Education for the Environment</i>

	Education Centre established in Australia. (Gumburu was not officially opened until 16.10.1994).	Townsville Catholic Archives Ref. 778/5 & 861/1
1993	On 30.10.1993, St. Patrick's Parish, Ingham, hosted a Diocesan Liturgy Committee monthly meeting. The theme of the meeting was "The Holy Saturday Vigil Celebrations. The meeting was led by Jayne Ahearne, Diocesan Director. Bishop Benjamin was also in attendance.	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui Page 213
1993	Branches of the Catholic Women's League throughout the Townsville Diocese contributed to the cost of a mobile phone for use by Fr. Denis Moroney, chaplain to the Townsville General Hospital.	" <i>The News</i> ", Dec. 1993 Page 11 Photo included.
1993	During Winton's "Out Back Festival". Fr. Bill Busuttin celebrated mass at Mistake Creek, 3 km out of town.	" <i>The News</i> ", Apr. 1994
1993	On Saturday 20.11.1993, the 25 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the consecration of St. Teresa's Church in Garbutt, Townsville, was marked by a concelebrated mass.	" <i>The News</i> ", Dec. 1993, page 11 Photo included.
1993	On Thursday 25.11.1993, Fr. Joe Grech from Victoria, whose official ministry was healing, led a <i>Healing in Answer to Prayer</i> Rally at Conroy Hall in Ingham followed by an Italian Healing Mass at Canossa, Trebonne, Ingham, on Friday 26.11.1993.	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui Page 214
1993	On Sunday 05.12.1993, Stage 2 development at St. Anthony's School on Veales Road in Jensen, Townsville, was officially Blessed and Opened.	<i>Diary</i> J. K. White
1993	On 08.12.1993 in the Ingham Parish, as part of the Advent journey towards Christmas, a night of Christmas Carols by candlelight was held at Bambaroo and again at Trebonne on 14.12.1993.	" <i>The News</i> ", Dec. 1993 Page 2
1993	Mass attendance count for all Townsville Parishes. 1986 – 1991 – 1993. (Newsletter of the DPC Pastoral Planning & Formation Commission)	<i>Partnership</i> Dec. 1993.
1993	At the end of 1993, Mrs. Mary Matheson, the grade 1-2 teacher at St. Mary's School in Bowen, completed 25 years of teaching at St. Mary's.	" <i>The News</i> ", Apr. 1994
1993	On Saturday 19.12.1993, Fr. Michael Taylor was farewelled from the Ingham Parish. He was returning to the army in 1994 to serve once again as an Army Chaplain.	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> , page 184 Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui
1993	Mary MacKillop was re-interred in the new Shrine in Mount Street, Nth. Sydney on 20.12.93.	Josephite 2009 Calendar
1993	On Tuesday 21.12.1993, the historic Mabo Bill made its passage through Parliament, 18 months after the High Court decision.	" <i>Australia Through Time</i> " 2005 Edition.
1993	In Mt. Isa, Fr. Mick Lowcock led up to Christmas celebrations on the Sunday before Christmas when he travelled to Boulia for mass, tea and Christmas carols. On Monday, the celebrations were repeated at Chatsworth Station, Tuesday at The Monument and Wednesday at Dajarra. These visits were preceded earlier in the month when Fr. Lowcock joined with ministers from both the Anglican and Uniting churches for visits to Camooweal and Gunpowder.	" <i>The News</i> ", Dec. 1993 Page 1
1993	Fr. Brooks Patterson, parish priest of Whitsunday Parish centred at Proserpine had a	" <i>The News</i> ",

	<p>busy Christmas. He celebrated vigil mass at St. Catherine's Church in Proserpine and again at 6.30 am on Christmas morning.</p> <p>He then headed for the coast for a 7.45 am mass with the community from Airlie Beach and Cannonvale at Cannonvale and after that he boarded a fast catamaran to Hamilton Island where he celebrated mass at 11 am in the little All Saints Church which had been built by the resort owners.</p> <p>After Hamilton, Fr. Brooks moved on to Hayman Island for mass at 12 noon. He then joined an Anglican priest for a flight to South Molle Island for mass at 1.30 pm.</p>	<p>Dec. 1993 Page 1</p>
1993	Centacare experienced major expansion when applications for funding for the Break Even program and the Family Skills Training Program were both granted.	
1993	On 17.06.1993, at a special meeting of the Proserpine Branch of the Catholic Womens League (C.W.L.) at the home of Irma Borellini, it was agreed by all financial members to disband the Proserpine Branch.	<p><i>Townsville Catholic Archives</i> <i>Ref. 771/6</i> <i>The News, Apr. 1994</i></p>
1993	During 1993, St. Patrick's Church in Ingham was renovated. Side altars were removed and other changes made in order to make the church more liturgically correct.	<p><i>Portrait of a Parish</i>, page 226 Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui</p>
1993	At the end of 1993, Martin Powley completed his three year term as the first lay principal of Canossa Primary School, Trebonne, Ingham, and moved on to become the music specialist at St. Anthony's, Deeragun. Miss Trisha Telford was selected as the second Lay Principal of St. Joseph's Canossa Primary School.	<p><i>Portrait of a Parish</i> Pages 218 &amp; 277 Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui</p>
1993	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Ignatius Park College – 1993</u></p> <p>The original Deputy Principal of the College, Br. Brian Cumming, returned to IPC as the chaplain.</p> <p>The IPC Environment Group completed a major electricity audit of the College campus as part of the NORQEB / Nie secondary schools' competition to promote wise energy consumption. Ms. M. Millard and Miss S. McEwan were involved in the project. As a result, the Group won a television and video recorder for the College Library.</p> <p>After nearly seven years of very active involvement, Major Ross Douglas retired from the 15<sup>th</sup> Regional Cadet Unit, based at IPC.</p> <p><b>The Best Picture</b> was the musical production and Mr. Malcom Watt performed the directing duties. Students from St. Patrick's and St. Margaret Mary's Colleges were involved.</p>	<p><i>A History of Ignatius Park College</i> <i>1969 – 2009</i>, Page 57.</p>
1994	Australia's population 17,950,000 – United Nations Year of the Family.	<i>"Australia Through Time"</i>

		2005 Edition.
1994	Mr. Ross Horner succeeded Mrs. Catherine Day as Principal of Holf Spirit Primary School, Cranbrook.	T'ville Catholic Archives, Ref. 766/2 A Short History of Holy Spirit School
1994	Mr. Ernie Christie was appointed as the third Lay Principal of St. Teresa's College, Abergowrie (1994 to 1996) succeeding Mr. Jim Doran.	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> , page 278 Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui
1994	Sister Ellen Randle was appointed principal of St. Francis College in Hughenden, a position she filled until 2003.	<i>T'ville Bull. – Cath. News Supp.</i> 17.12.2015, page 11
1994	Bernadette (Bernie) Williams succeeded Carmel Ashton to become the fourth Lay Principal of St. Peter's Catholic Primary School in Halifax (1994).	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> , page 278 Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui
1994	Br. Peter Gerald Burke succeeded Br. Luke Quinn to become the fourth Principal of the combined Gilroy / Santa Maria College.	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> , page 277 Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui
1994	In January, Fr. Ormond G. Rush left the staff of Banyo Seminary for three years study in Rome. At the completion of his studies he would return to Banyo.	" <i>The News</i> ", Apr. 1994 Photo included.
1994	In January, the former director of the Liturgical Commission, Ms Jayne Ahearne, resigned her position and took up a new position in the United States. (Nov. 92 to 94) (Photo in Dec. 92).	" <i>The News</i> ", Mar. & Dec. 1992, Apr. 1994.
1994	Clyde Cosentino, a law graduate from Ingham, and Robert McCahill, a university student from Townsville commenced studies towards the priesthood at Banyo Seminary in Brisbane.	" <i>The News</i> ", Apr. 1994
1994	<u>St. Mary's School, Bowen – Teaching Staff for 1994.</u> Grade 1. Miss Todeschino    Grade 2. Mrs Matheson and Mrs. Feeney Grade 3. Mrs. Sullivan        Grade 4. Miss Birmingham Grade 5. Mrs. O'Donnell      Grade 6. Mrs Turner Grade 7. Mr. Minz	" <i>The News</i> ", Apr. 1994
1994	<u>St. Catherine's School, Proserpine – Teaching Staff for 1944.</u> Mrs Carmel Ashton (Principal). <u>Pre-school</u> Carmel Price                  Jennifer Koch                  Dale Moore <u>Primary School</u> Tina Scodellaro                  David Wagner                  Lois Oliver                  Sharyn Bell Viv Demartini                  Dianna Stevens                  Pat Burns	" <i>The News</i> ", Apr. 1994
1994	Newly constructed and refurbished buildings at St. Francis School in Ayr were named after significant people in the history of the school. Plaques were attached to honour; <b>Eileen Irving</b> , the first student at the school; <b>Sr. Catherine Mulholland</b> , the first Principal; <b>Fr. Jules Bucas</b> , the first Parish Priest; (1912 – 1917) <b>Br. Brendan McGuire</b> , who became the first Marist Principal in 1978 when the two	<i>The Greatest Gift</i> <i>Celebrating 100 Years</i> <i>Pages 9 &amp; 12</i>  <i>100 Years of Grace, 1912 – 2012</i> <i>The History of the Sacred Heart</i> <i>Parish, Ayr,</i>

	primary schools were amalgamated after sixty five years of leadership by the Good Samaritan Sisters <b>Joyce Crooks</b> who taught music for 27 years. (The music building)	page 45
1994	The Ayr Pre-schoolers were relocated into new premises within the grounds of St. Francis' Primary School.	<i>The Greatest Gift Celebrating 100 Years, page19</i>
1994	In January, the Ignatius Park College First XI Cricket team, coached by Mr Michael Conn and managed by Br. Jon Hansen, were victorious as Australasian Cricket Champions, after competing in the Christian Brothers Cricket Week in Brisbane.	<i>A History of Ignatius Park College 1969 – 2009, Page 59.</i>
1994	On 05.02.1994, the Sisters of Mercy Congregation joined with St. Patrick's Parish in Ingham to celebrate with Sr. Ros Carr (Ingham) when she professed her final vows as a Sister of Mercy before Bishop Raymond Benjamin.	<i>"The News", Apr. 1994 Portrait of a Parish, pages 204 &amp; 275 Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui</i>
1994	On Thursday 10.02.1994, Deacon Edward (Ed) Stewart was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Raymond Benjamin in Holy Spirit Church at Cranbrook, Townsville.	<i>"The News", Apr. 1994. Photo included.</i>
1994	In February, residents, staff and supporters of Villa Vincent joined with the Sisters of Mercy to celebrate 30 years since the establishment of the aged care complex.	<i>"The News", Apr. 1994 Photo included.</i>
1994	On 21.02.1994, the St Vincent de Paul Society's Night Patrol became known as Twin Cities Community Youth Service.	<i>Townsville Catholic Archives Ref. 781/2</i>
1994	A conference of St. Vincent de Paul was established at St. Thomas' Church in Cannonvale (Proserpine Parish).	<i>"The News", Apr. 1994</i>
1994	Extensions were made to the St. Vincent de Paul's "Vinnie's Boutique" in Proserpine.	<i>"The News", Apr. 1994</i>
1994	Sr. Paule Francoise F.M.M. (Marie Rose Duford), aged 96 years, died on Palm Island and was buried there on 04.03.1994.	<i>Bishop's Memo Townsville Catholic Archives Ref. 786/6</i>
1994	The Ingham Parish held 80 <sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations, taking the creation of the parish as 1914 rather than the actual date of 1903. The celebrations included a concert on Friday 11.03.1994 in the Shire Hall and a barbecue on Tuesday 18.03.1994 at which Archbishop Rush was present. A Mass and blessing of the renovated church by Bishop Benjamin took place on Sunday 20.03.1994. Archbishop Rush was also present at this ceremony. (The project architect was Paul Rush and the bulk of the work was carried out by Ron and John Leonardi. Mr Warren Langley, artist and designer, was commissioned to construct the glass panels surrounding the rear of the sanctuary). Finally, on Wednesday 06.04.1994, there was a gathering of 21 priests for dinner at the presbytery.	<i>Portrait of a Parish Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui Pages 206 to 212</i>
1994	In March 1994, Bishop Raymond Benjamin Blessed and Officially Opened extensions to the St Vincent de Paul Society Men's Hostel at 11 Camooweal Street,	<i>Townsville Catholic Archives Ref. 781/2</i>



	Mount Isa.	
1994	On 11.03.1994, St Vincent de Paul Society's Big Bird's Nest Child Minding Centre in Ayr was handed over to the community.	<i>Townsville Catholic Archives Ref. 781/2</i>
1994	An extension was made at the Townsville Mater Hospital to accommodate a Respiratory Unit and a Physiotherapy Unit.	<i>Mater Health Services North Queensland, Developments</i>
1994	The Canossian Sisters established a permanent convent in Townsville in a high set house at 4 Mindham Street in the suburb of Mysterton. Sr. Carmelita Cosico was the "Superior" and her ministry was to focus on the Apostleship of the Sea and the Stella Maris Centre at South Townsville. She would also assist with visitation to the Filipino Community, especially outside of Townsville. Sr. Eva Cabuhat would be responsible for the Apostolate to the Filipino Community in Townsville. Sr. Josie Stucchi would be available to minister to aged and infirm Italian residents.	" <i>The News</i> ", Apr. 1994  Bishop's Memo Townsville Catholic Archives Ref. 786/6
1994	The Diocesan Religious Education Co-ordinator with the Catholic Education Office, Sr. Helen Mary Peters RSM, returned to Townsville after seven months study leave at the East Asian Pastoral Institute in Quezon City, Philippines	" <i>The News</i> ", Apr. 1994 Photo included.
1994	Gilroy Santa Maria College in Ingham made improvements to the Manual Arts and Art Room facilities and the boys' toilet. A Sick Bay was constructed and major electrical work was carried out. The college entrance was improved and the CSR installed safety lights at the cane train crossing.	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui Page 218
1994	1 <sup>st</sup> to 10 <sup>th</sup> April – School Holidays.	Diary 1994.
1994	Easter Sunday 03.04.1994.	Diary 1994.
1994	In April 1994, Ingham youth were invited to another weekend at the Crystal Creek Youth Centre hosted by the Townsville Diocesan Youth Assembly.	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> , page 194 Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui
1994	At the end of April, St. Mary's Parish in Bowen welcomed Fr. Regis Smith OFM who arrived for a three months stay while Fr. Dore was overseas on long service leave.	" <i>The News</i> ", Jul. 1994
1994	Townsville writer Noel Lane produced a book called "Friends of Ozanam" covering the growth of the St. Vincent de Paul Society in the Townsville Diocese. (1906 to 1987).	" <i>The News</i> ", Jul. 1994
1994	The Pope having reversed previous attitudes on female altar servers, the Vatican clarified its official recognition of the right of women and girls to exercise this liturgical ministry of serving at the altar.	" <i>The News</i> ", Jul. 1994
1994	St. Patrick's Parish in Ingham played host to 15 ladies from Christ the King Parish, Badili, Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea. The ladies from Badili had been planning their visit for four years and wanted to see how parish organisations were run in Australia.	" <i>The News</i> ", Jul. 1994 Photo included.

1994	During the absence of Fr. Brooks Patterson on vacation, Fr. Keith Turnbull C.M. took charge of the Parish of Whitsunday.	"The News", Jul. 1994
1994	At St. Catherine's School in Proserpine, a road safety traffic crossing was established in Marathon Street.	"The News", Jul. 1994
1994	The Proserpine conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society had a demountable office attached to the shop where members were rostered to administer welfare, etc.	"The News", Jul. 1994
1994	On Sunday 08.05.1994, at St. Patrick's Church, Ingham, the Youth Group organised a Mother's Day Mass during which there was a special blessing for mothers.	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> , page 194 Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui
1994	On 09.05.1994, the St Vincent de Paul Society Centre at Bayside (North Ward) Townsville, was blessed and officially opened.	<i>Townsville Catholic Archives</i> Ref. 781/2
1994	On Wednesday 11.05.1994, a group of women visiting from New Guinea attended a Majellan Group meeting held in the Ingham Parish Hall. The guest speaker at the meeting was Judy Reitano.	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui Page 188
1994	The new "Catechism of the Catholic Church" was released in Australia during May 1994. (The Pope had commissioned this catechism in July 1986).	"The News", Jul. 1994
1994	Pentecost Sunday 22.05.1994; Celebration of Silver Jubilee of Holy Spirit School plus Opening and Blessing of new Administration and Library extensions, plus a Pre-School and After School Care Unit.	"The News", Apr. 1994 T'ville Catholic Archives, Ref. 766/2 A Short History of Holy Spirit School
1994	On 25.05.1994, major improvements to facilities at Burdekin Catholic High School were officially blessed by Bishop Benjamin and opened by Mr. Ted Lindsay M.P. for Herbert who represented Federal Minister for Schools, Ross Free. The additions included a new reception and administration area and a computer room which were incorporated into the original 1953 school building. (Blessed Edmund Campion War Memorial College)	"The News", Jul. 1994  <i>100 Years of Grace, 1912 – 2012</i> <i>The History of the Sacred Heart Parish, Ayr, page 46</i>
1994	On Thursday 26.05.1994, a meeting of <i>Christians for Peace</i> was held in the Ingham parish hall. Presiding at the meeting were Len Horner from the Diocesan Centre, Sr. Gail Hyslop (Hislop) PBVM, Australian Co-ordinator and Sara Sullivan, Youth Co-ordinator. <i>Christians for Peace</i> was described as "an ecumenical group striving to raise awareness on issues especially Central America, Bougainville and East Timor".	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui Page 214
1994	On Friday 27.05 1994, following a mass at St. Margaret Mary's, Hyde Park, organised by the CWL ladies to celebrate the 150 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the proclamation of Mary Help of Christians as Patron of Australia, Bishop Benjamin presented Mrs. Erin Johnston with the Cross Pro Ecclesia at Pontifice (Cross for Church and Pope) for outstanding services within the church community.	"The News", Jul. 1994, Photo included <i>Portrait of a Parish</i> Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui Page 198
1994	Death of Monsignor Vincent Francis Vandeleur, aged 84 years, in Townsville on Friday 03.06.1994 in the 60 <sup>th</sup> year of his priesthood. (1934 to 1994). Born 04.10.1909. Buried in Belgian Gardens Cemetery, Section A, Subdivision 4, Grave no. 675	<i>Townsville Catholic News</i> , Aug. 1959, Jul. 1994 Celebration of the Entry into Eternal Life Booklet

1994	Ignatius Park College celebrated its Silver Jubilee. To mark the occasion a number of events, including Masses, a morning tea, a Race meeting and a Dinner Dance were held at the college to coincide with the Queen's Birthday long weekend in June. The major project for the event was the re-development of the College Quadrangle organised by Mr. Barry Mulligan. The Celtic Cross from Our Lady's Mount, Stanton Hill, was erected in the new look quadrangle.	<i>A History of Ignatius Park College 1969 – 2009</i> , Page 41.
1994	From June 1994 to February 1995, Fr. John Holyoak, who was recuperating from illness, was able to assist in Ingham on Friday, Saturday and Sundays, working the other days in Townsville.	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui Page 185
1994	18 <sup>th</sup> June to 3 <sup>rd</sup> July – School Holidays.	Diary 1994.
1994	On 19 <sup>th</sup> June, Radio Rhema in Mt Isa made its first broad cast.	Good Shepherd Parish 2005 Calendar
1994	The pre-school at St. Joseph's, Mundingburra, was completely refurbished during the 1994 June – July holidays.	<i>75<sup>th</sup> Jubilee – St. Joseph's Mundingburra 1924 – 1999</i> Compiled by Louise Burke
1994	Bishop Benjamin appointed Christian Brother Brian Cumming as pastoral leader of the Holy Spirit Parish following the resignation of the former parish priest, Fr. N. Creen.	" <i>The News</i> ", Jul. 1994
1994	On 03.07.1994, a newly formulated National Council of Churches in Australia was inaugurated. The Catholic Church was a founding member. Previously it had been unconnected with the ecumenical movement.	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> , page 215 Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui " <i>The News</i> ", Dec. 1993, page 8
1994	On 11.07.1994, a St Vincent de Paul Society Centre was opened at 14 Plume Street, South Townsville.	<i>Townsville Catholic Archives</i> Ref. 781/2
1994	On 28.07.1994, Bishop Raymond Benjamin promulgated a protocol to deal with accusations of sexual abuse by people working for the Catholic Church. An initiative of the protocol was the establishment of a Special Issues Resource Group to help and support victims.	" <i>The News</i> ", Jul. 1994
1994	On 03.08.1994, the Missionary Sisters of Service celebrated 50 years at a Jubilee Mass in Mundingburra.	" <i>The News</i> ", Jul. 1994
1994	The Diocesan Pastoral Council was suspended in August 1994. The role of the DPC Secretariat was expanded until 1996 when four Regional Pastoral Councils began operating.	" <i>The News</i> ", Apr. 1996
1994	The sale of the former residence (Fatima House) and land at the corner of Mt. Spec Road and Lennox Crescent in the Town of Paluma (Lot 4 on Plan No. P8365) was concluded on 12.08.1944.	<i>Boulton Cleary &amp; Kern</i> <i>Settlement Statement</i>
1994	Masses on Sunday 14.08.1994, the eve of the Assumption of Mary into heaven, were held as <i>Year of the Family</i> celebrations with special blessings being given to mothers of small children.	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> Page 198 Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui
1994	From 15 <sup>th</sup> to 19 <sup>th</sup> August, the bi-annual convention of the National Council of Priests	" <i>The News</i> ", Apr. & Dec. 1994

	of Australia was held in Townsville. More than 120 priests from all parts of Australia and beyond gathered at the Mercure Inn for the convention.	" <i>The Swag</i> ", Oct. 1994. Vol. 2, No. 3,
1994	In August 1994, extensions to the St Vincent de Paul Clothing Centre were blessed and opened.	<i>Townsville Catholic Archives Ref. 781/1</i>
1994	On 26.08.1994, a Civic Reception was held in Townsville to mark the Centenary of the arrival of the St Vincent de Paul Society in Queensland. (18.02.1894, Red Hill, Brisbane). On 27.08.1994, a Centennial Mass was celebrated to mark the occasion.	<i>Townsville Catholic Archives Ref. 781/2</i>
1994	The Church and Society Commission invited all to a gathering on 03.09.1993 at the Townsville City Council administration building to discuss ecumenical involvement in Townsville and the new National Council of Churches in Australia.	" <i>The News</i> ", Dec. 1994 Page 9
1994	On Sunday 04.09.1994, Father's Day, the Youth Mass in Ingham was dedicated to fathers.	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> , page 194 Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui
1994	Erica Marshall was appointed Diocesan Director of Liturgy. She held a Master of Arts in Pastoral Liturgy (Santa Clara), a Diploma of Secondary School Music Teaching (Kelvin Grove) and a Diploma in Pastoral Liturgy (Banyo). (1993 to Dec. 2001)	" <i>The News</i> ", Dec. 1994, page 9 <i>Diocesan News</i> , Jan. 2002. Photo included.
1994	17 <sup>th</sup> September to 2 <sup>nd</sup> October – School Holidays.	Diary 1994.
1994	On 16.10.1994, 'Gumburu', the Townsville Catholic Environmental Centre in the rainforest at Paluma on Mount Spec, was officially opened by Mr. Pat Comben MLA and Minister for Education. (The Centre had already been blessed by Bishop Ray Benjamin on 16.10.1993).	<i>Gumburu - Centre for Catholic Education for the Environment</i>
1994	On 14.10.1994, the Sisters of St. Joseph were farewelled at a celebration in Julia Creek. After having taught at St. Joseph's School since 1955 they left the town at the end of the school year.	" <i>The News</i> ", Dec. 1994, page 4 Photos included
1994	Mass was celebrated throughout Townsville Diocese on 16.10.1994 to mark the International Year of the Family.	" <i>The News</i> ", Dec. 1994, page 11
1994	On Sunday 16.10.1994, to mark the <i>Year of the Family</i> , a Diocesan Mass was celebrated at the Dean Park Sound Shell in Townsville.	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> , page 201 Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui
1994	The pre-school at St. Catherine's in Proserpine had a new shaded extension and storage area. The builder was Harry Walsh.	" <i>The News</i> ", Dec. 1994, page 11
1994	St. Patrick's year 12 students sent 25 kg worth of stationery to Humani School in Zimbabwe. Postage costs of \$170 were donated by Australia Post.	" <i>The News</i> ", Dec. 1994, page 10
1994	On Friday 21.10.1994, catechists in Ayr, Home Hill, Bowen, Proserpine and Collinsville were invited to a Mass in the Sacred Heart Church, Ayr, followed by a lunch at a local Chinese restaurant to give thanks for their years of ministry to children.	" <i>The News</i> ", Dec. 1994 Page 10
1994	On 22.10.1994, a Memorial Gallery was blessed and opened by Fr. Denis Moroney in the vestibule of the church at St. Margaret Mary's Parish, Hyde Park.	" <i>The News</i> ", Dec. 1994, page 11

	The gallery honours deceased parishioners who have their names and photographs inscribed in it.	Photo included.
1994	On Sunday 23.10.1944, Knights of the Southern Cross members and families from Ingham, South Townsville, Lower Burdekin and Townsville West branches gathered at the Uniting Church camping facilities at Crystal Creek for their annual picnic. Open air Mass was celebrated by Fr. Brian Lester OFM of St. Mary's Parish, West Townsville, in the bush Chapel.	"The News", Dec. 1994 Page 1 Photo included.
1994	In October 1994, a new Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society was inducted at Airlie Beach. (Proserpine Parish)	Townsville Catholic Archives Ref. 781/1
1994	In October 1994, Roy and Myra Waldron, from New Zealand, visited the Ingham district to speak on "Healing of Relationships through Forgiveness" at the Uniting Church Hall.	Portrait of a Parish, page 215 Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui
1994	On 05.10.1994, in view of the population growth and suburban expansion in the Kirwan, Upper Ross, Rupertswood, Annandale, Murray, Douglas and adjacent areas, Bishop Raymond Benjamin signed a Decree supressing the old Holy Spirit Parish and establishing two new parishes. One was the new Holy Spirit Parish, Cranbrook, with the existing Holy Spirit church. The second new parish was the Good Shepherd, Thuringowa, with a proposed Good Shepherd Church. The Good Shepherd Parish took in the suburbs of Kirwan, Condon, Rasmussen, Kelso, Rupertswood and Rangewood. The first parish priest was Fr. Dave Lancini who would live at the Kelso Catholic Centre.	Decree of Establishment held in the Bishop's Office  "The News", Jul. & Dec. 1994, Apr. 1995, page 1  One in the Spirit The Story of Holy Spirit Parish Cranbrook, T'ville 1965-2010, Page 109
1994	Fr. Martin J. Fleming, Catholic Chaplain Third Brigade, Lavarack Barracks, Townsville, for the last 4 years, was posted to the Army College of TAFE, Latchford Barracks, Bonegilla (Wodonga) Victoria, with effect from 09.10.1994. Fr. Martin's replacement was Chaplain Martin Langron.	Letter from Fr. Fleming to Catholic Diocesan Centre, dated 27.09.1994
1994	In the Whitsunday Parish, weddings were held in All Saints Church on Hamilton Island for couples from the USA, Chile, Perth Sydney and Melbourne.	"The News", Dec. 1994, page 11
1994	On the weekend of 5 / 6.11.1994, Whitsunday Parish held a Parish Assembly co-ordinated by Sr. Mary Lowcock RSM.	"The News", Dec. 1994, page 11
1994	In November 1994, for the second time in two years, St. Joseph's School in Giru won an Osborne computer fur their efforts in raising money for "Kids Against Cancer".	"The News", April 1995, page 3
1994	A fashion parade was held to raise funds for the work of "Gethsemane" (A Place of Blessing), founded eight years ago by Sr. Monica Quilty RSM. in Cranbrook. Townsville.	"The News", Dec. 1994 "The News", Feb. 1996
1994	The sale of the former presbytery in Ethel Street, Hyde Park, was settled on 21.11.1994.	Boulton Cleary & Kern Settlement Statement

1994	The sale of the former church (St. Mary of the Mountain) and land in Lennox Crescent at Paluma was concluded on 24.11.1994.	<i>Boulton Cleary &amp; Kern Settlement Statement</i>
1994	On 06.12.1994, at the graduation dinner for year seven students of St. Mary's Primary School in Bowen, their teacher for the last two years was also farewelled. Mr. Gavin Minz was returning to Brisbane to further his studies at Griffith University.	" <i>The News</i> ", Feb. 1995
1994	15 <sup>th</sup> December to 29 <sup>th</sup> January – School Holidays.	Diary 1994.
1994	Fr. Greg Derrick ministered at St. Mary's, West Townsville during 1994.	<i>A Prayerful Memento</i> 4 <sup>th</sup> October 1997 (bookmark)
1994	On Saturday 17.12.1994, Sr. Rita Zuccher was farewelled during the Youth Mass. She was transferred to Adelaide as Superior of the Canossian Community there and to carry out pastoral work in the parish. (Sr. Rosa Vazzano was her replacement taking up her position in March 1995).	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui Page 195
1994	During December, Diocesan Pastoral Council Chairperson, Mrs. Geraldine O'Brien, announced the suspension of council meetings pending a review of its ongoing role in the Diocesan Church. While the council was in suspension, its day to day operations were to be undertaken by an expanded DPC secretariat.	" <i>The News</i> ", Feb. 1995
1994	In December, Damien Price, ex-student of St Catherine's Primary School in Proserpine and a member of a local family, made his final profession with the Christian Brothers during Mass at St. Laurence's College in South Brisbane.	" <i>The News</i> ", Feb. 1995
1994	Centacare in Townsville was selected to provide a therapeutic service for children and their families, who had been abused. Shortly the team leader for Resolution of Sexual Abuse (ROSA) would be selected.	" <i>The News</i> ", Dec. 1994, page 2 Townsville Catholic Archives Ref. 784/6
1994	Fr. Morrie Casey resigned as parish priest of St. Margaret Mary's Parish in Townsville due to ill health. (Sr. Carmel Ruddick was appointed Pastoral Leader of the parish on 23.04.1995).	" <i>The News</i> ", Jun. 1995
1994	Sr. Val Pedrolini worked for a year in the Ingham community as a pastoral worker. This was a requirement of her training leading to the making of her final vows in 1995. She left the district in December to return to Brisbane prior to her departure for Italy where she took her final vows.	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui Page 214
1994	By 31.12.1994, much of Australia was affected by drought: 98% of NSW, 45% of Queensland, and large areas of SA, WA and Victoria.	" <i>Australia Through Time</i> " 2005 Edition.
1994	<u>Ignatius Park College – 1994</u> The first female Year 12 Form Coordinator, Mrs. Kerrie Tuite was appointed. Mrs. Tuite had been a staff member for four years, previously hailing from Downslands in Toowoomba. Senior students participated in a range of charitable activities including fundraising for the Salvation Army, the Blue Nurses, Red Cross, the Cancer Fund and Superwalk	<i>A History of Ignatius Park College</i> 1969 – 2009, Page 59.

	'94. The College community also raised thousands of dollars for war torn Rawanda. <b>Oliver</b> was performed in front of over 2200 people, after 5 months of rehearsals.	
1995	Australia's population 18,054,000	"Australia Through Time" 2005 Edition.
1995	Br. (Vince) R. V. Skelly was appointed Principal of Mount Carmel College in Charters Towers (1995 – 1997 / Sem.1). He succeeded Br. Marty J. Sanderson (1989 – 1995 / Sem. 1)	Christian Brothers in Charters Towers Commemorating 100 years 1902 – 2002, page 13
1995	Janette Allen succeeded Bernadette (Bernie) Williams as the fifth Lay Principal of St. Peter's Catholic Primary School in Halifax.	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> , page 278 Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui
1995	Br. R. O. Grundy succeeded Br. A. J. White as Principal of Ignatius Park College. (1995 – 1997).	<i>A History of Ignatius Park College 1969 – 2009</i> , page 3.
1995	In January, Fr. Terry Lyons was not only leaving the Ayr Parish to undergo surgery but was also being transferred to the Holy Spirit Parish in Cranbrook, Townsville, as Parish Priest. (Photo on cover of <i>T'ville Bull. – Cath. News Supp.</i> 17.09.2009).	<i>The News</i> April 1995 Page 8
1995	<u>Clergy transfers announced by Bishop Raymond Benjamin:</u> ( <u>Appointments effective on various dates during January and February.</u> ) 1. Fr. Terry Lyons from Ayr to Parish Priest of Holy Spirit Parish, Cranbrook. (Fr. John Holyoak celebrated the weekend Masses until Fr. Terry arrived in March). 2. Fr. Ed Stewart from Holy Spirit to assist Fr. Ferlazzo in St. Patrick's, Ingham. 3. Fr. Gerry Dore from Bowen to the Parishes of Ayr and Burdekin Valley. 4. Fr. Danny Kinnane to St. Mary's Parish, Bowen. (Resigned in mid-June). 5. Fr. John Holyoak to St. Francis Xavier Parish, Railway Estate.	<i>The News</i> Feb. 1995 Apr. 1995, page 5 Dec. 1995. <i>One in the Spirit</i> <i>The Story of Holy Spirit Parish Cranbrook, T'ville 1965-2010</i> , Page 109
1995	Mrs. Mary Stark, a Josephite Associate from Townsville, joined Sr. Carmel Street in the Mobile Western Ministry at the beginning of 1995.	"The News", Aug. 1995 <i>Townsville Bulletin- Catholic News Supplement</i> , 21.06.2012.
1995	After six years of being published quarterly, " <i>The News</i> " is now to be published bimonthly. The Editor is Michael Griffin and the Diocesan Media Officer is David Donohue.	"The News", Dec. 1994 Page 2
1995	On Thursday 19.01.1995, Pope John Paul II beatified Sr. Mary MacKillop RSJ at Sydney's Royal Randwick Racecourse after the Vatican accepted that she was responsible for the cure of a woman with terminal leukaemia in 1961.	"The News", Dec. 94 p.1 & Feb. 95. "Australia Through Time," 2005 Edition <i>T'ville Bul. Sup.</i> 17.09.2009, page 5.
1995	Death in Ayr on Friday 20.01.1995 of Mrs. Rita Shemlowski, Diocesan President of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Rita had been elected President on 20.03.1993 and was the first woman to hold this position.	"The News", Jun. 1993 Apr. 1995, page 5
1995	On Thursday 26.01.1995, Whitsunday parishioner Phyllis Dray, retired manager of	"The News"

	the Proserpine Hospital, was awarded the OAM in the Australia Day honours list. Phyllis spent her retirement working for the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Meals on Wheels and the Proserpine Nursing Home.	April 1995 Page 5
1995	<u>The teaching staff for St. Mary's Primary School in Bowen for 1995:</u> Grade one: Miss Todeschino    Grade two: Mrs. Feeney Grade three: Mrs Sullivan    Grade four: Miss Birmingham Grade five: Mrs. O'Donnell    Grade six: Mrs. Turner Grade seven: Mr. Brown    Grade one-three Mrs Matherson	"The News", Feb. 1995
1995	A pre-school commenced at St. Kieran's Catholic School, Mt. Isa. (A snapshot of Catholic Schools in Qld. in the sesquicentenary year, 2009).	"On History's Page", (DVD).
1995	St. Francis School in Ayr had a classroom parent's scheme, with each class having a parent liaison person who helped teachers liaise with parents and organise class social and prayer activities.	"The News", Apr. 1995
1995	Five Ministerial Regions were established in Townsville and Thuringowa during 1995. <u>Ministerial Region One:</u> Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish, St. Patrick's Parish (South Townsville), St. Francis' Parish (Railway Estate) and the combined parishes of Belgian Gardens, West End and Garbutt. <u>Ministerial Region Two:</u> St. Anthony's Parish (Deeragun). <u>Ministerial Region Three:</u> Good Shepherd Ministerial Region (Kirwan, Upper Ross, Rupertswood). <u>Ministerial Region Four:</u> Holy Family Parish (Gulliver), St. Margaret Mary's (Hyde Park), Holy Trinity (Mundingburra), St. Joseph the Worker (Wulguru). <u>Ministerial Region five:</u> Holy Spirit Parish (Cranbrook, Aitkenvale, Annandale, Douglas).	"The News", Feb. 1995
1995	30 <sup>th</sup> January to 13 <sup>th</sup> April – School Term 1.	Diary 1995.
1995	Bowen's parish priest of ten years, Fr. Gerry Dore, was farewelled at a function on 09.02.1995. He left the next day to take up his new position as parish priest of Ayr / Burdekin Valley, where he established a Bereavement Team and a Baptism Team with the help of Br. Brian Murray SM and Sr. Dawn Gibson SGS. (1995 to 2000)  On Sunday 12.02.1995, Fr. Danny Kinnane was welcomed as new parish priest of St. Mary's, Bowen. (Fr. Kinnane resigned © July for health reasons).	"The News", Apr. 1995, pages 5 & 8 Aug. 1995  <i>100 Years of Grace, 1912 – 2012 The History of the Sacred Heart Parish, Ayr, page 49</i>
1995	The new parish in the Townsville Diocese, The Ministerial Region (Three) of the Good Shepherd, commenced planning for a multi-purpose building to serve as a	"The News", Apr. 1995, page 1 Photos included.



	church, community centre and meeting place for diverse groups within the adjoining suburbs. (Opened 04.05.1997)	<i>Townsville Bulletin</i> , 05.05.1997
1995	During the year, Bishop Raymond Benjamin turned the first sod for the construction of the Good Shepherd Catholic School in Rasmussen.	<i>Townsville Bulletin- Catholic News Supplement</i> 20.09.2012, page 2.
1995	The Diocesan Youth Centre changed its name to the Townsville Diocesan Youth Ministry Office and moved from Ross River Road to 41 Mooney Street, adjacent to the Diocesan Centre in Gulliver	" <i>The News</i> ", Feb. 1995 Photo included.
1995	On Australia Day 26.01.1995, Fr. Martin Branagan CSsR, known as "the Pope of Cranbrook" by the parishioners of Holy Spirit Parish in Townsville, was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia. (OAM) for his service to the community over thirty years.	" <i>The News</i> ", Feb. 1995 <i>Townsville Bulletin</i> 28.07.1997, page 7
1995	On 02.03.1995, parishes in Ministerial Region Four, St. Margaret Mary's (Hyde Park), Holy Trinity (Mundingburra), and Holy Family (Gulliver) held a meeting to rationalise Mass times and decided to celebrate only one Mass on Sunday in each parish. St. Joseph the Worker Parish did not participate in the process.	" <i>The News</i> ", Apr. 1995 Page 4
1995	On 15.03.1995, the Sisters of Mercy marked the 50 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the day on which they took possession of the old "Lister" Hospital in Stagpole Street, West Townsville, by holding a gathering of the people who had served on boards and committees over the years.	" <i>The News</i> ", Feb. 1995
1995	On Thursday 23.03.1995, the founder of the Christian Radio Station N.T.M., Rev. Neil Thomas, visited Ingham and attended a gathering in Conroy Hall to discuss the erection of a satellite dish so that a local Christian F.M. radio station could go to air 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Subsequently, the Christian Radio Station FM99.1 finally went to air on 24.09.1996 with a concert featuring local artists of most Christian denominations. A special guest singer was Anita Zugan of Melbourne.	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui Page 220
1995	The House of Prayer at 17 Thomas Street Pimlico, Townsville, appointed Margaret Trevathen as their new director.	" <i>The News</i> ", Apr. 1995, page 6
1995	The Queensland outback town of Winton celebrated the 100 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of Banjo Patterson's "Waltzing Matilda" on 06.04.1995.	" <i>Australia Through Time</i> " 2005 Edition.
1995	Easter Sunday 16.04.1995.	Diary 1995.
1995	St. Mary's Parish in Bowen held a debutante ball on 21.04.1995	" <i>The News</i> ", Jun. 1995
1995	On Sunday 23.04.1995, Bishop Raymond Benjamin commissioned Sr. Carmel Ruddick RSM in St. Margaret Mary's Church as the Pastoral Leader of St. Margaret Mary's Parish in Hyde Park, Townsville. Sr. Carmel had been working as Pastoral Assistant in St. Margaret Mary's Parish since 1990.	" <i>The News</i> ", Jun. 1995 <i>Townsville Bulletin</i> Saturday, 10.06.1995, page 11 <i>Catholic Leader</i> , 19.01.1997
1995	Pay TV arrived in Australia. On Sunday 23.04.1995, Australia's first pay TV operator, Galaxy, went to air with its full complement of programs.	" <i>Australia Through Time</i> " 2005 Edition.

1995	24 <sup>th</sup> April to 16 <sup>th</sup> June – School Term 2.	Diary 1995.
1995	The St. Vincent de Paul Society's 1995 Winter Appeal was launched in Townsville by Fr. Noel Smyth at the Stockland Shopping Centre.	"The News", Jun. 1995
1995	On 30.04.1995, Bishop Raymond Benjamin visited Holy Spirit Parish and formally commissioned the Pastoral Planning Group.	<i>The Story of Holy Spirit Parish Cranbrook, T'ville 1965-2010, p.110</i>
1995	St. Catherine's School in Proserpine held a reunion of students of the 1940-45 eras. Two new classrooms were constructed to cope with increased enrolments. The hall bought by Mons. McCoy at the time of the disposal sales at the Gunyarra Army Camp is one of the few old buildings left. The school tuckshop now uses the kitchen.	"The News" Jun. 1995 Oct. 1995, page 1 Apr. 1996
1995	From May 5 <sup>th</sup> to 7 <sup>th</sup> , a Diocesan Youth Festival was held at the Crystal Creek Camp and Conference Centre. The weekend was led by Michael Hart, Brisbane's Archdiocesan Youth Co-ordinator.	"The News", Jun. 1995
1995	In May 1995, the former convent in Home Hill was sold. The building was split in two and moved to a new site on Menkens Road where it was restored to become a home for the new owners, Richard and Jenny Papale of Home Hill.	"The News", Dec. 1995
1995	On 12 <sup>th</sup> May, a long term confrontation between the mining giant MIM Holdings and its work force came to a head when the company locked out its entire work force. During the long period of the lockout, union members from the Mt. Isa Catholic parish carried responsibility for the "Fighting Fund". This was acknowledged in January 1997 when the fund was wound up. Both Centacare and St. Vincent de Paul were allocated \$3028.	<i>Green Left Weekly</i> Wednesday 17 May 1995  <i>Catholic Leader</i> 19.01.1997
1995	On Sunday 14.05.1995, Mass was celebrated in the Ingham Showgrounds as part of the programme for the inaugural Australian/Italian Festival. Special guests were Bishop Raymond Benjamin and Fr. Michael Mullins.	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> Page 201 Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui
1995	The Stuart-Wulguru Parish of St. Bridget's and St. Joseph the Worker invited all past and present residents and friends to take part in their Golden Jubilee celebrations from the 15 <sup>th</sup> to the 19 <sup>th</sup> of May 1995.	"The News", Apr. 1995 Photo included.
1995	Fr. Alan Sheldrick and the house staff at St. Mary's College, Charters Towers hosted the Bereavement Ministry in-service for bishop, priests, pastoral associates, diocesan and parish workers and interested people in June 1995. Fr. Sheldrick also officiated at the Catholic debutante ball in the Titley Centre.	"The News", Aug. 1995
1995	The Parish of Cloncurry, Winton and Julia Creek, administered by Fr. Bill Busuttin, donated a parcel of land to the community to build facilities to house and care for the elderly people of Julia Creek. (Nearly 20 years later, in 2014, the centre was opened and named after Fr. Bill).	<i>T'ville Bull. – Cath. News Supp.</i> 18.09.2014 Page 12
1995	Catholic women in Charters Towers attended the Combined Christian Women's Dinner hosted by the Salvation Army ladies in the Anglican hall.	"The News", Aug. 1995

1995	Mr. Paul Cosgriff, principal of St. Mary's School at Bowen for the past six and a half years, left Bowen during the June school holidays to become principal of the new Upper Ross Catholic Community School, opening January 1996, in the City of Thuringowa. The acting principal at St. Mary's for the rest of the year was Mrs. Judy Feeney. Mr. Matthew Dash began as principal in January 1996. -----	"The News", Aug.  -Oct. 1995, page 6
1995	The Diocesan Pastoral Planning and Formation Commission appointed Sr. Judith Floyd FMM as a field worker for the last six months of 1995.	"The News" Oct. 1995, page 5
1995	On Saturday 10.06.1995, the Uniting Church in Ingham held an ecumenical workshop at the Uniting Church Ministry Centre. The aim of the workshop was to impart skills to the participants to aid them in leading in prayer, reading of scripture, in projection, diction and self confidence.	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> Page 215 Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui
1995	A special Mass Triduum was celebrated at St. Anthony's Church (Bemerside, Ingham) on 14/15/16 June 1995 to mark the 800 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of St. Anthony.	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> , page 200 Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui
1995	From June 25 <sup>th</sup> to July 1 <sup>st</sup> , the "Movers and Shakers" held a training course for those working in youth ministry including teachers, youth group leaders, and parish workers. Guest presenters were Nick Ryan from Brisbane Catholic Education and Susan Seaton from Toowoomba Catholic Education.	<i>The News</i> April 1995 Page 6
1995	On Wednesday 28.06.1995, Bishop Benjamin officially opened the Bowen branch of Centacare Catholic Services at its new premises at 35 George Street. The facility was headed by Margaret Shipsey.	"The News", Aug. 1995
1995	On 30.06.1995, a workshop for survivors of abuse, led by Sr. Carmel Boyle from Murgon, was held at Gethsemane, a "Place of Blessing", in Cranbrook, Townsville. Sr. Carmel also conducted a renewal weekend for men and women titled "Called and Gifted to be Gift to Others". The venue was St. Patrick's boarding school in Townsville.	"The News", Aug. 1995
1995	The Grail community held health and wholeness workshops at St. Raphael's College at James Cook University from July 2 to 7 and 8 to 13. The workshops included massage, reflexology, meditation and Tai Chi.	"The News", Jun. 1995
1995	3 <sup>rd</sup> July to 15 <sup>th</sup> September – School Term 3.	Diary 1995.
1995	On 06.07. 1995, Home Hill and Ayr branches of the Catholic Women's League (CWL) held a combined Annual General Meeting. Children from St. Colman's School Years 6 and 7 entertained the ladies with songs in Italian and their winning eisteddfod number called "Hats".	"The News", Oct. 1995, Page 8
1995	On 08.07.1995, Parishioners at St. Colman's, Home Hill, held a Parish Assembly followed by a barbecue lunch and also celebrated the 40 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination of their Parish Priest, Fr. Don Smith.	"The News", Oct. 1995 Page 8

1995	The Diocesan Youth Ministry Office employed Robert McCahill as a full time field worker in July 1995.	"The News", Oct. 1995, page 4
1995	Fr. Patterson, Parish Priest of Proserpine, assumed responsibility for the pastoral care of St. Mary's Parish in Bowen due to the resignation of their parish priest Fr. Danny Kinnane in June.	"The News", Aug. & Dec. 1995
1995	Australian and Overseas Telecommunications Corporation (AOTC) official name was changed to Telstra in April 1993. It adopted the Telstra identity as its trading name overseas, but preserved the Telecom Australia name domestically until 1 July 1995, when it adopted the Telstra branding domestically as well.	"Australia Through Time" 2005 Edition.  Telecom Australia
1995	From August 3 <sup>rd</sup> to 7 <sup>th</sup> , 1995, an American priest, Fr. Vince Aherne, visited Ingham where he spoke on his experience of worldwide ministry and his message of "what oneness in Christ looks like in action". He also celebrated a youth Mass, <i>Jesus is Alive</i> , on Sunday 06.08.1995.	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui Page 214
1995	From August 4 to 6, 1995, the annual Diocesan young adult retreat was held at Gumburu, the Catholic Environmental Education Centre at Paluma on Mount Spec, an hour north of Townsville.	"The News", Oct. 1995, page 4
1995	Peter Kearney, folk and gospel singer-song writer, was the featured artist at a special VP50 concert at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Townsville on VP Day 15.08.1995.	"The News", Aug. 1995
1995	The 50 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the allied victory over Japan known as VP50 Day was celebrated across Australia on 15.08.1995. A special wreath laying remembrance ceremony and Mass was celebrated at St. Teresa's Church, Garbutt during the VP50 celebrations.	"The News", Oct. 1995 <i>Portrait of a Parish</i> , page 201 Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui
1995	On 22.08.1995, children from St. Mary's School in Bowen, their teachers and parents gathered in St. Mary's Church to celebrate Sr. Mary Leo's 50 years as a Sister of Mercy. Sister Leo (Rita Foley) took the habit of the Sisters of Mercy at St. Patrick's Convent, The Strand, Townsville, on 19.08.1943.	"The News", Oct. 1995, page 6 "The News", Apr. 1996
1995	On 24/25.08.1995, the Bowen Branch of the Catholic Women's League (CWL) held their Annual General Meeting.	"The News", Oct. 1995, page 6
1995	In August 1995, the St Vincent de Paul Society purchased the building next to their Centre on Charters Towers Road and after August they closed their clothing Centre at 276 Ross River Road and moved to the new location.	<i>Townsville Catholic Archives</i> Ref. 781/1
1995	Fr. Tom O'Dwyer, who was retired and living in Ayr, left for a three month visit to Ireland. When he left, St. Patrick's Church in Brandon was closed. (The building was sold in 2002).	<i>100 Years of Grace, 1912 – 2012</i> <i>The History of the Sacred Heart Parish, Ayr, pages 44 &amp; 45</i>
1995	Thursday 07.09.1995: The French Government detonated an atomic bomb on Mururoa Atoll in the Pacific, the first in a planned series of eight nuclear tests.	"Australia Through Time" 2005 Edition.
1995	St. Colman's Parish, Home Hill, held a successful debutante ball on 15.09.1995.	"The News", Oct. 1995
1995	The "Beginning Experience" team planned to meet in August to celebrate 10 years	"The News", Jun. 1995

	of ministry to B.E. They had also scheduled a weekend for September 22, 23 and 24, for those who had married and were now single again either through final separation, divorce or death.	<i>"The News"</i> , Aug. 1995
1995	During September 1995, more than 30 friends and fellow Good Samaritan sisters helped Sr. Columba (Margaret Mary Lyons) celebrate her 90 <sup>th</sup> birthday in Charters Towers where she was born in 1905.	<i>"The News"</i> , Oct. 1995, Page 3
1995	St. Teresa's College, Abergowrie: Dormitories, travel area and supervisors accommodation were refurbished during 1995.	<i>"The News"</i> , Oct. 1995, page 1
1995	St. Mary's School, Bowen: Five general learning areas, library, conversion to provide general learning areas to pre-school during 1995.	<i>"The News"</i> , Oct. 1995, page 1
1995	St. Columba's School, Charters Towers: New shelter shed and pre-school, travel and administration, refurbishment of administration area, conversion to provide pre-school and pupils' amenities during 1995. (Officially opened and blessed on 13.02.1996).	<i>"The News"</i> , Oct. 1995, page 1  <i>"The News"</i> , Feb. 1996
1995	Ryan Catholic Community School, Kirwan: Extensions of pre-school.	<i>"The News"</i> , Oct. 1995
1995	St. Joseph's School, Mt. Isa: Refurbishment of general learning areas and travel, conversion of staff room, travel area and relocation administration and tuckshop.	<i>"The News"</i> , Oct. 1995, page 1
1995	St. Patrick's School, Winton: Refurbishment of five general learning areas and library during 1995.	<i>"The News"</i> , Oct. 1995, page 1
1995	Ignatius Park College, Cranbrook: Art, travel, music, stores and general learning areas during 1995.	<i>"The News"</i> Oct. 1995, page 1
1995	St. Joseph's School, Cloncurry: Major refurbishment of classrooms and administration area.	<i>"The News"</i> Oct. 1995, page 1 Our Founding Story, Arch. ref. 909/1
1995	During a period of time around September, Fr. Mick Lowcock was absent from Mt. Isa on study leave overseas. During his absence, the parish was cared for by Fr. Pat McKenna from the Cairns Diocese.	<i>"The News"</i> , Dec. 1995
1995	On.15.09.1995, St. Colman's P & F (Home Hill) held a "Deb of the Year Ball" with 57 debutantes and partners attending	<i>"The News"</i> Oct. 1995, page 8
1995	On 25.09.1995, Bishop Raymond Benjamin attended the Dedication of the Chaplaincy Service Office at James Cook University. Sr. Lucy Kert of the Institute of Canossian Daughters of Charity, (FDCC), was appointed as the first Chaplain to James Cook University by the Diocese of Townsville.	<i>"The News"</i> , Oct. 1995 Page 7  <i>Diocesan News</i> , Jun.1999
1995	From 26 September to 1 October, a <i>Herbert River Crusade</i> was held at the Ingham showgrounds. Most of the Ingham churches were involved and guest speaker for the week was non-denominational preacher Dr. Bill Newman. Fr. Ferlazzo was a patron.	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui Page 201
1995	Planning commenced for a new school in the Townsville suburb of Annandale to be built in 1997 and opened at the start of 1998.	<i>"The News"</i> , Oct. 1995, page 1
1995	Death in Brisbane during September of Br. Charles Dillon, a Christian Brother who	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> , page 218

	served at Cardinal Gilroy College.	Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui
1995	On Saturday 30.09.1995, Sr. Ann Marie Nicholls SGS, made her Final Profession.	<i>The Story of Holy Spirit Parish Cranbrook, T'ville 1965-2010, p. 111</i>
1995	2 <sup>nd</sup> October to 15 <sup>th</sup> December – School Term 4.	Diary 1995.
1995	On 02.10.1995, the final settlement documents were to be signed for the sale of the former convent in Crowle Street, Hyde Park, Townsville, to the RSL.	<i>Letter from Boulton, Cleary &amp; Kern to Mr. G. Bolton, C. D.C. 20 09 1995</i>
1995	Sacred Heart Parish in Ayr saw their parish priest, Fr. Gerry Dore, return to work and in good health. Fr. John Hay returned after three weeks holiday in America visiting his sick brother. Fr. Tom O'Dwyer (retired) also returned to Ayr after three months in Ireland.	"The News", Dec. 1995
1995	On 06.10.1995, a Time Capsule was buried in the grounds of St. Mary's Primary School, West End, Townsville. Various documents, children's work etc. were buried in a sealed plastic Sonobuoy container to be opened on 6 <sup>th</sup> October 2025, the Feast Day of St. Mary of the Rosary. (The school was closed at the end of the 1995 school year).	<i>Information and photo of plague and details of location supplied by Mr. Rob Megarrity.</i>
1995	On 11.10.1995, the new facilities at the Marian School in Currajong, Townsville, were officially blessed and opened. The new facilities consisted of "The Rainbow Ark" music centre, six new classrooms, pre-school additions, staff/community room extensions and "The Peace Shed".	<i>Invitation circular to all staff and the Diocesan Youth Office Archives Ref. 714/5</i> "The News", Oct. 1995
1995	On 14.10.1995, the St Vincent de Paul Society closed their Christian Book Centre at 276 Ross River Road, Aitkenvale, and relocated it to premises purchased at 219 Charters Towers Road, adjacent to its long established clothing store. The new location was opened on 23.10.1995. The clothing store from the vacated centre at 276 Ross River Road was relocated to 101 Mooney Street, Gulliver. (Blessed by Fr. Hilary Turner O.F.M. on 16.12.1995)	<i>Townsville Catholic Archives, Ref. 781/2</i> "The News", Dec. 1995. <i>Townsville Bulletin-Catholic News Supplement</i> 21.02.2008, page 2.
1995	A renewal weekend, sponsored by Gethsemane in Townsville, and based on the Song of Songs was presented on October 20 - 22 at the Mater conference centre by visiting evangelist, Marist Fr. Jack Soulsby from Ashgrove.	"The News", Oct. 1995 Page 6
1995	Death of Fr. Michael Donlon in Brisbane on 21.10.1995.	<i>Townsville Clergy News 19.10.2009 Archives Ref 715/4</i>
1995	Marist Fr. Michael Whelan, head of the Spirituality Department at the Catholic Theological Union at Hunters Hill in Sydney, presented a weekend of lectures and workshops on "I am with you: Living the promise". The weekend was held at the Mater conference centre in Townsville from Friday 27 to Sunday 29 October.	"The News", Oct. 1995 Page 5
1995	Monday 30.10.1995: A new disease, rabbit calicivirus disease (RCD), escaped from its island quarantine to mainland Australia. It was more deadly to rabbits than myxomatosis.	"Australia Through Time" 2005 Edition.
1995	Sr. Margaret Ann clocked up 40,000 km in ten months this year travelling the	"The News",

	outback in her Toyota Hilux, bringing the latest correspondence and support from the Catholic Education Office in Townsville.	Feb. 1996 Photo included.
1995	The House of Prayer in Townsville held a workshop at the Holy Family Centre in Gulliver on the weekend of 10-12 November 1995. The theme of the workshop was "Meal, Mystery and Mission: illuminating the Mass and Eucharist". It was led by Fr. John Reilly SJ, director of the Centre for the Continuing Education of Priests in Canberra.	"The News", Oct. 1995 Page 2
1995	On 12.11.1995, a combined Mass for Br. Charles Dillon who died in September and blessing of recent refurbishments was celebrated outdoors at Cardinal Gilroy College, Ingham, followed by a family barbecue lunch.	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui Page 218
1995	The St. Vincent de Paul ladies who worked in the Bowen opportunity shop enjoyed a "thank you dinner" in the Milton on Wednesday 22.11.1995.	"The News", Feb. 1996
1995	St. Mary's Catholic Charismatic prayer group in Bowen finished the year with a prayer session of singing and tea on the front beach on Monday 27.11.1995.	"The News", Feb. 1996
1995	The Society of St. Vincent de Paul had a new diocesan president. Peter Offermans took over from acting diocesan president Maxine Peri.	"The News", Oct. 1995, page 2
1995	Sr. Nancy Doyle MSS, resigned after six years as Pastoral Leader of Giru / Burdekin Parishes.	"The News", Oct. 1995, page 3
1995	Fr. Mark Rigney of the Blessed Sacrament Fathers took charge of Whitsunday Parish while P.P. Fr. Brooks Patterson had a brief holiday.	"The News", Oct. 1995, page 3
1995	On 03.12.1995, death in Charters Towers of Good Samaritan Sister Mary Columba Lyons aged 90 years. Margaret Mary Lyons was born in Charters Towers in September 1905.	<i>Mass of Resurrection Booklet</i>
1995	On Saturday 16.12.1995, Fr. Hilary Turner O.F.M. blessed the St Vincent de Paul Society Centres at 14A Plume Street South Townsville and at 101 Mooney Street Gulliver.	<i>Townsville Catholic Archives,</i> <i>Ref. 781/2</i>
1995	Bishop Benjamin and the Pastoral Planning Commission began discussing new parish boundaries with priests and people from Ministerial Regions One and Two.	"The News", Jun. 1996
1995	At the end of the 1995 school year, St. Mary's Primary School in West Townsville was closed.	<i>Catholic Leader</i> , 18.06.1995, Page 17.
1995	After celebrating the vigil and midnight masses in St. Columba's Church, Charters Towers, Fr. Sheldrick then drove 100km to Pentland for 10am Christmas mass.	"The News", Feb. 1996
1995	The Whitsunday Parish altar servers were recognised for their dedication during the year with a picnic on Daydream Island.	"The News", Feb. 1996
1995	Sr. Paul Mary RSM, administrator of the Mater Private Hospital in Townsville for the past 23 years, retired from the hospital in December. From the beginning of January the positions of administrator and executive officer have been redefined as chief executive officer and director of administrative services	"The News", Feb. 1996

	respectively. The chief executive officer is now Sr. Brenda Grant RSM.	
1995	During 1995, Edmund Rice Camps became active in Australia as a national organisation.	<i>Townsville Bulletin- Catholic News Supplement</i> , 20.06.2013, page 8.
1995	<u>Ignatius Park College</u> I.P.C., St. Patrick's and St. Margaret Mary's Colleges combined to perform the Queensland debut of the modern rock musical " <b>Leaving</b> ". Student Support Services were increased by the addition of Student Councillor Mrs. Marilyn Russell. Facilities at the College property on Hervey's Range, Camp Gedling, were upgraded.	<i>A History of Ignatius Park College 1969 – 2009</i> , Page 61.
1996	On 12.01.1996, the Cathedral Parish was given notice that a change in parish boundaries was imminent.	" <i>The News</i> ", Jun. 1996
1996	Sr. Carla Radaelli was appointed for her third term as Superior of Canossa Nursing Home for the Aged in Trebonne, Ingham, succeeding Sr. Rosanella Ganzetti.	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> , page 279 Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui
1996	Mrs Andrea O'Brien commenced as Principal of St. Margaret Mary's College in Townsville. (1996 – 2003)	<i>Our Catholic Schools</i> , Dio. of T'ville, Term 2, 2013, page 18.
1996	Sr. Patricia (Patsy) Grundy RSM arrived in Bowen in the second week of January. During February Bishop Benjamin installed Sister Grundy as pastoral leader of St. Mary's Parish, Bowen. Fr. Anthony Stott OFM arrived in the second week of February to take up residence at St. Mary's and lead the parish in the sacramental life of the community.	" <i>The News</i> ", Feb. 1996  <i>Catholic Leader</i> , 19.01.1997
1996	Mr Michael Dash, formerly Principal of the Sacred Heart School, Mount Morgan, commenced as Principal of St. Mary's Primary School, Bowen in January 1996.	" <i>The News</i> ", Oct. 1995, page 6
1996	A wall of one of the new classrooms at St. Mary's Primary School, Bowen, is the home of a mural depicting Bowen's close association with the sea.	" <i>The News</i> ", Apr. 1996
1996	The grounds of St. Mary's Church in Bowen are tended by Matthew Cullen and Bob Townley and the surrounds of Our Lady Help of Christians Church in Queen's Beach are kept in order by Claud Pilcher and his wife Ron and their family.	" <i>The News</i> ", Feb. 1996
1996	29 <sup>th</sup> January to 4 <sup>th</sup> April – School Term 1.	Diary 1996.
1996	The Good Shepherd Catholic Community School within the Ministerial Region of the Good Shepherd, at Rasmussen, Thuringowa, was opened in January 1996. The founding Principal, Mr. Paul Cosgriff, formerly principal of St. Mary's School in Bowen, took up duties in July 1995. The school was designed by Dillon and Associates architect Paul Rush and its motto was "Love. Faith and Learning".	" <i>On History's Page</i> ", (DVD) a snapshot of Catholic Schools in Queensland in the sesquicentenary year, 2009. " <i>The News</i> ", Apr. & Aug. 1995 " <i>The News</i> ", Oct. 1995, page 1
1996	Fr. Michael Mullins retired but remained as Vicar General for another year.	<i>Townsville Bulletin- Catholic News Supplement</i> , 26.09.2002.
1996	Sr. Mary Leo Foley RSM was honoured with Bowen Shire's Australia Day Citizen	" <i>The News</i> ",



	of the Year Award at a ceremony organised by the Bowen Historical Society.	Apr. 1996
1996	Project Compassion was launched in the Townsville Diocese on Ash Wednesday 21.02.1996 by Fr. Brian Gore SSC during a public address at the Stockland shopping centre in Aitkenvale.	"The News", Feb. 1996
1996	On 01.03.1996, Bishop Benjamin and members of the Diocesan staff met with the Franciscan Provincial and Friars being appointed to work in Ministerial Regions One and Two.	"The News", Jun. 1996
1996	Bishop Benjamin celebrated the Mass of chrism in the Sacred Heart Cathedral on Wednesday 23.03.1996 and then travelled to Cloncurry the next day where he celebrated the Mass of Chrism again in St. Colman's Church so that people in the Western Region could participate.	"The News", Apr. 1996
1996	A generous bequest made by the late Mr. Joe Barra of Abergowrie to St. Teresa's Parish, Abergowrie was used to extend the college Chapel. The chapel could now hold 100 more people than formerly. On 24.03.1996, the refurbished chapel was opened and blessed by Bishop Benjamin. Also in this year, an ablution block was reconstructed; new water mains laid to all main buildings and a new large reserve water tank and raw sewerage treatment tank installed.	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui Pages 204 & 218
1996	Christian Brothers Jim Quinn and Brian Kelly, who had worked for many years at the Westcourt Centre in Townsville, were establishing a "NewSpring" Community in the Kirwan area of Thuringowa City.	"The News", Apr. 1996
1996	Another refurbishment programme at Gilroy Santa Maria College, Ingham, centered mainly on G Block, the first non O'Meara building built by Fr. Martell in 1968.	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> , page 218 Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui
1996	On 03.04.1996, Andrew McLaren, of Planned Giving Counsellors, Director of the new Planned Giving Programme arrived in Ingham. As part of the <i>Planned Growth Mission</i> , parish get-together functions were held, amongst them a parish picnic at Lucinda on Sunday 14.04.1996 beginning with outdoor Mass and another Mass on 20.04.1996 followed by a barbecue.	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> Pages 215 & 216 Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui
1996	Easter Sunday 07.04.1996.	Diary 1996.
1996	The Townsville Mater Hospital developed a comprehensive strategic plan and began a development program to meet North Queensland's private health care needs into the new millennium.	<i>Townsville Bulletin</i> , 23.06.2001, Page 39.
1996	A Discreet Day Surgery Unit was constructed at the Townsville Mater Hospital.	<i>Mater Health Services North Queensland, Developments</i>
1996	16 <sup>th</sup> April to 21 <sup>st</sup> June – School Term 2.	Diary 1996.
1996	A fax machine was installed in the St. Vincent de Paul Society's Book Shop on Charters Towers Road, Townsville, to facilitate the handling of book orders by Manager Mrs Kath Fitzgerald and Mollie Moir-Bussy.	"The News", Jun. 1996
1996	The Parents and Friends of St. Colman's School, Home Hill, accomplished the air	"The News",

	conditioning of the first of the classrooms.	Jun. 1996
1996	More than 2000 people gathered in St. Francis' School grounds in Ayr on Sunday 28.04.1966 for the Spearritt's Jewellers Burdekin Community Event to raise money for a new classroom at the school.	"The News", Jun. 1996
1996	In May, Michael and Lesley Griffin of Townsville and Cairns Diocesan priest, Fr. Jerry O'Connor, were elected unanimously to the position of Queensland leaders of Marriage Encounter.	"The News", Apr. 1996
1996	St. Catherine's Parish was represented at a dinner organised by St. James Uniting Parish to celebrate the centenary of the first Presbyterian Church in Proserpine.	"The News", Jun. 1996
1996	Sr. Monica Quilty, counsellor at Gethsemane Place of Blessing, co-ordinated a six week "Believe In Yourself" seminar at Gethsemane, commencing Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May.	Townsville Bulletin 11.05.1996
1996	39 young ladies in the Whitsunday Parish signified their intention to make their debut this year. Because of the large numbers, the committee decided to have two balls. Roberta Michna, principal of St. Raphael's College at James Cook University, would receive the debs on May 18 and Bishop Benjamin would receive the remaining debs on June 1.	"The News", Apr. 1996 "The News", Jun. 1966
1996	On 15.05.1996, the Reserve Bank of Australia issued a new green polymer one hundred dollar banknote featuring Dame Nellie Melba and Sir John Monash.	Reserve Bank of Australia
1996	On 21.05.1996, Sr. Bertilla Masolo, late of Tanzania but formerly of Canossa Convent in Trebonne, Ingham (1983 to 1986), died tragically when the ferry "Bukoba" sank on Lake Victoria in Africa. Sr. Bertilla was aged 57. Two other Canossian Sisters perished with her. They were Sisters Rosita Rojo and Theodora Raphael.	"The News", Jun. 1996 Portrait of a Parish Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui Page 204
1996	On 26.05.1996, Bishop Benjamin named the boundaries for four new parishes replacing six existing parishes. <u>Ministerial Region One:</u> - Parish One: City, Railway Estate, Oonoonba, South Townsville, Magnetic Island. Parish Two: North Ward, Castle Hill, Belgian Gardens, Rowes Bay, Pallarenda. Parish Three: Garbutt, West End. <u>Ministerial Region Two:</u> - Parish One: Deeragun, Jensen, Mount Low and the northern beach suburbs to Mutarnee. The new parishes were officially established on 09.02.1997.	"The News", Jun. 1996 "The News", Aug. 1996 "The News", Dec. 1996
1996	Bishop Benjamin appointed Brian Hooper, a parishioner of Holy Spirit, Cranbrook, to be the Catholic representative on the committee organising the 1996 Global March for Jesus to be staged in Townsville on 26.05.1996.	"The News", Apr. 1996
1996	Pastoral care of the new parish in Deeragun was in the hands of Fr. Peter Fraser OFM (1996 – 1998) and parish assistant Br. Ken Cafe OFM. The Church of St. Anthony was nearly completed.	"The News", Jun. 1996 Photo included Franciscan Provincial Archives

1996	On 12.06.1996, Eighteen Special Force soldiers were killed and ten were injured when two Black Hawk helicopters collided and crashed during a night training mission in Townsville's High Range Training Area.	<i>Sun Community Newspapers</i> , 14.10.2009
1996	9 <sup>th</sup> July to 20 <sup>th</sup> September – School Term 3.	Diary 1996.
1996	In July, Fr. Frank Andersen MSC and Sr. Madeleine Barlow visited Proserpine. They conducted workshops on liturgy and the sacraments during the day on 15.07.1996 and gave a Sacred Concert in St. Catherine's Church that evening.	" <i>The News</i> ", Aug. 1996
1996	On Friday 19.07.1996, Sr. Madeleine Barlow and Fr. Frank Anderson MSC, writer of such hymns as <i>Eagle Wings</i> , held a workshop in the Ingham parish hall. The topic of the workshop was <i>Exploring the Gospel and the Person of Jesus</i> .	<i>Portrait of a Parish</i> Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui Page 214
1996	In July, "Australian Catholic Relief" was renamed "Caritas Australia".	" <i>The News</i> ", Aug. & Oct. 1996
1996	On 24.07.1996, Wilma Chenery, who joined the diocesan office staff in 1977, was farewelled after 19 years of service to the Townsville Diocese.	" <i>The News</i> ", Aug. 1996
1996	On 31.07.1996, Bishop Benjamin announced the establishment of a new commission, the "Diocesan Commission for Evangelisation and the Great Jubilee", in line with request from Pope John Paul II to become involved in the three year preparation for the Year of the Great Jubilee – the Year 2000.	" <i>The News</i> ", Aug. & Oct. 1996 <i>Diocesan News</i> , Feb. 1998.
1996	On 02.08.1996, Br. Ken Café OFM was ordained to the Diaconate by Bishop Benjamin in St. Mary's Church, West End in Townsville. Ken had been working with Fr. Peter Fraser OFM at the new community centred at Deeragun in Thuringowa's northern suburbs.	" <i>The News</i> ", Jun. & Aug. 1996 Photo included.
1996	On 3 <sup>rd</sup> August 1996, a meeting between Holy Trinity Parish in Mundingburra and the Sisters of St. Joseph marked the end of a long association that the Holy Trinity Parish had with the Josephite Sisters. The Sisters had withdrawn from the Parish School in 1991 and would vacate the convent building by the end of 1996.	Letter from Fr. Kevin Clancy P.P. to Sr. Michelle Shipperley RSJ St Joseph's Provincilate Wavell Heights.
1996	Plans were underway to enlarge and refurbish St. Thomas' Church at Cannonvale in the Proserpine Parish. (The church was destroyed by Cyclone Ada in 1970, rebuilt in 1974 and decommissioned in 1998).	" <i>The News</i> ", Aug. 1996 Photo included. <i>Diocesan news</i> , May 1998.
1996	On 05.08.1996, priests of the Townsville Diocese and St. Catherine's community in Proserpine celebrated the Silver Jubilee of Fr. Brooks Patterson's ordination to the priesthood.	" <i>The News</i> ", Aug. 1996
1996	On Sunday 11.08.1996, the new St. Anthony's Church in Veales Road, Deeragun in the northern suburbs of Thuringowa was dedicated by Bishop Raymond Benjamin. The builders were Cronin Constructions. The tabernacle was originally used in the church at Palm Island.	" <i>The News</i> ", Oct. 1996 Photo included.
1996	In August, Bishop Raymond Benjamin, in conjunction with Br. Stephen McLaughlin, leader of the Christian Brothers in Queensland, announced that the three Catholic schools in Charters Towers would amalgamate from January 1998.	" <i>The News</i> ", Oct. 1996

1996	During September, theologian Fr. Michael Whelan SM visited Townsville, Proserpine and Mt. Isa to present seminars with the focus “A New Season – Evangelising The Future”.	“ <i>The News</i> ”, Aug. & Oct. 1996 Photos included.
1996	Fr. Terry Lyons of Cranbrook Parish in Townsville earned the nickname of “Tombstone Terry” in recent years because of his interest in restoring headstones of deceased priests in the Townsville Cemetery.	“ <i>The News</i> ”, Oct. 1996 Photo included.
1996	Fr. John Lanigan, pastor emeritus, returned to Melbourne after supplying for Fr. Patterson while the latter was on vacation.	“ <i>The News</i> ”, Oct. 1996
1996	On Sunday 06.10.1996, Edmund Rice, founder of both the Christian Brothers and the Presentation Brothers, was beatified in Rome. On the day of his beatification, a statue of Edmund Rice was unveiled and blessed in front of the Christian Brothers College dining room in Charters Towers. Celebrations in Townsville on 11.10.1996, centered around the opening of the Edmund Rice Memorial Garden.	“ <i>The News</i> ”, Oct. & Dec. 1996 <i>Portrait of a Parish</i> Bianka Vidonja Balanzategui Page 203
1996	8 <sup>th</sup> October to 13 <sup>th</sup> December – School Term 4.	Diary 1996.
1996	The last two Sisters of Mercy from St. Catherine’s Convent in Proserpine were farewelled at a concert and morning tea held in October. They were Sr. Martina and Rose. The convent had been opened and blessed in April 1925.	“ <i>The News</i> ”, Aug. & Dec. 1996 Photo included.
1996	The people of Ayr gathered on the weekend of 9-10 November 1996 to farewell the Sisters of the Good Samaritan who had worked in the Catholic schools and parish for 84 years. At an outdoor Mass in front of St. Francis’ Primary School, hundreds of parishioners celebrated with the Sisters each of whom received a corsage to wear with her name tag. At a dinner in Populins Hall on Saturday night, two hundred and thirty people honoured the Sisters. The convent was ceremonially blessed and closed on 19.11.1996 and the key was returned to the parish. (The building was then used as a residence for the Parish Pastoral Assistant, for prayer meetings and as a storage area for the parish and school. It was demolished in 2010 to make way for a new hall named the Samaritan Centre). A five metre cross was unveiled in the St. Francis’ School car park as a tribute to the sisters. St. Francis School was to continue under lay leadership.	“ <i>The News</i> ”, Dec. 1996, Photo included. <i>The Greatest Gift</i> <i>Celebrating 100 Years</i> Pages 5 & 13  <i>100 Years of Grace, 1912 – 2012</i> <i>The History of the Sacred Heart Parish, Ayr,</i> Page 46  “ <i>By the Way</i> ” Feb 1997 <i>Newsletter of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan</i>
1996	Bishop Benjamin launched the 1996 St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal at the Townsville City Council Chambers on 11.11.1996.	“ <i>The News</i> ”, Dec. 1996
1996	Two new classrooms were added to St. Catherine’s Primary School in Proserpine. The indoor-outdoor classroom block won a Royal Australian Institute of Architect’s regional award. The block was designed by architect Jim Riddle and built by Pilcher Bros., Bowen. The new facilities were blessed by Bishop Benjamin and officially opened by Lorraine Bird MP on Saturday 16.11.1996.	“ <i>The News</i> ”, Oct. 1995 “ <i>The News</i> ”, Jun. 1996 “ <i>The News</i> ”, Aug. 1996 “ <i>The News</i> ”, Dec. 1996

1996	Seven years of service to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people in Townsville, Palm Island and the western centres came to a close when Jesuit Fr. Tom Nicholas was farewelled in November. Fr. Tom's new assignment was at St. Canice Parish in Elizabeth Bay, NSW.	" <i>The News</i> ", Dec. 1996
1996	On 26.11.1996, Fr. Tom Nicholas S.J. was farewelled at the Holy Family Centre. Fr. Tom had given seven years of service to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait people in Townsville, Palm Island and the western centres. His new assignment was at St. Canice Parish in Elizabeth Bay, NSW.	" <i>The News</i> ", Dec. 1996  Diary, J. K. White
1996	The Sisters of St. Joseph were withdrawn from St. Joseph's School, Cloncurry, when Sr. A. Cannon completed her two year term as Principal at the end of 1996. In December, Mr. R. M. Doohan was appointed as the first Lay Principal.	" <i>On History's Page</i> ", (DVD) a snapshot of Catholic Schools in Qld in the sesquicentenary year, 2009.
1996	St. Joseph's Boarding School at Julia Creek was closed at the end of the school year. A building from the school was relocated to St Joseph's School in Cloncurry, where it housed the music room and the LOTE room.	<i>Diocesan News</i> , Feb. 1998 Our Founding Story Townsville Archives ref. 909/1
1996	Marillac House in Mt. Isa was closed. It was established by the FMM Sisters in 1973.	Good Shepherd Parish 2005 Calendar
1996	Four Regional Pastoral Councils were appointed to replace the Diocesan Pastoral Council which was suspended in August 1994.	" <i>The News</i> ", Apr. 1996
1996	Mrs Betty Tibaldi accepted the office of president of St. Vincent de Paul in the Whitsunday following the resignation of Mr. Henry Magnetti.	" <i>The News</i> ", Dec. 1996
1996	In answer to Pope John Paul's request to prepare for celebration of the Third Millennium, the Townsville Diocese set up the Diocesan Commission for Evangelisation and the Great Jubilee.	" <i>The News</i> ", Dec. 1996 Photo included.
1996	Monsignor Douglas Stewart, a former Townsville Diocesan priest, celebrated 60 years of priesthood on 08.12.1996. He now lives in retirement at Lismore.	" <i>The News</i> ", Dec. 1996
1996	The Divine Word Fathers were considering establishing a community of their priests in the Diocese in the next year or so. Fr. Yosef Kapitan SVD resided in the Holy Spirit Parish presbytery during 1996 whilst negotiations were underway.	<i>One in the Spirit</i> <i>The Story of Holy Spirit Parish</i> <i>Cranbrook, T'ville 1965-2010, p.113</i>
1996	<u>Ignatius Park College – 1996</u> A sculpture of Edmund rice was created by Sculptor Byran Newell with help from Art teacher Margaret McConnell. The stature stands in the Edmund Rice Commemorative Garden which was also established this year.  IPC's St. Vincent de Paul Conference began under the supervision of Mr Ben Bonomini. Work Experience was introduced.  The Arts block was opened. It housed a double teaching space for Art, a photo lab	<i>A History of Ignatius Park College</i> <i>1969 – 2009,</i> Page 63.

	<p>and on the first floor, the Drama and Music rooms.</p> <p>The production for the year was <b>The Desert Song</b> directed by Br. Grundy.</p> <p>A group of men met every Monday evening to construct desks for the Music and Drama rooms, and sets for the production.</p>	
1997	Mr. John Crowley was appointed as the fourth Lay Principal of St. Teresa's College, Abergowrie, succeeding Mr. Ernie Christie.	
1997	Mr. George De Jong was appointed as the first Lay Principal of St. Francis' Primary School in Ayr (1997 – 2001) succeeding Br. Greg Carter FMS.	<i>The Greatest Gift Celebrating 100 Years, pages 9 &amp; 18</i>
1997	Br. L. T. Kruger was once again appointed Principal of Mount Carmel College in Charters Towers, but only for part of a year (1997 / Sem. 2). He succeeded Br. R. V. Skelly (1995 – 1997 / Sem. 1) and was also the the last Principal of the college before its amalgamation with St. Mary's College and St Columba's Primary School to form St Columba Catholic College.	Christian Brothers in Charters Towers Commemorating 100 years 1902 – 2002, page 13
1997	In January 1997, the ACTU wound up its "Fighting Fund" at the end of the long running MIM Holdings 1995 dispute with its work force in Mt. Isa. When distributing the remaining funds, the ACTU acknowledged the support from the Mt. Isa Catholic parish with a payment of \$3028 to both Centacare and St. Vincent de Paul Society.	<i>Green Left Weekly</i> Wednesday 17 May 1995 <i>Catholic Leader</i> 19.01.1997
1997	In January, Bishop Raymond Benjamin created history in the Catholic Church in Australia when he appointed Mrs. Lyn Horner as Pastoral Leader of Mundingburra Parish. Mrs Horner was the first married woman to be appointed to the position of pastoral leader of a parish in Australia. Fr. Kevin Clancy retired as parish priest but continued to reside in the parish as the priest in residence. (Lyn and Fr. Kev were commissioned by Bishop Raymond on 02.02.1997 in HTC).	<i>Catholic Leader</i> , 19.01.1997 "The News", Feb. 1997  <i>Townsville Bulletin-Catholic News Supplement</i> , 17.05.2007, page 4 <i>Diary J. K. White</i>
1997	On 16.01.1997, Bishop Raymond Benjamin signed a Decree of Establishment of St Anthony's Parish, Deeragun, to take effect on Sunday 09.02.1997. The parish church would be St Anthony's Church, Deeragun.	<i>Decree of Establishment held in the office of the Bishop</i>
1997	On 16.01.1997, Bishop Raymond Benjamin signed a Decree of Establishment of St Mark's Parish, Cleveland Bay, to take effect on Sunday 09.02.1997. The parish church would be St Francis Xavier's Church, Railway Estate, with St Joan of Arc, Arcadia and St Patrick's Church South Townsville to be station churches.	<i>Decree of Establishment held in the office of the Bishop</i>
1997	On 16.01.1997, Bishop Raymond Benjamin signed a Decree suppressing the Parish of St Teresa's Garbutt, effective Sunday, 09.02.1997. Assets including buildings and properties which were south of the Bohle River, were to revert to St Mary's,	<i>Decree of Suppression held in the Bishop's Office.</i>

	West Townsville. All assets, including buildings and properties, which were north of the Bohle River, would revert to St Anthony's Parish, Deeragun.	
1997	On 16.01.1997, Bishop Raymond Benjamin signed a Decree suppressing the Parish of St Patrick, South Townsville, effective Sunday 09.02.1997. Assets, including buildings and properties, would revert to St Mark's Parish, Cleveland Bay.	<i>Decree of Suppression held in the Bishop's Office.</i>
1997	On 16.01.1997, Bishop Raymond Benjamin signed a Decree suppressing the Parish of St Francis Xavier, Railway Estate, effective Sunday 09.02.1997. Assets, including buildings and properties, would revert to St Mark's Parish, Cleveland Bay.	<i>Decree of Suppression held in the Bishop's Office.</i>
1997	On 16.01.1997, Bishop Raymond Benjamin signed a Decree suppressing the Cathedral Parish of the Sacred Heart, Townsville, effective Sunday 09.02.1997. Assets, including buildings and properties, would revert to Diocese of Townsville, the Parish of St Mark, Cleveland Bay and the Parish of Mary Help of Christians, Castle Hill	<i>Decree of Suppression held in the Bishop's Office.</i>
1997	On 16.01.1997, Bishop Raymond Benjamin signed a Decree Notably Altering the Parish of St. Mary's, West Townsville and its boundaries.	<i>Decree Notably Altering held in the Bishop's Office.</i>
1997	On 16.01.1997, Bishop Raymond Benjamin signed a Decree Notably Altering the Mary Help of Christians Parish, Belgian Gardens and its boundaries to take effect on Sunday 09.02.1997. The parish church would be St Joseph's Church, North Ward and Mary Help of Christians Church, Belgian Gardens, would be a station church. The parish would now be known as Mary Help of Christians Parish, Castle Hill.	<i>Decree Notably Altering held in the Bishop's Office.</i>
1997	From 1997 to 1998, Sr. Anne Marie Nicholls SGS, worked in Curriculum Development at the Catholic Education Office in Townsville.	<i>The Annals – Golden Jubilee St. Margaret Mary's Primary School</i>
1997	Two Divine Word Missionaries (SVD) commenced work in the Diocese. Both priests were from Indonesia. Fr. Ndun from East Timor was at Proserpine with Fr. Brooks Patterson. Fr. Yosef Kapitan from the Island of Flores was at Cranbrook with Fr. Terry Lyons. A third priest was expected to arrive mid-year and a fourth in 1998.	<i>"The News", Feb. 1997</i> Photo included.
1997	The Diocesan Youth Office increased to its full complement of two, when Matt Liddle took up the position of field worker, joining youth co-ordinator Chanel Lucas. (Matt resigned in 1999).	<i>"The News", Feb. 1997</i> Photo included.
1997	Good Shepherd Parish, Mt. Isa, appointed Sean Gardener from Townsville as a part-time youth Minister.	<i>"The News", Feb. 1997</i> Photo included.
1997	Angela Dunne terminated her contract with the AICC to take a new position as tutor with the State Education Department to assist students in Dajarra. Angela commenced working with the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary in the diocesan apostolate to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders in May 1970. She worked in Townsville, Palm Island, Mount Isa and surrounding districts, particularly in Duchess, Urandangie, Boulia and Dajarra.	<i>"The News", Feb. 1997</i> Photo included.

1997	28 <sup>th</sup> January to 27 <sup>th</sup> March – School Term 1.	Diary 1997.
1997	The Catholic Education Office in partnership with the House of Prayer initiated “The Spirituality Week for Teachers”. Twice a year, teachers from across the Diocese who had five or more years of experience teaching in a Catholic schools, were invited to a five day program to refresh them spiritually.	<i>Diocesan News</i> , Mar. 2000
1997	A decision was made in Australia at national level to change the name “Pontifical Mission Societies” to “CATHOLIC MISSION – The work of the Pontifical Mission Societies”	“ <i>The News</i> ”, Feb. 1997
1997	Bishop Benjamin declared that as from 09.02.1997, six long established Townsville parishes in Ministerial Region One would be suppressed and three new ones would be established in their place. A 4 <sup>th</sup> new parish was established on the northern outskirts of Townsville – Thuringowa.  <b><u>Parish One: The Parish of St. Mark on Cleveland Bay</u></b> (City, Magnetic Island, South Townsville, Railway Estate, and Oonoonba). The parish church would be St. Francis Xavier’s at Railway Estate. <b><u>Parish Two: Mary Help of Christians Parish, Castle Hill</u></b> (North Ward, Castle Hill, Belgian Gardens, Rowes Bay, Pallarenda). The parish church would be St. Joseph’s at North Ward. <b><u>Parish Three: St. Mary’s Parish, West Townsville</u></b> (West End, Garbutt to the Bohle River). The parish church would be St. Mary’s at West End. (Fr. Brian Lester would remain as Parish Priest until the Franciscan Friars were withdrawn at the end of 1997). <b><u>Saint Anthony’s Parish, Deeragun</u></b> (Northern beaches suburbs north of the Bohle River to the southern boundary of St. Patrick’s Parish, Ingham). The parish church would be the new St. Anthony’s Church at Deeragun. (Fr. Peter Fraser OFM had been appointed as Parish Priest).	“ <i>The News</i> ”, Jun. 1996  “ <i>The News</i> ”, Dec. 1996  “ <i>The News</i> ”, Feb. 1997  <i>Decrees of Suppression of the Parish of St. Teresa’s, Garbutt</i> <i>St Patrick’s, South Townsville</i> <i>St Francis Xavier’s, Railway Estate</i> <i>Cathedral Parish of the Sacred Heart, Townsville</i> <i>Dated 16.01.1997</i> <i>All Decrees held in the Bishop’s Office</i>
1997	Bishop Benjamin appointed Fr. Yosef Kapitan SVD as the Chaplain to the Mission to Seamen and to offer part time help to Fr. John Holyoak in the newly created parish of St. Mark on Creveland Bay. He would henceforth reside at the Bishop’s House.	<i>One in the Spirit</i> <i>The Story of Holy Spirit Parish</i> <i>Cranbrook, T’ville 1965-2010,</i> <i>Page 116</i>
1997	The rationalisation of parishes also resulted in the sale of surplus property at South Townsville and Railway Estate, and at the Cathedral and Belgian Gardens. The school at St. Mary’s, West End was sold to the Diocese. The Diocese also planned to purchase St. Teresa’s Church plus two adjacent halls at Garbutt on behalf of the AICC in a move to consolidate the Aboriginal Apostolate out of South Townsville and Wills Street onto one site at Garbutt.	“ <i>The News</i> ”, Feb. 1997. <i>The Independent</i> 22.04.1998, page 3 17.06.1998



	A decision was also made to build a new Bishop's House in Acacia Street, Mundingburra.	
1997	Fr. William Busuttin's appointment was altered from Parish Priest Cloncurry, Winton and Julia Creek to Parish Priest Winton, Hughenden and Richmond. (1997 to Jan, 2005)	Information supplied by Sr. Paul Mary.
1997	On 15.02.1997, Holy Spirit Parish in Cranbrook held a Parish Assembly with an attendance of approximately 100 parishioners.	"The News", Apr. 1997
1997	On 16.02.1997, Bishop Raymond Benjamin announced the appointment of Fr. Michael Lowcock of Mt. Isa as Vicar General of the Diocese of Townsville. Fr. Lowcock succeeded Fr. Michael Mullins who had served as Vicar General since May 1974.	Townsville Bulletin, 17.02.1997. "The News", Feb. 1997.
1997	Inner peace was the topic of discussion at a series of courses by Gethsemane in Townsville commencing on 17 <sup>th</sup> February.	Townsville Bulletin 08.02.1997
1997	A new administration block was established at St. Kieran's Catholic School, Mt. Isa. (A snapshot of Catholic Schools in Qld. in the sesquicentenary year, 2009).	"On History's Page", (DVD).
1997	The former convent in Mundingburra was renamed MacKillop House and was restructured to provide accommodation for university students.	Letter dated 06.03.1997 from Pastoral Leader Lyn Horner to Sr. Michelle Shipperley RSJ
1997	Charters Towers celebrated the 70 <sup>th</sup> year in Qld. of the World Day of Prayer on 07.03.1997 at the Salvation Army Citadel. The liturgy was prepared by the women of South. Korea.	"The News", Apr. 1997
1997	At a meeting of church leaders on 07.03 1997, a draft vision statement was produced covering ways of sharing resources in Western Queensland. Bishop Benjamin was part of the process along with the Anglican Bishop of North Queensland, Clyde Wood and Reverend Dennis Robertson, president of the North Queensland Presbytery of the Uniting Church in Australia.	"The News", Apr. 1997 The Independent 22.04.1998, page 3 & 17.06.1998
1997	The last Mass in Mary Help of Christians Church at Belgian Gardens was celebrated on 09.03.1997. (It was removed as a place of worship on 12.12.1997). (The building was sold to the Castle Hill PCYC and moved to a site at the Castle Hill PCYC on Allambie Lane in June 1998)	Remembrance card. DECREE held in Bishop's Office.
1997	Centacare offices relocated from Currajong to the newly renovated buildings of the former St. Mary's School in West End, Townsville. Bishop Benjamin opened and blessed the new complex for Centacare early in March 1997.	"The News", Apr. 1997 Townsville Catholic Archives Ref. 784/6
1997	In March, the Spiritual Development Ministry to the western region conducted a guided retreat in Winton with the theme "let your light shine".	"The News", Dec. 1997, page 7
1997	Parishioners of St. Joseph's Parish, Julia Creek donated cassette players to the centres of McKinlay and Nelia which are both part of the Julia Creek Parish. Mass is celebrate once a month at McKinlay in Our Lady of the Way Church, which	"The News", Apr. 1997

	was originally the church at Julia Creek, and at Nelia in the CWA hall.	
1997	Easter Sunday 30.03.1997.	<i>Diary J. K. White</i>
1997	Death in Brisbane of Josephite Sister Eunice Kerr on 01.04. 1997.	<i>Diary J. K. White</i>
1997	8 <sup>th</sup> April to 20 <sup>th</sup> June – School Term 2.	<i>Diary J. K. White</i>
1997	Townsville Mater Hospital – Opening of Sleep Disorder Unit and construction of motel type accommodation for patients’ relatives and units for staff.	<i>Mater Health Services North Queensland, Developments</i>
1997	The Diocesan Youth Ministry Office renamed its monthly newsletter “The Gecko”.	<i>“The News”</i> , Apr. 1997
1997	During 1997, the Proserpine Sugar Mill, the local State primary school and police force all celebrated the centenaries of their establishment in the district. An ecumenical church service was held thanking God for the pioneers and all who had worked in that part of paradise.	<i>“Diocesan News”</i> , Feb. 1998
1997	On Sunday 04.05.1997, the Ryan Community Centre and residence in Morindo Drive (The Ministerial Region of the Good Shepherd) were opened. Parish Priest, Fr. Dave Lancini, said the centre would be used by the Ryan Community School, the Catholic Church and a range of other community groups in central Thuringowa.	<i>Townsville Bulletin</i> , 05.05.1997  <i>The Independent News</i> 14.05.1997
1997	In May, the Spiritual Development Ministry to the western region conducted a one week directed retreat in Mt. Isa.	<i>“The News”</i> , Dec. 1997, page 7
1997	During 1997, the Proserpine Conference of the St Vincent e Paul Society celebrated the 60 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of their inauguration. (16.05.1937)	<i>Townsville Catholic Archives</i> Ref. 781/2
1997	Death of Fr. Edward Brill on Sunday 19.05.1997 aged 92 years. Fr. Ed was buried in the Belgian Gardens Cemetery after a Mass was celebrated in St. Patrick’s Church, South Townsville on Wednesday 21.05.1997.	<i>Funeral Liturgy Booklet</i>
1997	Each year the Queensland Catholic Diocesan Youth Co-ordinators held a week long leadership course for people from 17 to 25 years. The event called “Movers & Shakers” was held this year from June 28 to July 3 at Yeppoon near Rockhampton.	<i>“The News”</i> , Apr. 1997
1997	8 <sup>th</sup> July to 19 <sup>th</sup> September – School Term 3.	<i>Diary 1997.</i>
1997	Theologian Fr. John Thornhill SM lectured throughout the Townsville Diocese from July 13 to September 22.	<i>“The News”</i> , Apr. 1997
1997	In July 1997, a meeting was convened in an effort to reform the Townsville Youth Night Patrol. It was attended by 20 interested persons.	<i>Townsville Catholic Archives</i> Ref. 781/2
1997	Mons. Douglas Stewart, a former priest of the Diocese of Townsville, was living in retirement in Lismore. His health was declining and on 01.08.1997 he suffered his first heart attack.	<i>“Diocesan News”</i> , Oct. 1999
1997	In August, the Spiritual Development Ministry to the western region conducted a one week directed retreat in Charters Towers.	<i>“The News”</i> , Dec. 1997, page 7
1997	Fr. Dave Lancini of Good Shepherd Parish, Thuringowa, celebrated the 25 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination to the Priesthood on 11.08.1997.	<i>“The News”</i> , Oct. 1997 Photo included.

1997	The oldest priest active in the Townsville Diocese (89 <sup>th</sup> Birthday on 25.07.1997) Fr. Martin (Marty) Branagan CSSR, OAM, retired to his home Redemptorist Community in Kew, Melbourne. (1964 to 1997) Fr. Marty was known as the pope of Cranbrook. He was formally farewelled by the Townsville City Council at a Civic Farewell on 30.07.1997 and by his parish community on 15.08.1997, the Feast of the Assumption.	<i>"The News"</i> , Sep. 1993 & Oct. 1997 <i>Townsville Bulletin</i> , 28.07.1997, p. 7 <i>The Story of Holy Spirit Parish Cranbrook, T'ville 1965-2010</i> , Pages 116 & 117
1997	On August 16-17, Brisbane based Marist priest Fr. Jack Soulsby conducted a vision weekend at the Ryan Community Centre where he led participants in prayer and renewal. His visit was facilitated by the Gethsemane community.	<i>Townsville Bulletin</i> 28.07.1997 Page 7
1997	On 22 <sup>nd</sup> August 1997, the founder of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Frederick Ozanam, was beatified by Pope John Paul II.	<i>The Catholic Leader</i> 23.09.2012, page 10.
1997	The executive officer of the national committee for professional standards, Fr. David Cappo, visited Townsville Diocese in August, explaining <i>"Towards Healing"</i> , a program focusing on raising awareness of the issues related to sexual abuse. The Townsville Convenor was Deacon Jim Erskine.	<i>The News</i> , Oct. 1997 Photo included. <i>Diocesan News</i> , May 2001.
1997	The St. Vincent de Paul Society in Townsville conducted their first <i>"Living skills"</i> program on 30.08.1997. The aim was to assist long term welfare recipients with the day to day management of their food budget.	<i>"The News"</i> , Dec. 1997, page 5 <i>Diocesan News</i> , May 1998
1997	Death of Mother Teresa of Calcutta on 05.09.1997.	<i>"The News"</i> , Oct. 1997
1997	On 08.09.1997, the St Vincent de Paul Society opened a new Clothing Centre at Airlie Beach. (Whitsundays, Proserpine Parish)	<i>Townsville Catholic Archives</i> Ref. 781/2
1997	The annual ecumenical roundup of parishes in the western regions took place at Hughenden on 20.09.1997 with 90 people in attendance. Catholic Bishop Raymond Benjamin, Anglican Bishop Clyde Wood and the chairman of the north Queensland presbytery of the Uniting Church, Reverend Dennis Robinson, joined members of the three churches to continue planning for shared ministry in north-west Queensland.	<i>Townsville Bulletin</i> 28.07.199, page 7 <i>"The News"</i> , Oct. 1997
1997	In September 1997, the St Vincent de Paul Society opened a Clothing Centre in Cannonvale (Proserpine Parish)	<i>Townsville Catholic Archives</i> Ref. 781/2
1997	6 <sup>th</sup> October to 12 <sup>th</sup> December – School Term 4.	<i>Diary J. K. White</i>
1997	On 18.10.1997, Holy Trinity Parish in Mundingburra, Townsville, held a Parish Dinner in the George Coates Room at the TAFE College.	<i>Diary J. K. White</i>
1997	In October, the Spiritual Development Ministry to the western region conducted a second one week directed retreat in Mt. Isa.	<i>"The News"</i> , Dec. 1997, page 7
1997	As part of the restructuring of the parishes, a new residence was constructed for the Bishop and priests on special duties, in Acacia Street, Mundingburra, Townsville. A <i>"Ritual of Moving"</i> took place on 31.10.1997 when the former residence at Stanley Street was closed and the new residence was blessed by Bishop Benjamin,	<i>"The News"</i> , Dec. 1996 <i>"The News"</i> , Feb. <i>"The News"</i> , Dec. 1997, pages 1 & 4 Photos included.

	exactly 60 years after the opening of the former building next to the Sacred Heart Cathedral. The architect was Kerry Prescott and the builder Bernard Lancini.	Invitation to the Ritual.
1997	In November, the Spiritual Development Ministry to the western region met people at Nelia and McKinlay focusing on “God in my everyday life”.	“The News”, Dec. 1997, page 7
1997	On 07.11.1997, two new classroom were opened on the lower level of Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School in Ingham.	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School 100 Years 1915 – 2015</i>
1997	The Franciscan Friars withdrew from St. Mary’s Parish, West Townsville after 34 years of service. They were farewelled by the parish community on the weekend of November 22-23. 28 Friars had served St. Mary’s Parish from 1963 until 1997. Fr. Stephen Bliss, provincial minister of the Franciscan Friars, presented the parish with a statue of St. Francis – founder of the Franciscan order - during Saturday’s farewell mass. Fr. Ken Cafe remained as administrator until replaced by Fr. Vic Dalton on 13.01.1998. Bishop Raymond Benjamin also dedicated a new altar during the mass. The altar was made from the church’s old pulpit and some pews.	<i>Townsville Bulletin</i> 24.11.1997 Page 15  “The News”, Dec. 1997 Page 2  <i>A Prayerful Memento</i> 4 <sup>th</sup> October 1997 (bookmark)
1997	On 7 <sup>th</sup> December, a celebration of 10 years of “Gethsemane, a Place of Blessing” took place at the Ryan Community Centre in Kirwan.	<i>Townsville Bulletin</i> 24.11.1997, page 15
1997	During Fr. Terry Lyons annual holiday in 1997, Army Chaplains Fr. Peter Quilty and Fr. Martin Langron, along with Fr. John Hay, celebrated the weekend Masses for Holy Spirit Parish, Cranbrook.	<i>One in the Spirit</i> <i>The Story of Holy Spirit Parish</i> <i>Cranbrook, T’ville 1965-2010, p. 116</i>
1997	On 12.12.1997, Bishop Raymond Benjamin decreed that the church building known as Mary Help of Christian Catholic Church, 169 Bundock Street, Belgian Gardens, Townsville, would no longer be used as a place of worship. The last Mass in the Church was celebrated on 09.03.1997. (The building was sold to the Castle Hill PCYC and moved to a site at the Castle Hill PCYC on Allambie Lane in June 1998)	<i>DECREE of Suppression signed by</i> <i>Bishop Raymond Benjamin on</i> <i>16.12.1997 is held in the Bishop’s</i> <i>Office.</i>
1997	On 15.12.1997, death in Loreto Nursing Home, Townsville of Sister Mary Marcella McMillan. Sister Marcella was born Kathleen Rose Mary McMillan in Brisbane on 21.03.1906. She entered the Sisters of Mercy in Townsville on 11.06.1925 and was professed on 02.02.1928. Sister began teaching music in the schools of the Diocese. When the Sisters of Mercy assumed ownership of the “Lister” Hospital in West End in 1945, she was one of the first Sisters to take on the Nursing Apostolate there. She continued nursing at the Mater Hospital until her retirement in 1975. Buried in the Belgian Gardens Cemetery Section L, Subdivision 3, Row 1, Grave no. 2	<i>Mass of Thanksgiving Booklet</i>
1997	<u>Ignatius Park College – 1997</u> An Environmental Group was established and began a school recycling program.	<i>A History of Ignatius Park College</i> <i>1969 – 2009,</i>

	<p>Mr. Brian Shephard and Mr. Dennis McCloskey introduced the Duke of Edinburgh Awards Scheme into the College.</p> <p>The building now known as B Block was constructed with an extended Manual Arts area and a teaching kitchen (known as the Toast Room). Upstairs a general classroom (B1), the Boardroom (B2) and Business Computer Room were all fitted with the latest I.T. equipment.</p> <p>The two Griffins were moved to new tiered theatrettes (The current G1 and G2). A 165 seat auditorium was built and named after Ben Bonomini (it is still known as Big Ben). Two new computer rooms were also established (C1 and C2).</p> <p>The College production was the Rock Opera, <b>Jesus Christ Superstar</b>.</p> <p>IPC hosted the Confraternity Shield, the biggest to date with over 30 teams competing. As a result of the carnival, IPC students Scott Prince, Steven Ratuere and Lama Ah Mat were selected in the Queensland representative team.</p>	Page 65.
1998	Ignatius Park College welcomed a new Principal, Christian Brother Paul Conn (1998-2002). Br. Paul was a student at the College from 1974 to 78 and also taught at his old school from 1988 to 1990. He succeeded Br. R. O. Grundy (1995 – 1997).	“ <i>Diocesan News</i> ”, Feb. 1998 <i>A History of Ignatius Park College 1969 – 2009</i> , page 3.
1998	Ignatius Park College still had four Christian Brothers teaching at the College, the largest number at any college in Queensland. In addition to Br. Conn, the staff also included Brothers John Hansen, Peter Cronin and Frank Pottinger.	“ <i>Diocesan News</i> ”, Feb. 1998
1998	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Clergy Appointments for 10.01.1998</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Franciscan Friars will no longer be responsible for Saint Mary’s Parish, West Townsville. Soon after this date, <b>Fr. Ken Café OFM</b> will move back South after his brief stay in the North.</li> <li>2. <b>Fr. Vic Dalton</b> will transfer from his position as parish priest of Hughenden and Richmond to take up the office of parish priest of Saint Mary’s Parish, West Townsville. (1998 to 2005)</li> <li>3. <b>Fr. Bill Busuttin</b> will become parish priest of Hughenden and continue to have pastoral responsibility for Saint Patrick’s Parish, Winton.</li> <li>4. <b>Fr. Ed Stewart</b> will become parochial administrator of Saint Colman’s Parish, Cloncurry and also take pastoral responsibility for Holy Family Parish, Julia Creek and Saint Brigid’s Parish, Richmond.</li> <li>5. <b>Fr. Michael Loke SVD</b>, a new priest, will replace Fr. Stewart in Saint</li> </ol>	<p>Memo to Priests Pastoral Leaders Heads of Diocesan Agencies From Bishop Benjamin Dated 23.10. 1997 Re Clergy appointments</p> <p>“<i>The News</i>” Dec. 1997 Page 2</p>

	<p>Patrick's Parish, Ingham, as assistant priest.</p> <p>6. Due to ill health, <b>Fr. Noel Smyth</b> has tendered his resignation as parish priest of Holy Family Parish, Gulliver. He will take up residence in Buderim.</p> <p>7. <b>Frs. John Hay and Peter Green</b> will act as supply priests for Holy Family Parish until more permanent arrangements can be confirmed.</p> <p>8. <b>Fr. Gerry Dore</b> has to have surgery and will be away from his Ayr parish for approximately three months from mid November.</p> <p>9. <b>Fr. Nicholas Warne OFM</b> will supply in Ayr for two months from 10.11.1997. Other arrangements will be made for late January and early February.</p> <p>10. <b>Fr. Yosef Kapitan SVD</b> will be leaving the Diocese on 15.12. 1997, returning to Indonesia. Yosef has been very active in the ministry of the Apostleship of the Sea.</p> <p>11. <b>Fr. Tony Stott OFM</b> will be leaving Bowen in mid-February 1998.</p> <p>12. <b>Fr. Peter O'Reilly SVD</b> will replace Fr. Stott as resident priest in Bowen.</p>	
1998	<p>The "Night of Noah" occurred on 10.01.1998 after cyclone "Sid" travelled from the Gulf across Cape York and formed a monsoon low, bringing 700mm of rain in 24 hours with severe flooding and landslides in Townsville.</p> <p>Damage was estimated at \$100 million.</p>	2009 NQ Storm & Cyclone Guide
1998	<p>"<i>Integrity in Mission</i>", the draft document of ethical standards for Catholic clergy, religious and pastoral leaders was released in January for a six month period of consultation and debate.</p>	" <i>Diocesan News</i> ", Feb. 1998 Photo included.
1998	<p>Townsville Diocese's College of Adult Faith Education announced that the 1998 itinerant preacher would be Fr. Alan Sheldrick, parish priest of St. Columba Parish, Charters Towers, and former rector of Banyo Seminary.</p>	" <i>Diocesan News</i> ", Feb. 1998
1998	<p>While ministering in Ayr parish, Sr. Helen Mary Peters RSM regularly attended the monthly meetings of the Burdekin Church Leaders Association and in 1998 was the Secretary / Treasurer.</p>	<i>100 Years of Grace, 1912 – 2012 The History of the Sacred Heart Parish, Ayr, page 54</i>
1998	<p>Bishop Raymond Benjamin announced the formation of a joint committee aimed at a closer working relationship between the Pastoral Planning Commission and the Council of Priests.</p>	" <i>Diocesan News</i> ", Feb. 1998 Terms of reference included.
1998	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Diocesan Vision Statement</u></p> <p>The People of God in the Diocese of Townsville living in partnership within their communities as clergy, religious and laity, share with the bishop responsibility for the life and mission of the Church.</p>	" <i>Diocesan News</i> ", Feb. 1998
1998	<p>27<sup>th</sup> January to 9<sup>th</sup> April - School Term 1.</p>	Diary 1998.
1998	<p>The Southern Cross Catholic Primary School was opened in Annandale, Townsville,</p>	" <i>On History's Page</i> ", (DVD), a

	<p>(Prep to Year 7) under the patronage of Our Lady of the Southern Cross in 1998. The foundation principal was Mr. Gerard Hore.</p> <p>The school opened with two small pre-school groups, a class of year ones and a class made up of years 2, 3 and 4 children, a total of 61 students.</p> <p>It was the first Catholic school in Townsville to be developed as a project of the Diocese through the Catholic Education Office rather than a local parish.</p> <p>The school motto is "SHINE".</p> <p>(The name changed to Southern Cross Catholic College commencing Term 3, 14.07.2014, when the school began the journey to becoming Prep to Year 12 Catholic College).</p>	<p>snapshot of Catholic Schools in Queensland in the sesquicentenary year, 2009.</p> <p><i>The Catholic Leader</i> 23 February 2014 Page 27</p>
1998	<p>On 12.02.1998, Bishop Raymond Benjamin blessed St. Columba's Catholic Collage in Charters Towers.</p> <p>The College was formed by the amalgamation of three historical schools: - St. Columba's Primary School founded in 1876, St. Mary's College founded in 1882 and Mount Carmel College founded in 1902.</p> <p>The new college came under the administration of the Catholic Education Office and operated from two campuses, St. Mary's Primary Campus and Mount Carmel Secondary Campus.</p> <p>Girls still boarded at St. Mary's and boys at Mount Carmel. The founding principal was Mrs. Althea Norton. The College motto was "Light To The World".</p>	<p><i>Diocesan News</i>, Feb. 1998</p> <p>"On History's Page", (DVD), a snapshot of Catholic Schools in Queensland in the sesquicentenary year, 2009.</p>
1998	<p>On Saturday 28.02.1998, two leadlight windows were fitted into the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at the Holy Trinity Church in Mundingburra, Townsville.</p> <p>The windows were made and fitted parishioner Jim Brereton and his son.</p>	<p><i>Diary J. K. White</i></p>
1998	<p>The Church of St. Thomas the Apostle at Cannonvale in the Proserpine parish was decommissioned. It was established in 1961, destroyed by Cyclone Ada in 1970 and rebuilt in 1974. Until a larger church could be erected, mass was being celebrated in the convention centre at Whitsunday Wanderer's Resort at Airlie Beach.</p> <p>(Ecumenical - St. Martins erected and opened on 22.09.2002).</p>	<p><i>Diocesan News</i>, May 1998 Page 3 Photo included.</p>
1998	<p>Easter Sunday 12.04.1988.</p>	<p>Diary 1998.</p>
1998	<p>21<sup>st</sup> April to 19<sup>th</sup> June – School Term 2.</p>	<p>Diary 1998.</p>
1998	<p>From 24 to 28 April, the Sisters of Mercy representing 17 congregational groups around Australia and from Papua New Guinea held a plenary meeting on Magnetic Island.</p>	<p><i>Diocesan News</i>, May 1998</p>
1998	<p>On 28.04.1998, a new branch of the Catholic Women's League (CWL) was established in Good Shepherd Parish in the Kirwan / Upper Ross suburbs of Thuringowa. Foundation members were commissioned during a mass at the Ryan Community Centre by the league's diocesan chaplain, Fr. Dave Lancini.</p>	<p><i>Diocesan News</i>, May 1998 Photo included. Townsville Catholic Archives Ref. 770/2</p>
1998	<p>On 5<sup>th</sup> May, the Centapact Employment office opened in Mt. Isa.</p>	<p>Good Shepherd Parish</p>

	It was later renamed Centacare Employment.	2005 Calendar
1998	The “ <i>Diocesan News</i> ” ceased publication with the May edition. Publication re-commenced ten months later in March 1999.	“ <i>Diocesan News</i> ”, Mar. 1999.
1998	The St. Vincent de Paul Society established a Craft / Prison Visitation Conference in Townsville.	“ <i>A Century Not Out</i> ” St. Vincent de Paul Society leaflet.
1998	As part of the preparation to celebrate the centenary of the Sacred Heart Cathedral in 2000, quilters from various parts of the diocese, together with artist Vince Gray, worked on a banner to be hung in the cathedral at the centenary celebrations.	<i>Diocesan News</i> , May 1998
1998	The former St. Columba’s Church building on Bundock Street, Belgian Gardens, Townsville, was sold to the Castle Hill PCYC. They relocated the building to their site on Allambie Lane.	<i>The Independent</i> 22.04.1998, p.3, & 17.06.1998
1998	Fr. P. J. Carroll celebrated the Golden Jubilee of his ordination as a priest. (29.06.1948 - 1998)	Memento card.
1998	7 <sup>th</sup> July to 18 <sup>th</sup> September – School Term 3.	Diary 1998.
1998	On 20.08.1998, Mons. Douglas Stewart, a former priest of the Diocese of Townsville who was living in retirement in Lismore, entered St. Mary’s Hostel. He had suffered a heart attack in August 1997 and a more serious one in April 1998. Mons. Stewart was looked after by the Presentation Sisters until his death in September 1999.	<i>Diocesan News</i> , Oct. 1999
1998	On 22.07.1998, the Mundingburra Branch of the C.W.L. (Catholic Womens League) held their final meeting. All their engraved silverware was sent to the Bishops House.	<i>Mundingburra C.W.L. Minute Book 19.06.1991 to 22.07.1998</i> <i>T’ville Catholic Archives Ref. 770/6</i>
1998	Death of former Townsville Diocesan priest Kevin Livingstone on 16 <sup>th</sup> November 1998 in the St. John of God Hospital, Ballarat.	
1998	5 <sup>th</sup> October to 11 <sup>th</sup> December – School Term 4.	Diary 1998.
1998	Death of Fr. Thomas O’Dwyer on 27.10.1998 aged 85 years. Born Cashel Co. Tipperary. Ordained 13.06.1938.	<i>Headstone in Belgian Gardens Cemetery</i>
1998	Townsville Mater Hospital – Opening of Emergency Unit and purpose built Children’s’ Unit. Refurbishment of the Day Unit. Expansion of the hospital volunteer service to now include in-hospital volunteer services	
1998	During 1998, a new approach to Seminary training was introduced. After 60 years of living on the Banyo Seminary site, the seminarians were moved to Wavell Heights to live as part of, rather than apart from, the world.	<i>Diocesan News</i> , May 2001
1998	After 53 years, St. Joseph’s School at Giru closed its doors for the last time. Mr Brad Duffy was the last teacher of the ten students who attended the school this year. A special day of remembering was held on 29.11.1998.	“ <i>Diocesan News</i> ”, Mar. 1999.
1998	The departure of Br. Burke at the end of the school year marked the end of the Christian Brothers involvement with Gilroy Santa Maria College in Ingham.	“ <i>On History’s Page</i> ”, (DVD)



	(A snapshot of Catholic Schools in Queensland in the sesquicentenary year, 2009).	
1998	During 1998, Holy Spirit Church, Cranbrook, was broken into and wireless microphones, VCR and cassette player were stolen. The Tabernacle door was also damaged as an unsuccessful effort had been made to force it open.	<i>One in the Spirit The Story of Holy Spirit Parish Cranbrook, T'ville 1965-2010, p.119</i>
1998	During 1998, Bishop Raymond Benjamin blessed and opened the new Joyce Crooks Wing and covered area at St. Francis' School in Ayr.	<i>The Greatest Gift Celebrating 100 Years, page 9</i>
1998	<u>Ignatius Park College – 1998</u> Classroom music was offered in all grades for the first time. Luke Barrett was the first IPC boy to be presented with a silver Duke of Edinburgh Award. The School production was <b>Chess</b> , a musical written by Benny and Bjorn from ABBA. This was the musical's inaugural NQ production.	<i>A History of Ignatius Park College 1969 – 2009, Page 67.</i>
1999	Australia's population 18,922,600	<i>"Australia Through Time" 2005 Edition.</i>
1999	On 03.01.1999, death of Sister Mary Aquinas McElligott aged 96 years in Loreto Nursing Home, Townsville. Sr. Aquinas was born Annie Johanna McElliott on 27.12.1902 at Murray's Creek near Bundaberg. Sister was a Secondary School Teacher specializing in English and History. She spent most of her teaching life at St. Patrick's College. She retired to Villa Vincent in 1984 and has been in Loreto Nursing Home at the Strand since 1990. Buried in Belgian Gardens Cemetery, Section A, Subdivision 4, Grave No. 829.	<i>Mass of Thanksgiving Booklet</i>
1999	Death of Sr. M. Aquinas McElligott RSM on 03.01.1999 aged 96 years.	<i>Headstone in Belgian Gardens Cemetery</i>
1999	Fr. Giles Setter OFM (1999 – 2019) succeeded Fr. Peter Fraser OFM (1996 – 1998) as Parish Priest of the Deeragun Parish. He was assisted from 1999 to 2003 by Fr. Paul Fitzgerald OFM	<i>Franciscan Provincial Archives.</i>
1999	<u>New principals commissioned by Bishop Benjamin:</u> 1. Sr. Marion Kingston at St Michael's School, Palm Island. 2. Eileen Luthi to St. John Bosco's School, Collinsville. 3. Rita Cranitch to St. Colman's School, Home Hill. 4. Kathy Taylor to St. Peter's School, Halifax. 5. Bob Knight to Gilroy Santa Maria College, Ingham. (First Lay Principal of College) 6. Peter Kerrins to St. Joseph's School, Mount Isa. (This was the first year that St. Joseph's School, Mount Isa, was not administered by a Josephite nun). 7. Karen Pearce to St. Kieran's School, Mount Isa. 8. Rose Walsh as acting principal to St. Patrick's School, Winton.	<i>"Diocesan News", Mar. 1999.</i>

1999	Sr. Anne Marie Nicholls SGS, from Catholic Education Office in Townsville was appointed Deputy Principal at Holy Spirit School in Cranbrook.	<i>The Annals – Golden Jubilee St. Margaret Mary’s Primary School</i>
1999	Sr. Dawn Gibson SGS arrived in Holy Spirit Parish in January 1999 to be a Pastoral Worker on a three months trial. (Sr. Dawn was happy to remain for the next twelve years).	<i>One in the Spirit The Story of Holy Spirit Parish Cranbrook, T’ville 1965-2010, p. 120</i>
1999	Good Shepherd Catholic Community School at Rasmussen in the City of Thuringowa was granted approval for further building projects in 1999.	“ <i>Diocesan News</i> ”, Mar. 1999.
1999	A new primary school at the Willows in the City of Thuringowa was being planned for the year 2000 to relieve the pressure on Ryan Catholic Community School which celebrated its 20 <sup>th</sup> year in 1999.	“ <i>Diocesan News</i> ”, Mar. 1999.
1999	To begin the school year, over 200 teachers in Catholic schools attended a behaviour management seminar conducted by Bill Rogers in Townsville. The same seminar was conducted in Mount Isa for western schools in October.	
1999	27 <sup>th</sup> January to 1 <sup>st</sup> April – School Term 1.	Diary 1999.
1999	The Diocesan Finance Council recommended that the Townsville Diocese contribute \$3000 over three years to the initiative entitled “100 Projects of the Holy Father”.	“ <i>Diocesan News</i> ”, Mar. 1999.
1999	Death of Fr. Raymond Jones at the Canossa Aged Care Home at Trebonne, Ingham on Sunday 31.01.1999. Fr. Jones was Parish Priest of St. Peter’s Parish at Halifax. He had been at the home since being operated on for cancer in October 1998. He was buried in the Roman Catholic Division of the New Ingham Cemetery, Section 44, Plot 29	“ <i>Diocesan News</i> ”, Mar. 1999  Requiem Mass Liturgy Booklet
1999	With the death of Fr. Jones, the Halifax Parish was left without a priest with no prospect of another being appointed.	“ <i>Diocesan News</i> ”, Mar. 1999.
1999	Whitsunday Parish had a new parish hall due to a generous bequest from the estate of the late Albert Gasper. The new St. Catherine’s Hall was blessed and opened by Bishop Raymond Benjamin in February.	<i>Diocesan News</i> , Jun.1999 Photo included.
1999	Whitsunday Parish farewelled Fr. Stej Ndun SVD who assisted Brooks Patterson in parish activities during the last 18 months. Fr Ndun was transferred to minister in Mount Isa.	<i>Diocesan News</i> , Jun.1999
1999	During 1999, Fr. Bernard Espiritu stayed in Holy Spirit Parish for two months while continuing discussions with the Diocese regarding the establishment of a Divine Word Missionary Community (SVD). Already, two of their priests were working in the Diocese.	<i>One in the Spirit The Story of Holy Spirit Parish Cranbrook, T’ville 1965-2010, Page 120</i>
1999	After almost 12 months of negotiations with the Anglican, Lutheran and Uniting Churches regarding the possibility of a combined church at Cannonvale, it was decided that a combined worship centre was not possible and the Whitsunday Catholic Parish was now looking at building its own premises. (Completed and opened on 22.09.2002)	<i>Diocesan News</i> , Jun.1999

1999	In February, Bishop Raymond Benjamin in consultation with the Joint Committee of the Council of Priests and the Diocesan Pastoral Planning Commission, launched "Townsville 2000: Profile of the Present and a Vision for the Future", a project to develop a Strategic Plan to lead the Church in the Diocese of Townsville into the new millennium. The project was facilitated by Rockhampton Sister of Mercy, Anna Kinnane. A report was produced in July titled "Signs of Hope".	<i>Diocesan News</i> , Mar, Jun. & Oct. 1999
1999	A Mini Vinnies group was initiated at Holy Spirit School in Cranbrook, Townsville.	<i>Our Catholic Schools</i> , Term 4, 2011.
1999	In March, the " <i>Diocesan News</i> " returned after an absence of 10 months. It was last published in May 1998.	" <i>Diocesan News</i> ", Mar. 1999.
1999	Early in March, the chief executive officer of the Mater Hospital, Sr. Brenda Grant RSM, announced a \$17 million dollar building project. A three storey building was to be constructed by Abigroup Contractors Pty. Ltd. along Lothair Street, Pimlico, at the rear of the hospital complex. (Blessed and Opened on 23.06.2001).	" <i>Diocesan News</i> ", Mar. 1999. Jun. 2001.
1999	During March, an in-service conference was held with primary and secondary principals working with middle schooling expert Jim Cumming on the needs of adolescent learners.	" <i>Diocesan News</i> ", Mar. 1999.
1999	Instruction was received from Rome that the Third Rite of Reconciliation was not to be used in parishes in Townsville Diocese.	<i>Diocesan News</i> , Jun.1999
1999	On 18.03.1999, Bishop Raymond Benjamin issued a statement regarding the Third Rite of Reconciliation. <u>Extract</u> : Canon 961 of the Code has not been changed in any way. Therefore the use of the Third Rite is limited to situations of urgent need. Spokesmen of the Roman Curia seem certain that the condition of urgent need would hardly ever be realised in our Churches.	" <i>Diocesan News</i> ", Mar. & Jun. 1999.
1999	After five years, Canossian Sister Lucy Kert was still the sole chaplain at James Cook University. A chaplaincy advisory board, the first on any university campus in Australia, hoped to formalise its interim constitution later in the year.	<i>Diocesan News</i> , Jun.1999
1999	The St. Margaret Mary's chapter of St. Vincent de Paul collected Easter eggs during Lent for children who might miss out on the Easter bunny.	<i>Diocesan News</i> , Jun.1999. Photo included.
1999	Easter Sunday 04.04.1999.	Diary 1999.
1999	A Young Catholic Adults Group was established at St. Mary's Parish in Townsville, targeting the 19 to 35 age group, to provide both spiritual and social support	<i>Diocesan News</i> , Jun.1999. Photo included.
1999	During April, Erica Marshall, Director of the Liturgical Commission in Townsville, took part in a trekking tour of Nepal when she joined the "Fred Hollows Foundation See Nepal campaign". As a volunteer on the trek, Erica spent time with the day to day running of the Tilanga Eye Centre in Katmundu.	" <i>Diocesan News</i> ", Mar. 1999.
1999	The Townsville Diocese Jubilee Commission began planning for a pilgrimage to	<i>Diocesan News</i> ,

	Bowen in the year of the Great Jubilee – 2000.	Jun., Aug. & Oct. 1999
1999	13 <sup>th</sup> April to 18 <sup>th</sup> June – School Term 2.	Diary 1999.
1999	The former St. Columba’s Convent and Belgian Gardens presbytery in Mary Help of Christians Parish was sold to developers. The convent was built in 1947 and used by the sisters until 1984. Since then it has housed the Matrimonial Tribunal and the Diocesan Archives. (The building was demolished during April 2012).	<i>Diocesan News</i> , Jun.1999. Photo included.
1999	On Ascension Sunday at the beginning of the “Week of Prayer for Christian Unity”, an ecumenical worship service was held in the Holy Trinity Church in Mundingburra. Among those leading the congregation were Bishop Raymond Benjamin, Bishop Clyde Wood (Anglican Bishop of NQ), Pastor Colin Ireland (Assembly of God), Pastor Ann Harley (Uniting Church) and Rev. Barbara Bailey (chairman of NQ Presbytery of the Uniting Church).	<i>Diocesan News</i> , Jun.1999.
1999	The College of Adult Faith Education in Townsville Diocese confirmed that Sr. Elaine Wainwright RSM would be the guest speaker at the 1999 Winter School.	<i>Diocesan News</i> , Mar. & Jun.1999
1999	6 <sup>th</sup> July to 17 <sup>th</sup> September – School Term 3.	Diary 1999.
1999	An undercover area was constructed at the entrance of Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School in Ingham.	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School 100 Years 1915 – 2015</i>
1999	Following the resignation of former Diocesan Youth Ministry co-ordinator, Matt Liddle, the board decided on a new approach to this ministry. Three part-time workers were appointed to form a youth ministry team. They were Jim Mackinnon, Shannon Cavanagh and Rebecca Elliott.	<i>Diocesan News</i> , Aug.1999. Photo included.
1999	Throughout July, Sr. Mary Duffy conducted symposiums in each secondary school on the document “The Catholic School on the Threshold of the Third Millennium”.	“ <i>Diocesan News</i> ”, Mar. 1999.
1999	Townsville Mater Hospital – Refurbishment of Radiology including the installation of Magnetic Resonance Image (MRI) and Nuclear Medical Service.	<i>Mater Health Services North Queensland, Developments</i>
1999	Br. Bill Tynan, Principal of Mount Isa Catholic High School since 1992, was farewelled.	“ <i>Diocesan News</i> ”, Aug. 1999.
1999	On 25.07.1999, Raymond Conway Benjamin, Bishop of Townsville, celebrated 50 years of priesthood.	<i>Diocesan News</i> , Aug.1999. Photo included.
1999	On Sunday 08.08.1999, during the 75 <sup>th</sup> Jubilee Year celebrations of St. Joseph’s School in Mundingburra, new and refurbished school facilities were blessed by Bishop Raymond Benjamin and opened by Mr. Peter Lindsay MP, Member for Herbert. They included a new covered area, tuck shop and P.E. store room, new administration area with offices, sick bay and staff room (which was the original covered area). The old office and staff room became refurbished class rooms. The new services which include air conditioning of the library and music room and a	<i>75<sup>th</sup> Jubilee – St. Joseph’s Mundingburra 1924 – 1999</i> Compiled by Louise Burke

	complete upgrade of the school's electrical wiring, was commissioned by Ms Lindy Nelson-Carr, MLA, Member for Mundingburra.	
1999	The Townsville Diocesan Property and Finance Council decided to extensively renovate the former Bishop's House adjacent to the Sacred Heart Cathedral. The Bishop's office was returned to McGuire House along with other administrative services.	<i>Diocesan News</i> , Jun. 1999 Photo included.
1999	On 05.09.1999, a co-ordinated approach to utilise material gathered in the "Signs of Hope" report was held when Bishop Benjamin joined with priests, pastoral leaders and heads of diocesan agencies to take the next step in the process. The keynote address was delivered by Dr. Merv. Bendle, a James Cook University sociologist.	<i>Diocesan News</i> , Oct. 1999
1999	From September 6 -13, the Western Ministry for Spirituality conducted retreats in everyday life at Mount Isa's Good Shepherd Parish. Sr. Carmel Street RSJ, Mary Stark and Marian O'Brien, leaders of the spirituality ministry, were joined by Betty Bourke from the House of Prayer in Townsville to form the spiritual direction team for the retreats. The theme of the retreats was "come home to God".	<i>Diocesan News</i> , Oct. 1999 Photo included.
1999	On 11.09.1999, part of ground floor of the former Bishop's House at 270 Stanley Street, Townsville, was vandalised and damaged by fire.	<i>Diary J. K. White</i>
1999	Death of Mons. Douglas Stewart in St. Vincent's Hospital, Lismore on 10.09.1999. Mons. Stewart worked in the Townsville Diocese from 1936 to 1973. He served in Ingham, the Cathedral Parish, Bowen, Mount Isa, Charters Towers, Julia Creek, Stuart and Belgian Gardens.	<i>Diocesan News</i> , Oct. 1999
1999	On 16.09.1999, Staff of Townsville's Misericordiae Private Hospital held a paraliturgy at the hospital followed by a fund raising morning tea to help the people of East Timor. Chief executive officer, Sr. Brenda Grant RSM said many of the staff had loved ones on active service in East Timor.	<i>Diocesan News</i> , Oct. 1999
1999	On Monday 20.09.1999, more than 2,500 Australian troops landed in East Timor as leaders of an INTERFET peacekeeping force. Control of the force was handed over to the United Nations on 21.02.2000. The Indonesian province had been ravaged by violence following an overwhelming vote for independence in a referendum last month.	<i>"Australia Through Time"</i> 2005 Edition.
1999	Gary Bolton, the diocese's financial administrator, revealed that as part of a major restructure of Townsville Diocese's financial system, the former Redemptorist monastery site in Townsville which was currently occupied by the Catholic Education Office was to be sold. A new administration complex was currently being constructed for the CEO.	<i>Diocesan News</i> , Oct. 1999, Jun. & Sep. 2000 Photos included.
1999	4 <sup>th</sup> October to 17 <sup>th</sup> December – School Term 4.	Diary 1999.
1999	During October, a behaviour management seminar was conducted by Bill Rogers in	<i>"Diocesan News"</i> ,

	Mount Isa for teachers in western schools.	Mar. 1999.
1999	Death of Monsignor Ormond Francis Rush in Townsville on 14.10.1999 aged 93 years. Monsignor Rush was born on 16.09.1906 and was ordained on 30.11.1930. Funeral Mass celebrated in Holy Trinity Church, Mundingburra on 19.10.1999. Buried in Belgian Gardens Cemetery, Section A, Subdivision 4, Grave no. 678.	<i>Headstone in Belgian Gardens Cemetery</i>
1999	On Sunday 24.10.1990, a Mass was held in the Sacred Heart Church in Ayr to commemorate the laying of the Church's Foundation Stone 75 years ago by Bishop J. Shiel of the Rockhampton Diocese.	<i>The Ayr Advocate</i> Wednesday, 20.10.1999 Page 11
1999	On 30.10.1999, farewell celebrations for members of the Grail after 35 years of ministry, included an open house, Mass and a dinner prior to their hand over of administration of St. Raphael's College on the Townsville campus of James Cook University in December. St. Raphael's last Grail principal was Mary Robertson who was principal from 1990-96 and 1998-99. St. Raphael's new principal, Good Samaritan Sister Carmel Bambridge, would take over from January 2000.	<i>Catholic Leader</i> , 17.10.1999. <i>Diocesan News</i> , Oct. 1999. (Photo included). <i>Townsville Bulletin</i> , 01.11.1999.
1999	At a referendum held on Saturday 06.11.1999, Australians voted "No" to cutting ties with England's House of Windsor and becoming a republic.	"Australia Through Time" 2005 Edition.
1999	Six Catholic Primary School boys were chosen to play in the North Queensland Cricket team to compete at state level in a December competition. They were: Kelvin Defranciscis (St. Colman's – Home hill) Colby Ward (St. Anthony's – Deeragun) Michael Spargo (Holy Spirit – Townsville) Julian King (Holy Spirit – Townsville) Sean Danaher (Ryan – Thuringowa) Kyle Chiesa (Lourdes – Ingham),	<i>Diocesan News</i> , Mar. 2000
1999	In December 1999, the Grail ceased their association with St. Raphael's College on the Townsville campus of James Cook University	<i>Catholic Leader</i> , 17.10.1999. <i>Diocesan News</i> , Oct. 1999.
1999	A small Nativity scene was staged at the Mount Louisa House of Praise, Townsville. (The event became so popular that three years later, Townsville City Council offered more than \$50,000 to see it move to the Strand). "Stable on the Strand" was born with more than 60 churches getting involved.	<i>Sun Community Newspapers</i> , 14.11.2012, page 6 <i>Townsville Bull. - Cath. News Sup.</i> 15.12.2016, page 21
1999	The Year of the Great Jubilee celebrating the 2000 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Birth of Christ began at Midnight Mass on Christmas 1999.	<i>Diocesan News</i> , Mar. 2001
1999	<u>Ignatius Park College – 1999</u> This year saw the introduction of a vertical curriculum Unitization. Students in Year 8, 9 and 10 were given a booklet of units to choose from in each subject area and classes were organised based on student choices.  27 students attended the annual writer's camp at Gumburu. They contemplated	<i>A History of Ignatius Park College</i> 1969 – 2009, Page 69.

	<p>“How to live your dash” and completed a wide range of work from poetry to short stories.</p> <p>The school production was “<b>BIG</b>”, a musical adaptation of the Tom Hanks movie. This was the first time the production had been staged in the Southern Hemisphere.</p> <p>Eight IPC students were chosen to represent Queensland in various sports. They were:-  Peter Ivers (gymnastics) Ian Smith (swimming) Matthew Cole (table tennis) Todd Goodwin (water polo) Ashley Bloom (soccer) Scott Broodbank (soccer) David Jones (trampoline) Jade Hill (athletics)</p>	
1999	During 1999, the Western Ministry for Spirituality developed a Spiritual Companions’ (Directors) Training Program. The first program was held from 2000 to 2006, the Formatter being Sr. Carmel Street RSJ.	<i>A Brief History of the Western Ministry for Spirituality, 1993-2015</i> <i>Page 5</i>
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