

Opened Debt Free

*A brief history of St Andrew's Catholic Church
Cummins S.A.*



*Commemorating the
50th Anniversary
of Saint Andrew's Church
opened in 1964*

Foreword

Celebrating fifty years of the present Saint Andrew's Church is not a celebration of bricks and mortar, but rather a celebration of the generosity and faith of the parishioners of Cummins who have managed to erect two Churches "debt free". It is also a celebration of the priests and religious sisters who were called to serve and have made many things possible according to their differing talents.

In putting together this brief history, one is overwhelmed by the efforts of the pioneer priests who reached out to a developing West Coast and discovered so many Catholic homes where they stayed and celebrated Mass and the Sacraments for their people. They travelled on horseback, by horse and buggy and finally with cars over some rough and dusty roads before the advent of bitumen. They stayed away from their base at Port Lincoln for weeks at a time for the benefit of many pioneer Catholics in the Cummins district.

Putting together this history is also a celebration of the vibrancy of the Cummins parishioners who have continued to take responsibility for the local Church which is both people and buildings. It is a celebration of both the life and death of Jesus who permeates every aspect of the life of his true followers. It is him alone and not the priests and religious in whom we are called to believe.

The celebration of life is especially celebrated in the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, reflected in the celebration of the great feasts of the Church, especially Christmas and Easter, and we have tried to capture this in our brief history.

What is not seen in these pages is the outstanding generosity of the local parishioners in their support of the Missions, Caritas Australia and so many other calls on their generosity.

Finally, we give thanks to God for all who have been part of this history and pray that the spirit of those who have gone before us will continue to inspire us to live the gift of faith in ways that will bring us closer to Christ and share that gift with others.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "K.G. Matthews". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial 'K'.

Father Kevin Matthews

“OPENED DEBT FREE...”



“*Opened Debt Free...*” These were the words pronounced by Father Patrick Leo Kelly at the opening of the original St. Andrew’s Church and the same words pronounced by Monsignor Patrick Coffey at the opening of the new Saint Andrew’s Church on June 21st 1964. The priests of the Diocese at the time believed this was an Irish brag and that the Diocese had paid all the bills. Further investigation shows that he spoke the truth thanks to the generosity of the local parishioners. So it was that the appeal at the opening was not to pay off the debt, but for a new home for the Parish Priest.

There is a long history behind that opening day which goes back to the Parish of Port Lincoln in the Diocese of Adelaide from where Cummins was administered for many years before its official establishment as a parish in the Diocese of Port Pirie on 31st May 1940.

PRIESTS IN THE EARLY DAYS OF THE CHURCH ON EYRE PENINSULA

1851 Bishop Murray	First Priest to visit Port Lincoln and was the First Bishop of Adelaide. He visited outposts of his Diocese, staying for a few weeks.
1866 Fr O’Connor & Fr Theodore Boengart	They celebrated Mass in the Courthouse and then left Pt Lincoln. It was 2½ years before a Priest came back to Port Lincoln.
1868 Fr Hinteroecker	An Austrian Jesuit travelled throughout Eyre Peninsula baptising 66 children and 13 converts.
1869 to 1872 Fr Modestus Henderson	He transferred from Kadina to take charge of the Eyre Peninsula Mission. Remained for 4 years
1878 Fr O’Sullivan	
1881 Fr George Williams	Was ill and only stayed a short time
1881 Fr Edward Kenny Fr John Power	Both spent several months in the area
1884 to 1894 Fr Edmund Phelan	He was known as “the respected and beloved Priest of Port Lincoln” who served all of Eyre Peninsula
1894 to 1916 Fr Pedar M Jorgensen	Formerly a Danish Lutheran and remained until his death in 1916. He is buried in the Port Lincoln Catholic Church Cemetery. He travelled extensively over Eyre Peninsula and the Far West.
1916-1937 Fr P L Kelly	Assistant to Fr Jorgensen until his death in 1916 Then became Parish Priest until he left Port Lincoln in 1937
1918 to 1920 Fr B C Crowley	Assistant Priest for 2 years
1921 Fr J Honner	Assistant for 12 months
1934 to 1938 Fr P. P. Kelly	Assistant Priest from 1934 Nephew of Fr. P. L. Kelly.
1935 to 1941 Fr A. Tuite Fr D. Ruane	Assistant Priests

1938 to 1940 Fr V Barry	Parish Priest then left to become an Army Chaplain
1940 Fr P Walsh	Stayed a few months as Parish Priest
1940 to 1961 Fr W Nesdale	Stayed for 20 years Started St Vincent de Paul in Port Lincoln. In 1957 he became a Monsignor. Then in 1961 was transferred to Georgetown due to ill health. Assistant priests were Frs J Casey, G Carmody, M Kineavy D Lonergan, Ray Pope, A Hackett, L Dundon, N Canny and Fr Adrian Head.

FROM THE MISSION BOOKS

From 1881 in the mission and stations books held in Port Lincoln we find references to Masses celebrated throughout Eyre Peninsula.

After years on horseback, the introduction of horse and buggy would have made life much easier for the travels of the priests who visited the Eyre Peninsula as part of the Port Lincoln Parish.



Masses were celebrated at the following locations within the Cummins area.

Starting in 1881

Koyalla – Fitzgerald-Patrick Snr & Emma
Warrow – First Mass 1884 at Mrs Doudle’s
Wildeloo - Mitchell’s

Yallunda Flat Hall

Yeelanna – Williams’, Peterson’s Boarding Home, Cronin’s, Casey’s, Yeelanna Hall,
Carey’s, Ryan’s, Jake Haarsma’s (Jack’s brother)

Edillilie Hall, Quinn’s, Mrs Gaffney’s

Moody – Mr P E Fitzgerald

Koppio – First Mass 1884 at Liddy’s

Cummins - Hall

Mount Hope – Henry Doudle, Hall

Mount Drummond - Jim Doudle, School

Coulta: First Mass at Coulta was September 12th, 1884 at John Doudle’s celebrated by Fr Edmond Phelan with 5 people present.

More historical details of the early history can be found on the Port Lincoln section of the Diocesan Website www.pp.catholic.org.au

As recorded in the Mission and Station Journal in 1911 Fr. P L Kelly went as far as Eucla celebrating Mass with the whole town whether Catholic or not.

When Father Kelly was travelling on his rounds he would call at the early settlers homes, Catholic or not and make enquiries regarding how they were. All were pleased to hear news of neighbour’s births, marriages, and current news. He always stopped for a word with a traveller he would meet. Once a man was searching for his block, Father Kelly, having been a surveyor before becoming a Priest was able to help him – they searched and came upon the survey pegs hidden in the scrub and so he found his section.

Fr Kelly always recorded the number of miles covered on his return. At one stage he had travelled 1,021 miles for six weeks with 402 communicants. On another occasion when he had a sick call he records driving 170 miles in 29 hours. He stayed a night with settlers and Mass was celebrated in the kitchen, barns, huts, tents or even in the open with the buggy serving as an altar.



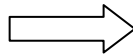
Gathering after Mass at Koyalla with Fr Kelly

Charlie Murnane, Bessie Cronin, Laurence Weeks, Mary Fitzgerald, Tom McEwin, Mrs Fitzgerald (Bessie's Mother), Grandma Fitzgerald, Tom Cronin, Ern Fitzgerald, Ivy Fitzgerald, holding Bas, Fr Kelly, Jim Murnane, Vin Murnane, Mr Murnane, Front: Monica McEwin (later Matron Duggan at Rostrevor College), Laurence Fitzgerald, Sheila Fitzgerald, Des Fitzgerald, Mary Cronin, Mick Cronin, Ross Fitzgerald.

Back, Ern Fitzgerald, Ross Fitzgerald, Lawrence Fitzgerald, Father P.P. Kelly.

Middle: Ivy Fitzgerald, Bas Fitzgerald

Front: Pat Fitzgerald



There must have been something special about the Fitzgerald hospitality as there was rarely a visit to the district that did not include Mass at their home.

Father Kelly is remembered for his social evenings at "Koyalla" where tea would be followed by a singalong around the piano finishing up with Father's favourite – "Why do summer roses fade"? Then Rosary, supper, Confessions and bed would follow. Next day 8 am Mass to which the neighbours came – Ern and Mary Fitzgerald and family, Tom and Bessie Cronin and family, the Pedler family and the Murnane family.

The first mention of Mass at Mount Hope was November 26th 1909 in the Hall celebrated by Fr P.L.Kelly. Regular Mass celebration in the Hall would become part of Mt Hope's history after the formation of the Cummins Parish and petered out at a later date when the population became smaller.

MASS AT CUMMINS

1921 saw the beginning of regular Masses being celebrated in Cummins, being held in the old Hall at 11.00 a.m. This Hall was on the present site of the swimming pool. A rug was spread on the floor and forms set around for seats. A white cloth on the trestle became the altar set up with candles and flowers. Parishioners knelt on the rug for Communion, but first, Confessions were heard in one of the dressing rooms on the stage which they ascended by several shaky steps – the elderly found them pretty rickety.

On October 5th 1941 at Cummins there is reference to a Church Fete on the previous night which raised over £60 profit.



Life was much easier for Father Kelly when he was able to drive the great distances in his new car. However, the roads would not be bituminised for many years, so there were still challenges.

The effects of the war limited the travel of the priests as a January note from Fr Nesdale indicates: "Petrol rationing is keeping many away, unable to travel."

In 1943-1944, Fr Martin Kineavy's name appears among the Priests caring for Cummins. On the 18th June 1945 there is reference to a meeting of the National Catholic Rural Movement at Cummins.

As the Mission and Stations books cease near the end of 1945, we find that Mass is still being celebrated at Yeelanna and Edillilie with occasional Masses with the Doudle's at Mount Drummond and in the hall at Mount Hope.

On occasions the Priest used to travel to Lock by railcar on a Friday, celebrate Mass there early Saturday morning, catch the railcar afterwards and alight at Yeelanna in time to play football that afternoon. He usually stayed with Jake Haarsma's family (brother of Jack) celebrating Mass Sunday morning, returning to Port Lincoln by railcar on Monday morning.

As more people came to own motor cars, they travelled to Cummins to Mass and the practice of celebrating Mass at Yeelanna was discontinued and Yeelanna people joined Cummins people at St Andrews.

EYRE PENINSULA JOINS THE DIOCESE OF PORT AUGUSTA

Fr P Walsh acted as Port Lincoln Parish Priest until 31st May, 1940, when Fr W Nesdale arrived. He remained for 20 years. At that time the Parish of Port Lincoln was transferred from the Diocese of Adelaide to the Diocese of Port Augusta which later became the present Port Pirie Diocese.

While Father Nesdale was in Port Lincoln, he established a Summer School for Religious Instruction for children in the out lying districts of the Peninsula. This served the parishioners of Cummins for many years.

Despite indifferent health Fr Nesdale spared no effort in serving the people of the Parish.

Priests who served Cummins from Port Lincoln

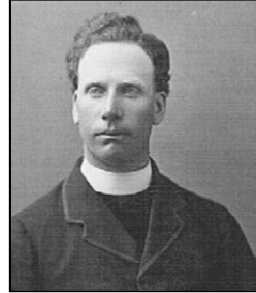
From 1881 priests from Port Lincoln have served the area that is now the Parish of Cummins. First were the intrepid founding fathers who travelled first on horseback, then with a two horse trap and finally with the provision of a car.



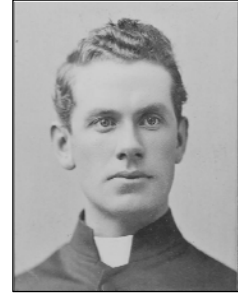
Fr Modestus Henderson



Fr O'Sullivan



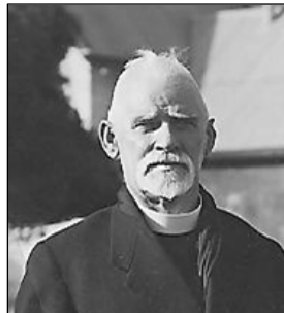
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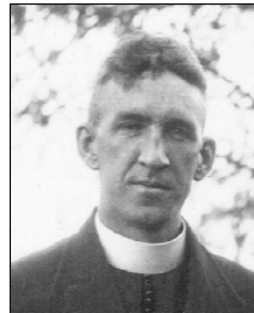
Fr Edmund Phelan



Fr Pedar Jorgensen



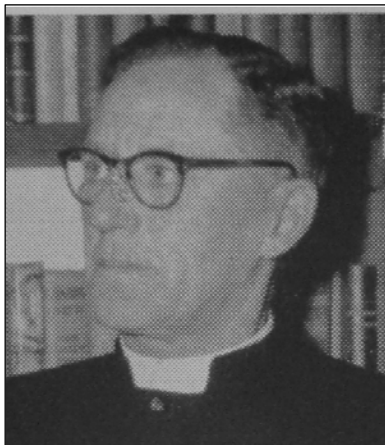
Fr P.L. Kelly



Fr P.P. Kelly



Fr P Walsh



When Eyre Peninsula was handed over from the Archdiocese of Adelaide to the Diocese of Port Augusta on May 31st 1940, a new era emerged involving many of the assistant priests from Port Lincoln as well as the Parish Priests.

Monsignor W Nesdale

Memories of Liz Blacker: Confession

As a timid 9 year old child, my memory goes back to the confessional in the old Church with Monsignor Nesdale. Thinking Mons Nesdale didn't know who he was talking to, I poured out my heart with the usual "fights with my brothers and sisters back answering my parents, stealing the last piece of chocolate cake etc".

Got that off my chest, felt good, then my penance delivered to me, 3 Hail Marys and one Our Father and time to get out before being recognized.

Nearly out the door Monsignor called me back, "Just let Mum & Dad know I'll be around for lunch after Mass!" How did he know it was me? And worse still, I had to face him at home after telling him all my sins!

O Lord it's hard to be humble!

Assistant Priests who cared for Cummins

1881-George Williams

Edward Kenny

John Power

1904 PL Kelly

1918 BC Crowley

1932 J Honnor

1934 PP Kelly

1935 A Tuite

1939 D Ruane

1942 JL Casey

GK Carmody

1943 M Kineavy

1947 D Lonergan

1949 RI Pope

1950 M Kineav

1953 M Kineavy

1955 A Hackett

1956 L Dundon

1960 N Canny

1961 A Head



Fr John Honnor



Fr A Hackett



Fr A Head



Fr R Pope

Fondly Remembered Religious who cared for Cummins



Fr Brian Buxton S.J.



Fr Owen Mason SDB



Fr Joe Phillips O.Carm

Fr Adrian Head remembers...

“I was a curate in Port Lincoln from 1961 –1964. Initially Port Lincoln had three priests who looked after Port Lincoln, the Cummins run (Tumby Bay, Cummins, Couлта and Mt Hope), and the Cleve run (Cowell, Cleve, Lock, Elliston). It was while I was in Port Lincoln that Bishop Gallagher made three parishes of the original one Port Lincoln Parish. Monsignor Paddy Coffey was in charge of the Cummins Parish and he set about building a new Church. Anything that he took on, he did with enthusiasm and go.....so much so that people called him Monsignor Atomic Bomb. As the Church was being built, anyone who came to see what was happening was invariably ‘conned’ into helping. He showed the same enthusiasm when he was in charge of Port Lincoln, and I feel that his appointment to Spalding where he had nothing as exciting to attend to – where he could not still be Monsignor Atomic Bomb – affected him”.

The Original Church



Opening Day for the original Saint Andrew's Church

Year of the first Saint Andrew's Church 1935



The Church of St Andrew at Cummins was named after the apostle, and also Fr Henderson, whose baptismal name was Andrew. The aim was to get a Church, so each year parishioners held a St Patrick's Day Ball and also a fete. Then later, monthly Street stalls were held until at last the Cummins parishioners were financial enough to start building. This Church was opened completely free of debt in 1935.

The first Masses at Yeelanna and Cummins were celebrated in their respective halls on January 13th. Further Masses celebrated on February 17th, March 24th, April 28th, May 26th with Cummins alone on June 26th where a note tells us that this was celebrated in the new Church for the first time with 100 present including the Priest. The celebrant was Fr Patrick Leo Kelly the Parish Priest. On the 30th of the same month there were two Masses in the Cummins Church with 73 for communion at the first and 10 at the second which was probably a "High Mass" as there is mention that Archbishop Killian blessed and opened the new Church and administered confirmation.

The next Mass at the new Cummins Church was on July 14th with a congregation of 72. Mass was duplicated between Cummins and Tumby Bay for the first time with 8.00 a.m. Mass in Cummins and 11.00 a.m. in Tumby Bay. Mission notes reveal that there were 57 for Communion in Cummins and only one in Tumby Bay. This would be the result of the long fast from midnight required at that time before receiving Communion. In August, the Masses at Yeelanna and Cummins were on separate days with Tumby Bay now part of the circuit. This time, the early Mass was at Tumby Bay. There were Masses in the Cummins Church on August 4th, 11th and 15th all celebrated by the young Fr Kelly.

In 1939 a dance was held. It was decided to make this as big a success as possible, the secretary to arrange to have a railcar from Port Lincoln! Mr W Dodd to be asked to be M.C.

with the aid of a microphone. The dance was to start on time at 8.00 pm. Charges were 2 shillings all round with sixpence extra for supper.

It wasn't long before the need to enlarge the Church was being talked about as one had to get to Mass early to have any chance of a seat. A room was built on and that helped a bit as prior to that they had two sections curtained off at the back, one for the priest to vest in and the other for a Confessional.

First Marriage in Original Church

On May the 9th, 1936, we find evidence of the first marriage in the new Cummins Church. It was the marriage of Michael Murnane and Madeline (Madge) McCracken with Nuptial Mass and the Church was "packed" according to Fr Kelly's mission notes.



The First Wedding Party: Phil McCracken,(sitting) Margaret McCracken, Jim Murnane Mick & Madge Murnane, Rene McCracken, Vin Murnane, Joyce Hooker, Thelma Basham, Kathy McCracken (sitting)



The last marriage in the original Church was that of Carlien Cock who married Peter Cabot on 4th April 1964. Their attendants were Michael Cabot and Geraldine Fitzgerald, Lance Crettenden and Kathleen Connor. Flowergirl was Bernadette Eichner.



The marriage of Bill and Mollie Secker (nee Pedler) was one of those in the original Church.



The original Saint Andrew's Church as it stands today with its refurbished roof has become the Parish Hall serving as a place for meetings, breakfasts after Mass and religious instruction centre.



The indomitable spirit of Frank Nelligan and Jim Secker in planning and caring for the garden around the original Church along with their wives Joan and Genny is a feature of the dedication that is often taken for granted in Cummins. Genny laments that they never won the garden of the year award.

MEMORIES

Bas Fitzgerald remembers: NCRM (National Catholic Rural Movement) Local Cummins Branch approx. 1948. The group was driven by Father McCurtin, Bill Secker and Gerald Sheehan and included all the other young people including Jim and Maxine Norton, Bas and Dora Fitzgerald, Leo Nelligan, Jack Carr, Jack, Vin and Bob Pedler to name a few. The Bishop of Wagga Wagga, N.S.W. was the National Chairman, Bob Santamaria was the mouth piece of the movement. The Cummins group consisted of about 20 members who met monthly to discuss rural issues and to say the Rosary.

National Conferences were held around Australia and delegates travelled from all states to attend. Cummins delegates who attended the Armidale Conference were Sheila Pedler, Mollie Secker, John Tomney and Bas Fitzgerald. Fr McCurtin purchased a wire recorder (for £200) which we took to Armadale to record all the speeches. On our return these speeches were replayed at meetings in Cummins and Minnipa.

PLANNING FOR A NEW CHURCH

Among Parish Council Minutes, we discovered the following references to the planning of the current St Andrew's Church.

1955

Church Council Meeting to be held on 19th June regarding the possibility of building a new Church in Cummins.

President Church Council Mr Gerald Sheehan, Tom Cronin Jnr Secretary

Points to be considered : building to accommodate 350 people. Cost would be approximately £25,000 to £30,000.

Proposed Mrs Madge Murnane that the Church be built on condition that promises of finance be found to cover costs. District to be canvassed to determine amount of money that could be raised by donations etc.

1959 from Minutes 1st March 1959

Council President Mr Bas Fitzgerald. Church Building Fund now nearly £9,000.

Building Committee consists of President Dr Whyntie, E Heath, Bas Fitzgerald, Des Haarsma, Jack Carr.

Minutes 15th March 1959

Motion: "That Mons Nesdale be requested to approach His Lordship for permission to proceed with the new Church, and the possibility of a Convent in the near future, subject to availability of nuns, which would be discussed."

Minutes Special General Meeting Sunday 11th Oct, 1959

Mr R Lewis moved Motion "that the building committee be authorised to proceed further with the plan of modern building style. Seconded. Mr. D Nagel.

Mr J Haarsma suggested that members of the Committee should inspect and view modern Churches in Adelaide and surrounding districts and obtain several designs before submitting plans to the congregation.

1962

Minutes Parish Meeting 18th Oct 1962

Mr D Haarsma moved Cummins contribute 50% Tumby Bay 35% and Mt Hope & Coult 7½% and one half percent each towards the cost of the new Presbytery (Huja) and furnishings and that all future expenses in this connection be in these proportions. Seconded D Horgan. Carried.

1963

Minutes Council Meeting held 1/12/63

Bas Fitzgerald reported that the District Council would be approached to assist in the cost of their share of a fence on northern side of the new Church. It was estimated that a 5 foot galvanised iron fence would cost in the vicinity of 100 pounds.

1964

Minutes meeting held 4th May, 1964.

Mons. Coffey thanked all who have assisted at working Bees and advised that the tentative date for the opening of the new Church is 21st June, 1964.

Bas Fitzgerald remembers the preparation done by Mons. Coffey: "He also acquired a volkswagon car in which he buzzed around the district collecting promises of support and finances and organising working bees. He also purchased a block of land from Mrs M.G. Trigg

Being a member of Mons Coffey's Church Committee I know how busy he kept himself and everyone else. He organised architects and builders, made all the necessary arrangements and the new Church was eventually built and stands as a monument to his zeal and devotion."

LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE



Bishop Bryan Gallagher assisted by priests from the Dioceses of Port Pirie and Adelaide, lays the foundation stone on July 14th, 1963 and blessed the grounds where the new Church would be built.

Opening of the new Cummins Saint Andrew's Church

The following is part of the report found in "Witness" and "The Port Lincoln times" concerning the official blessing and opening of Saint Andrew's Church.

On Sunday, June 21st, 1964, the new St Andrew's Church at Cummins, was opened by the Bishop of Pirie, Most Rev. Brian Gallagher, D.D. 600 people, including members of all denominations in the district, and visitors from most areas of E.P attended the ceremonies and the blessing of this striking new Church.



Bishop Gallagher addresses those present at opening from a specially erected dais

Some of the officials from left left to right: Bas Fitzgerald (Chairman), Jack Haarsma, Dr Walsh Sir Glenn Pearson, Bishop Bryan Gallagher, Fr Cresp, Mons Nesdale, Fr Wauchope, Mons Coffey, John Tomney. Front Children Kerran Pedler, Briohny Fitzgerald, Monica Pedler.

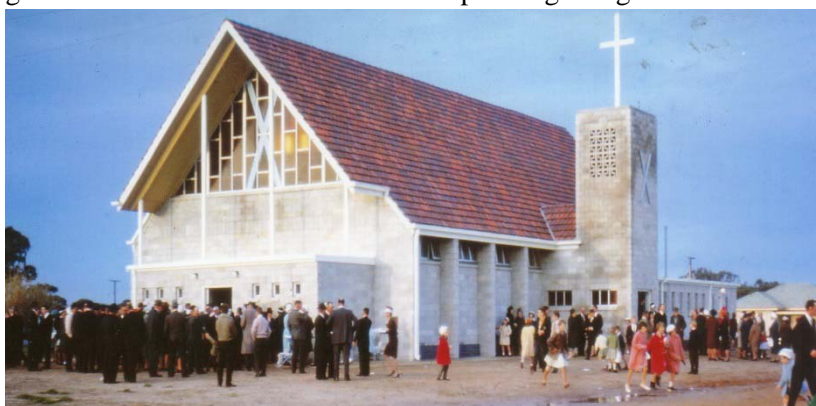
Assisting His Lordship at the Mass and Blessing were: Mons Nesdale, Mons Coffey and Fr. Wauchope. Mons F.V.J. Walsh preached the occasional sermon. Also present were Fathers Cresp, (Port Lincoln), Travers and Quinn (Whyalla).

A public meeting in the afternoon was attended by Church and civic dignitaries and over 400 people. This was followed by solemn Benediction, officiated by the Bishop, in the new Church. The Church was designed by architects, Russel and Yelland and built by Geo. Wilson and Co. The Church is acknowledged as an excellent asset for the district. The most imposing features

of the new Church are the specially designed multi coloured leadlight glass windows with St Andrew's Cross picked out in white and the vaulted ceiling of polished oak.

It is of modern design, in contemporary style, but with traditional features. It is built of Besser blocks and has a red tile roof. It has an imposing western aspect, yet its southern side has a striking design with a 40 foot tower surmounted with a large steel cross, and an aluminium cross of St Andrew on the face of the tower.

Interior decor is beautiful and very tasteful. An oak baldacchino suspended from the main ceiling is ornamented with a frieze in fretwork. Altars are of Carrara and Rossa marble. The Sanctuary rail is set out in a filigree design in plastic. The Baptismal Font is two huge pieces of granite on a mosaic tile floor and with plastic grilling in the same design as the sanctuary rail.



There is a balcony which can seat 60. Acoustics are excellent and lighting effective. The cost of this beautiful Church was £32,000.

Opening Day of St Andrew's

When the first Parish Priest, Monsignor Coffey, was appointed a little over two years ago, the Parish had £12,000 in hand towards their long cherished ambition of a new Church. In the meantime £7,854 was raised by an appeal for a Presbytery at the laying of the foundation stone, and by an envelope system. £3,127 was taken up in the collection at the opening.

Mons. Coffey warmly commended his Parishioners for the cooperation he has received since he came to the Parish. He gave special thanks to the Catholic Ladies Guild, the Men's Work committee and the Finance Committee. The Works Committee comprised of Messrs. Bas Fitzgerald (Parish Council Chairman), Leo Nelligan, Bill Kenny, Des Nagel, Brian Fitzgerald, Jim Secker, Mick Collins, Kevin Cronin, Jim Norton, Jack Carr, and Leo Carr. The Finance committee was Messrs. Lawrie Buckley (Secretary), Des Haarsma, Ian Patterson, Wally Dawes, Jim Cronin(jnr) and Mick Collins.

Ladies who prepared meals for the Priests over the weekend were Mesdames J Pedler (Sheila), L Nelligan (June), C Murnane (Vi), R Watkins (Margaret), J Haarsma (Ella), R Lewis (Joan), J Carr (Kath), E Heath (Nell), J Norton (Maxine), T Secker, and L Cronin.

The Choir included Mesdames B Greene (Betty) and V Fitzgerald (Ivy) (organists), E Farrell (Bernice), and J Haarsma, C Cook, J Cronin, J Pedler (Sheila), D Fitzgerald, P Giffard (Dominique), R Walsh, W Kenny (Kath), J Norton (Maxine), T Secker and P Schapel

Altar Boys were Danny Fitzgerald, Peter Fitzgerald, Ray Fitzgerald, T Fitzgerald, Peter Kenny and Leo Cronin.

Furnishings worth £1,000 were donated. They included: Statue of Mary (sculptor Hans Knorr)- Mons. Nesdale (in memory of his parents in Ireland), Bronze Crucifix (Hans Knorr) - Mr and Mrs J Carr, Baptismal Font- Mr and Mrs M. Collins, Sanctuary Lamp- Mr and Mrs J. Norton, Tabernacle- Mr Robert (Bob) Pedler, Six large candlesticks- Mrs W. Kenny, Charts- small candlesticks and vases - Mr and Mrs Leo Nelligan. Altar cloths - Mr and Mrs Dan Fitzgerald, Complete set of Vestments - Miss Helen O'Sullivan, Candelabra - Mr and Mrs Len Harris, Oil

stock stand in Baptistry- Dr J. Walsh in memory of Janie DeLacey. Mrs P. Giffard remodelled and touched up the 14 Stations of the Cross (which had been previously donated by Ern Fitzgerald in memory of his wife Mary nee Cronin). The Sheehan family donated £500. At the opening glowing tributes were paid to the efforts of Monsignor Coffey in completing the Project. 'Without him, it could not have been done', many said.

The Bishop, Dr Bryan Gallagher, remarked on the pleasant feeling at the ceremonies of the evident friendship of so many non-Catholics present. He said: 'This is to be appreciated. All of us are Christians. It is a sad and scandalous thing that, although followers of Christ, there are great barriers between us. It must be the earnest desire of every Christian to achieve reality and fulfilment of Christ's wishes that all should be under one fold. Such a hope seems so far away, yet all of us must work and pray to achieve such unity'. 'However', Bishop Gallagher warned, 'unity should not be achieved by compromise, or soft pedalling beliefs or by suppression of conscience. Getting to know each other removes the barrier of ignorance', the Bishop concluded, making a strong plea for charity and love among all Christians

FEATURES OF THE NEW CHURCH

CRUCIFIX AND MADONNA

(Excerpt of a letter from Donald Richardson (*Art Historian*))

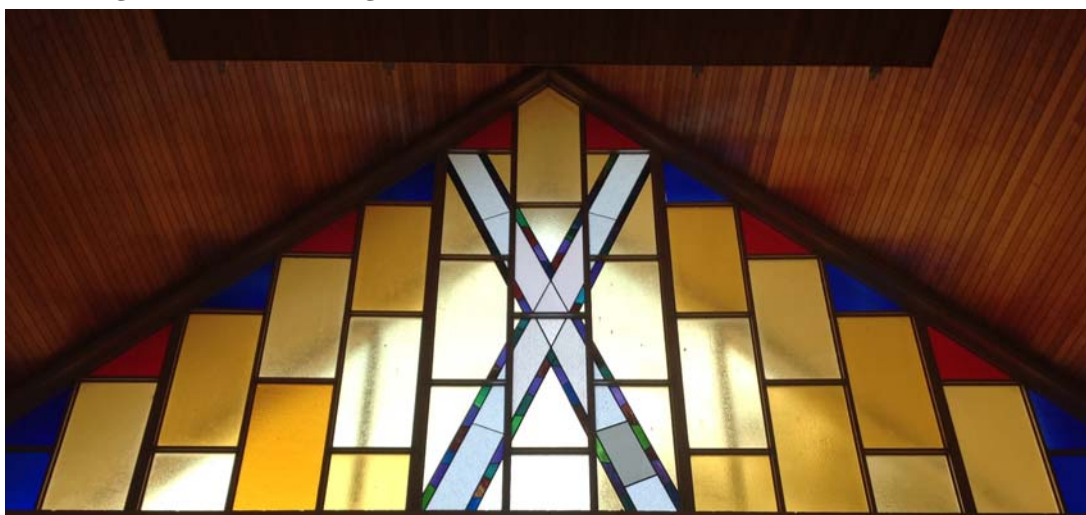


"And the art-work in the Church was done by Hans Knorr in 1963. Apparently he made (the) Virgin and Crucifix the following year. In fact, he was quite a significant maker of Church art.

Knorr was born in Bamberg, Germany, in 1917 and died in Victoria in 1988. He was devout Catholic. He trained in furniture-making and wood-carving in Germany. When Hitler came to power in 1933, he migrated to South Africa. But, at the outbreak of WWII, all Germans in SA were sent to England for internment. From there he was placed on the infamous ship, Dunera, which transported interned Jews and other refugees from the Nazis to Australia. They had an horrific journey (a lot has been written about this). He spent the war years in the camp at Tatura (central Victoria) and elected to stay in Oz after the war ended. He married his wife, Hilde, in 1948 and they lived in Emerald, in the Dandenongs, where they ran a very popular art gallery. Hilde converted to Catholicism after she married Hans. She died in 2009, aged 92.

(The) Virgin in your Church is an excellent example of his work in wood."

The stained glass window featuring the cross of Saint Andrew dominates the Church



It was certainly a red letter day for the community of Cummins in 1963 when Monsignor Coffey (on behalf of His Lordship, the Bishop of Port Pirie) signed the contract for the erection of the long awaited Church.



Wedding of Denny and Carmel Sheehan: Note Communion rails. Altar facing back wall of Church and Priest with back to the Congregation...all changed!!

The effects of the Vatican Council had not yet been felt in Cummins and so the Altar originally faced the rear wall of the Church.

Note the tiled floor, now replaced by carpet thanks to donations from the parishioners



The interior of the Church with the Baptismal font used to give new life to so many.



Bishop Hurley remembers: “I was present at the opening of the Church – as a Seminarian. I first met “The Mons” there!! Thank you for the wonderful years I was privileged to spend with you in that community. I will offer Mass for the Jubilee and all the people who have been in and out of St. Andrew’s”.

Parish Priests



First Parish Priest Monsignor Patrick Coffey seen celebrating the role he was ordained for as celebrant for these first communicants.

While he was responsible for the building of the Church and his future plans for a Convent and a School, he is remembered also for his long sermons.

Fr. Wesley Heading was here as Administrator in 1965. As a convert himself, he was responsible for several conversions in the short time he was in the Parish. He is seen here with Mark Giffard, Stephen Harris, Gerald Pedler, Aiden Higgins, Andrew Pedler, Dempsey Tony Secker, Marcel Steen Marie Pedler, Lynne Farrell, Louise Secker Bernadette Carr, Helen Haarsma, Heather Jolly, Trish Turner



Fr. Joe MacDonnell was the last of the Irish priests in Cummins and Second Parish Priest. He was here from 1965-1972. Here he has just officiated at the wedding of Peter Sheehan and Denise Doudle.

He is remembered for his valiant efforts to get parishioners to sing and the need for help to find his ball when he played golf because of his poor eyesight.



Fr Frank Cresp was the third Parish Priest from 1972-1977. He is seen here after officiating at the wedding of Monica and John Nagel.

There are rumours that he included some racing tips in his homilies to make sure the punters listened

Fr. Eugene Hurley, the fourth Parish Priest and is remembered especially for his work with the youth of the Parish, the building of the Presbytery and his return visits as Bishop of the Diocese of Port Pirie.



Bishop Hurley returned on November 26th 2000 for Confirmation of the following:
Front row: Joseph Kenworthy, Ben & Emily Quigley, Basia Hamden, Teresa Kenny & Tyson Mickan.
Middle: Matt Head, Corey Fitzgerald, Braden Fitzgerald, Tom Nelligan, Kent Pringle, Elise Moroney, Ross Nelligan, Duran Pringle & Mark Aird.
Back: Matt Howell, Samuel Kenworthy, Bishop Hurley, Fr John Baldacchino and Ben van den Broek.

Bishop. Eugene Hurley is seen here with Janette & Leo Haarsma on their 40th Wedding Anniversary



Father John Curran was the fifth Parish Priest from 1981-1989. Here he is seen with Kath Cock, Mrs Boylan, Mollie Crettenden, Ivy Fitzgerald, June Nelligan, Sister Genevieve, Carmel Jackson and Terry Pedler as part of the Renewal group.

Fr Curran had served in Japan with Fr Kevin Flinn after the Second World War. He returned while Fr Flinn joined the Columban Fathers to spend the next 40 years of his life there.

Father Kevin Matthews' dad, Clem, had a saying that whenever a priest was ordained they broke the mould as no two were ever alike. This appears to have been the reality in Cummins as each priest is nothing like the previous one and each had different talents to put to the good of the parish. The story now continues with the singing priest Father Eugene Kenny.

Fr Eugene Kenny appears to have had a fill-in role as the Sixth Parish Priest in Cummins. Ill health seems to have taken over at this point and he spent his final days at Lourdes Valley in Glen Osmond.

**Fr. Kenny is seen with Bishop De Campo and those who were confirmed in his year in the parish:
Back Craig Pedler, Justin Sheehan, Matthew and Eugene Wauchope, Mark Phelps.
Front: Katie Pedler, Stephanie Nagel, Melanie Pedler, Emma Pedler and Joanne Nagel.**



Fr Chris Warnock was the seventh Parish Priest serving the Parish from 1990-1994. He is seen here officiating at the wedding of Anne- Marie & Brenton Hammond.

Unable to carry on Parish life in later years because of Parkinson's disease, Fr Chris serves the Diocese of Port Pirie as the Editor of the "Witness".

Fr Adrian Noonan was the eighth Parish Priest of Cummins serving the Parish from 1994-2000. He is seen in action here as he officiated at the wedding of Neil and Joyleen Pedler. Fr Noonan was relieving in 1971 when he officiated at this marriage.



Fr John Baldacchino was the ninth Parish Priest and was here from 2000-2002 until he succumbed to cancer. He is seen here celebrating harvest thanksgiving with locals.

Back: Whitney Mickan, Hannah Quigley (holding Matthew), Ella Mickan, Fr Baldacchino, Front: Charlotte Nelligan, Sophie Quigley, Aylish Nelligan, Tom Haarsma, Adam Haarsma.



Fr Shaji Joseph was the tenth Parish Priest of Cummins and here from 2003-2009. Here he is seen at the baptism of the Blacker twins Sharni and Jade with parents Stephen and Wendy.



Fr John Stuart-James was here from 2009-2012 as the eleventh Parish Priest. He is seen here as he officiates at the wedding of Darren Leske and Janelle Sheehan.



Father Kevin Matthews is the twelfth parish priest and arrived in November 2012 with the double role of Parish Priest and Judicial Vicar for the Dioceses of Adelaide, Port Pirie and Darwin. He is seen here at his induction by Bishop Greg O'Kelly

Fondly Remembered Religious who cared for Cummins



Fr Brian Buxton S.J.



Fr Owen Mason SDB



Fr Joe Phillips O.Carm

VOCATIONS FROM CUMMINS

Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life are an essential part of the Church and every parish that is truly alive. We have unearthed two that we know of.

Helen Mary Secker---Sister Genevieve Secker of Mary McKillop's Josephite Order. Born in the Tumby Bay Hospital on 30th Nov 1939. Helen (Nell) was the eldest of eight children Terry, Peggy, Caroline, Gerard (Yogi) Andrew, Kathy (dec) and Patrick.



Bill and Mollie lived on their farm at Maluka. Helen was baptised, made her 1st Communion and was Confirmed at St. Andrew's Catholic Church in Cummins. She attended Cummins Area School for seven years. In 1954 when her family moved to Happy Valley Helen became a boarder at St. Joseph's School Port Lincoln for three years. Helen left St Joe's and entered the Josephite juniorate at Aldgate for the next two years.

On the 2nd Feb 1957 Helen entered the Josephite order at Kensington Convent. In 1958 Helen transferred to the Novitiate at Baulkham Hills in N.S.W then went to Mount Street in Sydney to do her teacher training. Returning to Adelaide for the next ten years Helen taught at the Josephite schools at William St, Norwood, Rosewater and Hectorville. She then transferred to St Patrick's School Dulwich for children with disabilities to teach for 13 years, the last 9 as Principal

Helen left St.Pat's to study the techniques of Jean Vanier's L'Arche movement in the 1970's. She spent 11 months studying his methods in care for the disabled and returned to set up a similqr community called Ain Karim. In 1997 she was awarded and OAM for her service to people with special needs.



Today in her retirement Helen is still involved in Faith and Light meetings once a month. One blessed life and a life of blessing others in faithfulness to her God in what he asked her to do. No matter what the cost.

FR LEO CRONIN

While his family had moved to Adelaide by the time he was ordained, Fr Leo Cronin was part of the Cronin clan in the district and a student at the Cummins Area School. The son of Mr and Mrs M. Cronin, was ordained by Archbishop Beovich in Saint Francis Xavier Cathedral in Adelaide. His total ministry was in the Archdiocese of Adelaide where he was highly regarded.

ACCOMMODATION FOR THE PRIESTS

The early priests coming from Port Lincoln had no option but to stay with the Catholics for whom they came to celebrate the sacraments. Sometimes they would be away for weeks at a time with no base apart from Port Lincoln, but a bed at a multitude of farm homes.

Bas Fitzgerald remembers: “Father Nesdale our Parish Priest from Pt Lincoln began research into a new Church in Cummins. At first he wondered if Cummins should have a Church or a Convent. Bishop Gallagher decided to bring Monsignor Coffey from Minnipa to Cummins to oversee the project. Leo Carr and I met him and Fr Dunn (who brought him from Minnipa) in the Cummins Hotel on their arrival. We had tea at the hotel and then as we had no Presbytery we installed Mons Coffey in Room 17 at the Pub.

“Monsignor Coffey stayed in the hotel until it was possible to purchase the McSweeney’s house which was on the site of the current Presbytery. This served as a home for the priest and a meeting place for the parishioners”.

“Mons Coffey made frequent visits to our home and sometimes twice a day when I was Chairman. One day he came around the corner and was met by John who said “Have a boot Mons”. Anyone who visited was lined up for a kick of the footy or a hit of tennis! Mons made two visits the day he received a letter from the Bishop telling him he was being shifted to Lincoln to build the new Church there. Dora and I had lunch at Marj Higgins’ shop with Mons the day he left Cummins”.

In the meantime £7,854 was raised by an appeal for a Presbytery at the laying of the foundation stone of Saint Andrew’s Church and by an envelope system. £3,127 was taken up in the collection at the opening of the new Church. Monthly street stalls continued, and as the money accumulated, the need for a better dwelling place for the priest – hence the “Huja” was built.



The “Huja” is a one bedroom unit with kitchen, shower and toilet and one other single room that served as lounge, office, dining room and welcome centre. After the current Presbytery was built the Missionary Sisters of Service were able to use it for their visits.

New Presbytery

Next step was for the Presbytery to be upgraded so in March, 1977 a team from Cummins including Tony Pedler, Terry Secker, June Nelligan and Fr Hurley did a tour of all the Presbyteries in the Port Pirie Diocese gathering ideas for a new Presbytery.

Tony Pedler, June Nelligan, Fr Hurley and Terry Secker pictured at Burra Church in their search for the ideal Presbytery. What they decided on was the reverse of the Presbytery in Cleve.

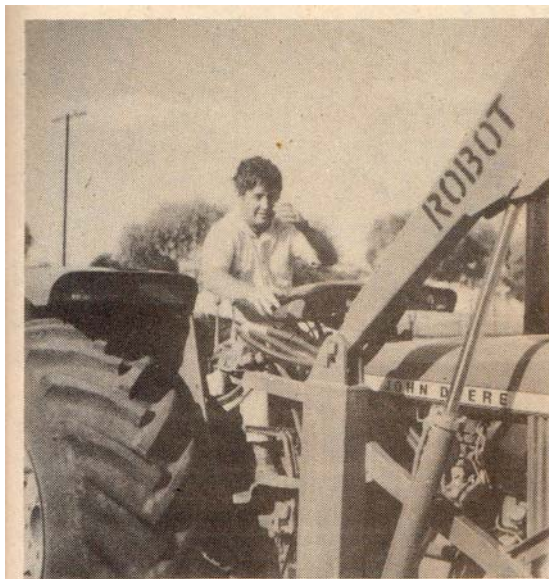


Bas Fitzgerald remembers:

“When Father Hurley arrived as our Parish Priest in 1976 he also put a lot of work into the parish. Fr Hurley asked me how much I thought that the Parish could afford for a new Presbytery and I suggested \$50,000. Through his work and that of some hardworking parishioners our new Presbytery was built for the sum of \$56,000.”

There was great anticipation in the parish for the new Presbytery and the following article and pictures appeared in the October 1977 edition of Witness under the title “Instant Presbytery”

Instant Presbytery



Denny Sheehan with his workhorse. Levelling comes easy to Denny.



Bob Blacker, Terry Secker, Peter Sheehan, Gerard Secker and Brian Fitzgerald lowering the jungle.

The Cummins Parish hope to have their new presbytery for Christmas. Rumor has it that Father Christmas will bring it, if everybody's good!

It is being built in two sections at Port Lincoln and is almost ready to be transported to its site in Cummins. Once on site it will be "bricked-up."

It's a case of "now you don't see it — then you will." However, before the apparition can happen the site needs to be prepared.

The building and maintenance committee (which is a sub-committee of the Parish Pastoral Council) held a working bee recently to do all the necessary preparations.

A spokesman suggested that about \$5000 worth of work was done, it involved the ripping out and removal of old foundations — earth moving — 40 tons of filling and levelling. Others mowed extensive areas while yet others renewed the watering system.

Neil Heath and Bernice Farrell looked after the needs of the "inner man."



Fr Hurley with Bishop Gallagher and Tony Pedler at the official blessing and opening of the Cummins Presbytery.

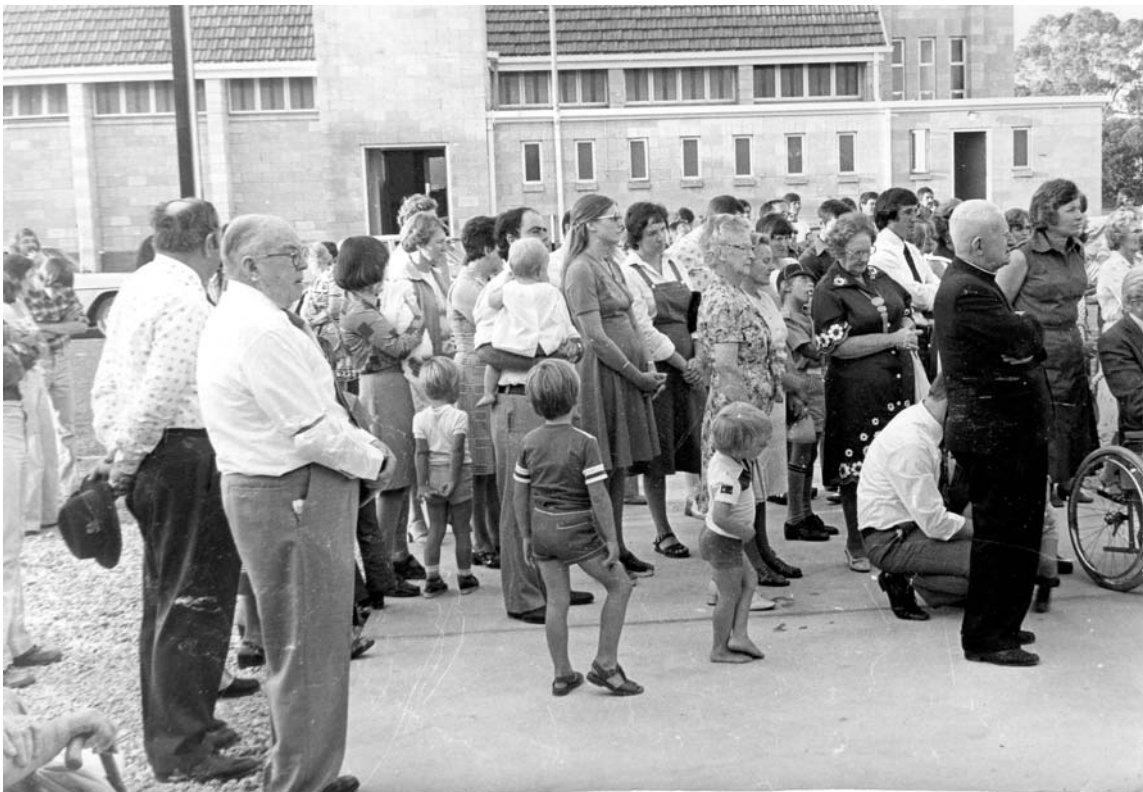


On Wed 5th April 1978 the new Presbytery was blessed and opened by His Lordship Bishop Bryan Gallagher.

Part of the crowd who witnessed the official blessing and opening of the new Cummins Presbytery with Monsignor P. Coffey in the foreground. Also visible were Jack Pedler, Jack Haarsma and Fr Tony Redden.



Blessing and opening of the new Presbytery



Cummins parish observes

Jubilee



Trish and Terry Habner and Jack Pedler enjoy some of the photos in the display which had been set up in the Cummins Institute.

Members of the Cummins Catholic Parish celebrated the 25th anniversary of the parish with a special Mass last Thursday.

The silver jubilee marked the foundation of the Cummins parish which includes the Cummins and Tumby Bay congregations of St Leo's and St Andrew's churches.

Formerly the area was part of the Port Lincoln parish.

Thirteen priests, some of whom were former Cummins residents, attended the celebrations.

Bishop Peter De Campo celebrated Mass with Fathers Curran, Hurley, Wauchope, Phillips, Kelly senior, Quinn, McDonald, Cresp, Dowling, Hackett, Furst and Mr John Stewart-James who is soon to be ordained.

Altar boys for the celebrations were Da-

mien Sheehan, Simon Pedler and Ben Fitzgerald.

Josie Hammond, Liz Blacker, Bobby Carr, Janette Haarsma and Sheila Pedler led the singing and the organist was Lola Pedler.

Leo Haarsma gave the first reading from the Book of Kings and Andrew Peach from Tumby presented a reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Father Kelly senior read from the Holy Gospel according to St Luke.

After commenting on the solid foundations of the Cummins parish, Bishop De Campo said this was a time to reflect on the past, evaluate the present and look to the future.

of people who draw strength from union with Christ.

"We must give thanks especially for grace and for the zealous priests who have served this parish," said the Bishop, who concluded his address by expressing the desire for all men to live in peace.

The prayer of the faithful was led by June Nelligan.

The offertory of gifts for the Eucharist was presented by Mr and Mrs J. Murnane, E. Heath, B. Carr, Mrs J. Fitzgerald and Mrs J. Doudle.

Following the Mass the congregation, which included many



Priests present were Fr Hackett, Fr Cresp, Fr Wauchope Fr Kelly, Fr Furst, Fr McDonnell, Fr Curran, Fr Laurie Quinn, Bishop De Campo, Fr Dowling, Fr Joe Phillips, (Mr John Stuart-James) Fr Hurley
 Altar Servers: Damien Sheehan, Ben Fitzgerald, Simon Pedler,

On Thursday, April 23rd, 1987, parishioners of the Cummins parish gathered around Bishop de Campo to celebrate 25 years as a parish.

During the concelebrated Mass, singing was provided by Josie Hammond, Liz Blacker, Janette Haarsma, Bobby Carr and Sheila Pedler with Lola Pedler providing Organ accompanying music. Leo Haarsma from Cummins and Andrew Beach from Tumby Bay were the readers with Fr Eugene Kenny reading the Gospel. The prayers of the faithful were read by June Nelligan. The Offertory gifts were presented by Mr & Mrs J Murnane, E Heath, B.Carr, Mrs I Fitzgerald and Mrs J. Doudle.



The concelebrated Mass led by Bishop De Campo

CUMMINS BRANCH



A Meeting was held after Mass on Sunday 23rd October 1955 to form a Women's Organisation to cater for the social and other activities of the parish. Monsignor Nesdale suggested they be called the Cummins Catholic Ladies Guild.

President will be Mrs Madge Murnane and Secretary Mrs Kath Carr. These positions were to be held for 12 months.

First meeting of the CCL Guild was held on Sunday, 6th November, with 20 ladies present. A Vice President, Mrs Kath Cock and Assistant Secretary, Mrs Monica Cronin was elected at this meeting.

Next recorded meeting stated, "This meeting was very poorly attended as there were only eight ladies present"!!!!

First Annual General Meeting of the CCL Guild was held on Sunday, December 9th, 1956. President, Mrs Madge Murnane, Vice President, Mrs Kath Cock, Secretary, Mrs Della Pedler (granny), Assistant Secretary, Mrs Kath Carr.

On March 3rd 1964 the AGM was held. President, Sheila Pedler, Vice President, Mrs Bobby Carr, Secretary Mrs E (Nell) Heath, Assistant Secretary, Mrs Maxine Norton.

Meeting held on May 5th 1964 states that a letter from the CWL was read and explained the meeting procedures.

It was proposed at this meeting that the CCL Guild be affiliated with the CWL as from May 24th. Meeting held on July 7th 1964 stated that a letter from the State President of the CWL was received appealing for donations, 3 pounds was sent and a receipt acknowledging this was received at the August 4th 1964 meeting.

At a meeting held on March 2nd 1965 Fr McDonnell suggested that the secretary write to Monsignor Clune at Spalding for information about becoming affiliated with the CWL of SA.

Annual General Meeting held on March 2nd saw President, Shiela Pedler, Vice-president, Mrs Bobby Carr, Secretary/Treasurer, Mrs Newman, Assistant Secretary, Mrs Maxine Norton.

Committee Meeting held on March 12th 1965 to discuss the proposed constitution, this was accepted in principle and the secretary was to write to the State Secretary and advise of same.

Meeting held on May 4th 1965 stated that a letter had been received from Monsignor Clune setting out the duties of the CWL.

July 6th 1965 was the first meeting that records show as being a CWL meeting.

The AGM held on 1st March, 1966 shows - President was Mrs June Nelligan, Mrs Bobbie Carr was Vice-President, Mrs Newman was Secretary/Treasurer, and Mrs Maxine Norton was Assistant Secretary.

In November 2006 a luncheon was held at the Cummins Hotel after Mass to celebrate 50 years of women's service for the Catholic Church in Cummins.

CWL has continued in Cummins up to the current year of 2013 with numbers of members declining, but still enjoying the meetings and get togethers with other churches in Cummins on a regular basis. Including the World Day of Prayer in March, Christmas Social in December and also participating in Carols by Candle light!

Members have also been involved on the Diocesan Executive committee over many years, travelling to Port Pirie for these meetings.

Members have also attended Vicariate meetings at various towns on the Eyre Peninsula and also attended State meetings on the EP, Kadina, Jamestown and in Adelaide.

Several members over the years have been presented with 25 year certificates while in 2013 three members were given a 50 year certificate of appreciation. These members were Dora Fitzgerald, Sheila Pedler and Joan Nelligan. Past Cummins CWL members, Dawn Fitzgerald and Maxine Norton also received certificates of appreciation for their 50 years of service to the CWL.

Marg Phelps went to Government house in September 2007 as part of State CWL celebrations. Members fundraised to bring a young lady (Agness) from Tanzania to Australia for the World Youth Day celebrations in Sydney in 2008 and four CWL members also attended this event. It is Marg's efforts that have kept the CWL alive and well.

Members enjoy social activities and having guest speakers at our meetings, other churches are invited to some meetings and we are also invited to some of their special events, like the Lutheran's 65th birthday celebrations in July 2013.



President Mollie Crettenden presented 50 year certificates to Joan Nelligan, Sheila Pedler and Dora Fitzgerald at Mass celebrated by Fr Kevin Matthews



Back Row: Ann Doudle, Janette Haarsma, Dora Fitzgerald, Mollie Crettenden, Fr John, Sheila Pedler, Ann Burns, Margaret Phelps, Front Row: Trish Murnane, Gertie Jolly, Genny Secker, Liz Slater, Josie ammond, Joan Nelligan, Marie Lally

MISSIONARY SISTERS

Our Parish was very well served by the Missionary Sisters of Service who came into the Cummins Parish in 1971. Their motto being “Into the Highways and Byways”. Who could forget Sister Genevieve. She had the knack of making things happen and did a lot of good while in our midst. Sister Genevieve was known to drop in on a visit and then volunteer to cook tea. Many learned to cook rice the Chinese way.

In their early visits to the Parish the Sisters placed their main emphasis on adult education, helping parents to instruct their own children, in the faith and to prepare them for the sacraments.



Sisters Margaret, Cheryl, Frances and Stancea with Fr Adrian Noonan and Sr Marie

The Missionary Sisters of Service organised correspondence lessons, thus establishing a firm bond between parents, children and the Sisters. The Sisters guided the parishioners in various church programmes and Lenten discussions.

Their annual youth camp was enjoyed by the younger members.

Sisters Frances McShane and Sister Helen Haywood (deceased) arrived in Whyalla at the end of March 1971 and in June that year made their first visit to the Cummins Parish.

Sr Margaret Kenny was in Whyalla for 22 years in the Correspondence School and visited the families in the Cummins area from time to time.

Sr Genevieve Ng worked in Cummins Parish for about 8 years in the 1980's.

Sr Cheryl Thomson visited the parish from 1989 – 2000 and had many happy memories of her years in the Cummins area and can still remember the many roads travelled when visiting the parishioners.

FIRST COMMUNION

First Communion is always a special time in any parish, so we present a few memories.

It would appear that these first group of children made their First Communion in the old Church, and had their photo taken against the wall of the new St. Andrews before the new church was completed.



1963 First Communion

Back row: John Nagel, Matthew Nelligan, Terry Jolly, Gary Dawes, Michael Quinn, Peter Nicholas, Justin Nelligan, Brian Pedler

Front row: Anne Secker, Julie Giffard, Lola Nagel, Anne Lewis, Jennifer Hughes, Dierdre Norton, Monica Pedler, Joan Pedler

26th November, 2000

Bishop Hurley with Fr John Baldacchino, Ella Mickan, Alice Nelligan, Hannah Quigley, Jack Nelligan, Jaxon Norton, Darci Hebbberman, Mary Connelly, Adam Haarsma



Below

About 1977

Sister Marie Carrol, ..., Danny McSweeney, Matthew Sheehan Fr Hurley

Michelle Doudle, ..., ..., Margaret Secker ...

Luke Parsons, Stephen Fitzgerald, Brenton Hammond, Dion Hollier



Below

1987 First Communion

Susan Ramage, Jonathan Cabot, Justin Sheehan, Matthew Wauchope





2006 First Communion

Fr Shaji

Back row: Jake Mahoney Matthew Quigley Meg Nelligan, Annabelle Nelligan, Lucy Fitzgerald, Jessie Barry-Secker, Corey Paech

Front Row: Flyn Paech, Madeline Nelligan, Lucy Guidera, Rylee Norton, Darcy Crettenden,



**ABOVE
Tracey Sheehan, Jason Doudle,
Genevieve and Charlotte Booker**



**..... Kevin Pedler,..... Neale Mahoney, Vassie Fitzgerald, Michael Camilleri, Peter Secker
..... Annette Fitzgerald, Heather Cole, Andrea Norton,
Marie Carr, Gina Kenny, ... Patricia Haarsma, Pauline Campbell**



**LEFT
Fr Hurley Sister Helen
Jane Habner. Rachel Nelligan,
Damien Schlink
Mark Crettenden, Stephen
Blacker, Anton Pedler, David
Doudle, Andrea Haarsma**



First Communion 2013

**(Back) Lilly Glover, Maggie Siegert, Lauren Slattery, Tess Redden, Charlotte Hodge, Matilda Crettenden, Tom Crettenden, Ethan Parsons, Terry and Diane Secker.
 (Front) Molly Burns, Elsie Guidera, Mia Mahoney, Leah Mahoney, Mollie Hodge, Patrick Denton, Amy Crettenden, Jack Crettenden, Mace Mickan, Harvey Pedler and Eli Haarsma.**



Mark Aird, Justine Howell, Duran Pringle, Ross Nelligan, Sam Ness, Ben van den Broek with Father Noonan



**Rear: James Schlink, James Pedler, David Carr, Cherie Langford,
 Middle: Wade Nagel, Kate Gooley, Aiden Boylan, Geraldine Fuss, Kieran Wauchope,
 Front: Joel Nagel, George Pedler**

CONFIRMATION

1985 Confirmation Group



Back: Karen Mansky Rachel Doudle, Darren Hammond, Paula Doudle, Jane Habner, Suzanna Walter, Luci Walter, (partly hidden) Andrea Haarsma, (Hidden) Kylie Pedler, Tara Habner, Luke Parsons, Fr Curran
 Next Row Sister Genevieve, Darren Carr, Anna Mickan, Angeline Doudle, Bishop De Campo, Fiona Ryan, Jaqui Cabot, Danny Boylan, Justin Mahoney
 Front Row: Damian Doudle Quentin Rynne, Mark Crettenden, Stephen Blacker, Gerald Sheehan, Anton Pedler



Cummins Confirmation 10th May 1998 Mons. Victory was the Administrator of the Diocese when we had no Bishop
Back- Chloe Kenny, Kenny Nagel, Zeb Kenny, Dylan Pedler, Father Adrian Noonan, Boyd Kenny, Jade Murnane
Front- Mitchell Pedler, Kate Fitzgerald, Justine Howell, Monsignor Don Victory, Frances Nelligan, Jim Deslandes, Danny Nagel



Confirmation Cummins 20th October 2002

Front- Brooke Fitzgerald, Nadia Kenworthy, Madeleine Nelligan, Alyssa Jolly, Kate Nelligan, Father Baldacchino
Middle- Brock Jolly, Brodie Siegert, Craig Fitzgerald, Luke Moroney, Mitchell Jolly
Back- Susie Head, Bishop Eugene Hurley, Reuben Kenny, Cassie Norton

1993 Confirmation

Back: Andrew Crettenden, Shannon Rynne, Steph Nagel, Damian Aird
Middle: Jane Aird, Petrea Wauchope, Joseph Pedler, Paul Hogan, Emily Meaney.
Front: Quentin Nagel, Guy Nagel, Bishop de Campo, Antony Sheehan, Craig Meaney



MUSIC

In the earlier years many people contributed to the music and these include Ivy Fitzgerald, Betty Greene (nee Blacker) and June Nelligan. These ladies were very talented and gifted in the art of pedal-organ music and each, in their own time, were in great demand for weddings etc.



June Nelligan

Before Vatican II music was not played at Mass with the exception of Midnight and Christmas Masses, and of course Benedictions, all in Latin.

Fr. McDonnell had the unenviable task of introducing singing during Mass to the Parish of St. Andrew's in 1966.

The electric organ was purchased in 1977 for \$2,060 and June Nelligan continued playing until she moved to Adelaide in 1975.

Others who assisted were Kath Cock, Leo Carr, Lola Pedler and Jim Clothier.



Leo Carr



Kath Cock



Lola Pedler



Jim Clothier



Genevieve Pedler (now Hurley)

In the late 1970's a young folk group came into being inspired by Fr. Hurley, but it was Fr. Cresp who first suggested it after hearing three teenagers sing at a wedding in 1976.

Some of the members were, Paula Pedler, Marie Carr, Karyn Blacker, Carmel and Anne Cabot, Janet and Pauline Campbell, Anne-Marie Sheehan, Trish and Liz Haarsma, Lesley Baum, Genevieve Pedler, Greg Hughes, John Norton, Chris Pedler. Genevieve was the lead singer with this group.

A Guitar group was formed with Pat Baum, June Nelligan, Liz Blacker, Janette Haarsma, Terry Pedler, Kath & Josie Kenny.

In 1984 yet another group of young people appeared with Tara Habner & Jacqui Cabot as flautists, Andrea Haarsma, Luci, Julie and Suzannah Walter as singers. Anna Mickan and Angeline Doudle were organists.



In 1987 the music consisted of Leo Carr, Lola Pedler as organists with singers Josie Hammond, Liz Blacker, Janette Haarsma, Sheila Pedler, Genny Secker and Bobbie Carr.

Patsy Parsons

When Lola Pedler retired to Port Lincoln, Josie Hammond was then organist. During this time Patsy Parsons was also an organist for several years before she retired to Coffin Bay. Ann Doudle and Pat Warner also played the organ for a short time. At this time a Guitar Group consisting of Katie Walter, Janette Haarsma and Liz Blacker were formed. The groups alternated Sunday Music and were rostered approximately every 6 weeks. Since then we have mainly had CD music.



Ann Doudle

Josie Hammond continued to play the organ for quite a few years most Sundays and with several groups of singers. Singers over the time were Katie Walter, Liz Blacker, Janette Haarsma, Sharon Sheehan, Bronny Fitzgerald, Genny Secker, Liz Slater, Lorraine Murnane Joy Head Therese Hogan Barry Kearsley, Dawn Fitzgerald and the late Michelle Jenkins. Several others have sang on odd occasions. Josie continues to play the organ accompanied by 3 or 4 singers for special Masses until this day.

Chris Kenny as Soloist and David Pearson as guitarist have also contributed at times for Special Masses being Christmas, First Communion, Confirmation and Children’s Masses.



Chris Kenny & Dave Pearson

Also providing Music for a few Masses was Damien Fitzgerald on Guitar, with Chris Kenny singing.

Shawn Fitzgerald, Pat Head and George Pedler also contributed to the music on a few occasions.

On several occasions a Rock Mass was held and the Organ, Guitars, Clarinets, Flutes, Drums and Singers were all in full swing bringing together great harmony with a varying age group. Leading up to these Masses were practices, which were all full of great fun.

Fr Adrian Noonan was Parish Priest at the time and the girls in the choir chose a name for themselves inspired by Fr. Noonan’s name. Hence “Adrian’s Angels” was formed and performed at the Dinner Dance making good use of the clerical robes and altar servers gowns.



Music for dancing was provided by Kathy Wilkins and John Hammond.

Josie Hammond, Katie Walter, Sharon Sheehan, Michelle Jenkins, Liz Blacker

Shaji's Sheila's



Shaji on occasions would join the choir at practice, hence the Choir name was changed from Adrian's Angels to Shaji's Sheilas.

**Sharon Sheehan, Michelle Jenkins, Liz Blacker
Josie Hammond (organist) Janette Haarsma**

Sadly our LEADER Michelle Jenkins passed away in 2009. When Michelle was diagnosed with cancer she had the insight to suggest we record some music for use at her son Damien's wedding in case she was not well enough to sing. The choir all contributed to purchasing a machine to record this music.

This was done and the group consisting of Josie Hammond as Organist, singers Michelle Jenkins Liz Blacker Janette Haarsma and Sharon Sheehan went on to record about 30 hymns and carols.

This proved to be invaluable and these CD's have been used quite a lot since then at Masses and funerals.

The Choir also sang at Yallunda Flat for combined Masses between Tumby Bay and Cummins. There are many good memories of the many practices held over the years of Mass Music.

Today various CD's are provided for the Music during Mass. This is organized by Josie Hammond and Carmel Wauchope. They have also moved into the realm of powerpoint presentations at each Mass eliminating the hymn books of the past.

The Choir have provided music for Mass a few times of late and there is yet another change of name. Fr Kevin Matthews has renamed them Kevvie's Kuties or Kevvie's Koristers.

MUSIC MEMORIES

Josie Hammond remembers:

Leo Carr playing the organ in his own special way with all those lovely twiddly bits he put in his music, made a person feel like getting up and dancing.

St Andrews was blessed having Katie Walter searching out all the lovely hymns and introducing them to the congregation while she was in the Guitar group. Katie spent hours following up on Copyright information for our hymns - making sure we were doing everything legally. Katie was even guilty of paying the cost for a couple of copyright licences herself, apart from the ones paid for by the Church, just so we could have some of the hymns.

We are so lucky now with the availability online of all the information that is required.



Katie Walter

CHRISTMAS



At Christmas time the Nativity is usually played out with the Junior members of the Parish.

At times some of the more energetic Dads act as the donkey with a blanket over their back bringing Mary down the aisle to the stable. Many of the costumes are provided by Liz Mickan.

**Ruby Treloar (sheep)
Matilda Treloar
(Mary)
Stephen Crettenden
(Joseph) Jessica
Laube (Mary's
mother)**



**Shepherds Henry Nelligan and Eli
Haarsma
waiting for their entrance**



**Back row: Kaz Mahoney, Ella Mickan, Hannah Quigley, Whitney
Mickan, Matthew Crettenden,
Susie Head Cassie Norton, Kate Nelligan
Front row: Luke Fitzgerald Alyssa Jolly, Adam Haarsma,
Jaxon Norton, Joel Paech**

**Inside Church
decorated
for Christmas**



ECUMENICAL & SOCIAL

Over the years the Catholic ladies have been involved on many different occasions with the other churches in Cummins. Every 4th year a different Church organises the World Day of Prayer, Combined Guilds Christmas Social and Carols by Candlelight.

At each of these occasions a collection is taken up and many hundreds of dollars has been raised and donating to Different organisations including Miroma Place Hostel, Flying Doctor, Care Flight to name a few.

Marg Phelps, Liz Slater, Genny Secker, Josie Hammond, Diane Secker at World Day of Prayer



The Singing nuns – Wendy Treloar, Janette Haarsma, Liz Blacker, Katie Walter and Claire Holman.



The local Ministers continue to meet monthly over lunch to work on common areas of interest. The spirit of cooperation and working together on a variety of issues has been of benefit to all local Churches.

The Catholic girls enjoy displaying their musical talents and have put on many entertaining items. Genny Secker comes up with a lot of the ideas and costumes when needed are supplied by Carmel Wauchope.

For quite a few years the Catholic's along with the other churches provided Hymn singing at Miroma Place first Sunday night of every month. Members of the public also came along and supper was provided for all following an hour of enjoyment. At Christmas time they dressed for the occasion. This ceased at the end of 2012.



Janette, Genny, Michelle, Liz & Josie singing at Miroma Place one Christmas.



Fr Morris, (Anglican) Pastor Brian Keller (Lutheran) Mark White (Uniting) Fr Lesley McLean (Anglican) Fr John Baldacchino (Catholic), Steph & Nigel Habner (Christian Outreach)

When the Christian Bookshop celebrated its 10th Anniversary a Combined Church Service was held in the Cummins Institute. It was a huge Celebration of Christian Unity with all the churches taking part in the Service and each church contributing to the music.

YCS & Youth



Back row: Liz Haarsma, Trish Haarsma, Andrea Norton, Marie Carr, Lesley Baum, Pauline Campell, Anne Ballard
Front row: Annette Fitzgerald, Genevieve Pedler, Heather Millard

Young Christian Students commenced in Cummins in 1977. YCS was a group of local school students who met once a month to hold social and spiritual meetings and discussions. The group was initiated by Genny Secker and encouraged by Fr. Hurley

with adult supervision and guidance. Gerry Guerin, a school teacher, was the first of many actively involved for the seven years of the group activity. It was a popular and influential group and many events were organised. Bunny bashing, barbecues, progressive teas, bike rides to Yallunda Flat, games nights and panel discussion. Each year a male and female President was elected. Meetings were held in the Church Hall on Friday nights.

With their Singing performances Genevieve Pedler (now Hurley) was the lead singer and the late Sheree Secker (then Robinson) was pianist. Both very talented girls.

Social Sunday afternoons were a popular event on the YCS calendar. Intermixed with the social happenings were education and spiritual evenings often geared to the religious seminar format. An average of twenty students attended the meetings for those years.

YCW concerts evolved from the active interest of the students, not only Catholic, putting into practice some of the things taught at the seminars, helping others communicating and being involved. Other helpers included Genny Secker and Kerry Turner.



Gerry Guerin

All monies raised by the student's efforts were sent to charity. They held a concert which raised \$200 and sponsored a child through World Vision.



Kerry Turner & Genny Secker

YOUTH FROM THE PAST

A group of young people in the Parish at a function in 1962. Today, at least one of them is a grandparent.



Back: Brian Pedler, ... , John Kenny, Peter Kenny, ...
3rd row: Joan & Monica Pedler, Mary Collins, Mary Pedler, Lola Nagel, Carmel Fitzgerald, Briohny Fitzgerald.
2nd row: Michael Collins, Peter Fitzgerald, Danny Fitzgerald, Neil Pedler, Kerry Daves.
Front: Ray Fitzgerald, Rodney Nagel, Mark Sheehan

Children's Liturgy

Sister Genevieve started Children's Liturgy in Cummins. She called a few parents together and they began leading the Sunday liturgy for primary school children during the late Masses. (fortnightly). The readings of the day were modified and used to suit the children's understanding. There was always singing and children's prayers were taught. This was followed by an activity related to the day's Gospel. The children were



taught the format of the Mass and the Offertory Procession. Each week different children carried the Gifts and the rest presented their activities: eg banners, drawings, prayers and colourings and on Mother's Day – flowers.

This continued for at least 15 years. In the records in the early 90s it is stated that on one occasion the liturgy was presented by a leader and 4 helpers and each had about 15 children in their group. My – how times have changed!!

Sacraments

Preparation for First Communion, Reconciliation and Confirmation was mostly carried out by a number of Parishioners. These lessons were held mainly after early Mass over a period of months. They concluded with a celebratory Mass and a parish meal, where good times were had by all.



School Religious Instruction

Several members of the community took students for the once a term instruction for both primaries and secondaries. We used films and singing, stories and other activities to encourage children in their Faith. They used to be bussed around to the Church where Mass was often celebrated as well. A couple of the parishioners babysat young children so that their parents could take the classes.



Now R.I. at the school is managed by the School Chaplain and her support team. They are Ecumenical sessions. Currently the Catholics have the year five students.

The primary classes go in age groups to different churches and are taught by members of the community.



Secondaries are usually involved in sessions with visiting young Christian Groups, usually with a musical background, who share their Christian experiences with the students.

Adult Education in the Faith: The Church has a library section with a variety of religious publications, and CD's available for parishioners. We now have a DVD stand with a choice of topics to help increase our understanding of the faith.

SPECIAL EVENTS AND MEMORIES

World Youth Day Cross

A huge crowd gathered at Pillaworta Hill (between Cummins and Tumby Bay) on October 14th, 2007 when the WYD Cross visited the area as it toured around Australia on its way to Sydney for the culmination of World Youth Day in Australia. Members of other denominations joined in our celebration. The Youth carried the Cross in procession to the highest point on Pillaworta Hill. The weather was magnificent and from where the Cross stood, one could see Tumby Bay to the East and Port Lincoln to the South. A barrier was set up around the area for safety and along this hung dozens of balloons. Mass was celebrated by Fr Chris Ryan (who escorted the Cross around Australia), Fr. Shaji and Fr John Folkman.



As Mass was finishing the sun was slowly setting in the west, which was a spectacle in itself. Following Mass a shared tea was enjoyed by all before packing up with the help of flood lights to make our way back down the hill.



Young people from the Parish carrying the WYD Cross



A section of the large crowd. That welcomed the Cross on Pillaworta Hill

1986 Bi Centennial Year Celebration Jubilee 150

As part of the Bi Centennial Year Celebration an Ecumenical Church Service was held in Cummins in St Andrew's Church as this was the biggest venue in Cummins for a Church Service. Fr Curran(Catholic), Father Todd (Anglican), Pastor Winter (Lutheran), Rev B Zietz (Uniting), all participated. Three hundred and eighty people attended.

Kingsley MacDonald played a trumpet fanfare as the altar boys Damien Sheehan, Ben Fitzgerald and Simon Pedler led the clergy into the Church. The choir made of up 40 men and women from all the Churches led by Brian MacDonald, sang beautifully after many practices. Thora Trigg was organist for the occasion.

Flute players Jacqui Cabot and Tara Habner accompanied by Anna Mickan on organ rendered two pieces of music.

This combined service was an uplifting experience for those who attended and was the highlight of the Back to Cummins Celebrations.

UNITAS

Unitas was a Newsletter/Magazine put out 3 monthly. It was for Cummins and Tumbly Bay Parish and was full of the happenings and coming events in the Parish along with pages for the children with puzzles etc. This was started by Fr Hurley while in Cummins. The first edition was in December 1977. Each quarter, the cost of producing this was paid for by different families within the Parish.

June Nelligan and Rosii Pedler had a big input in keeping up with the Unitas Production. This continued until the mid to late 1980's.

EASTER

One Good Friday Stations of the Cross were held on St. Andrew's Road between the Huja and Old Church with temporary Stations set up along the fence.

VIETNAMESE REFUGEE FAMILIES

Remembering the Resettlement of Refugee families in Cummins



Quach Minh Trinh and his wife Hoa and daughters Thanh and Nga

It was in 1980 that the Church Refugee Committee (formed in 1978), extended an invitation to the wider community to form the Cummins & District Refugee Resettlement Group.

In 1982 the Australian Government announced that our application to resettle refugee families into our district was successful.

Three families arrived. Six adults and seven children. They just happened to be Catholic. They arrived very tired, afraid, shy and timid. The only things they possessed were the clothes they had on their back. Communication was difficult as their understanding of the English language was limited.

These families were boat people fleeing for their lives from Vietnam, ending up in an Indonesian Refugee Camp.

The families were settled into a large house in Cummins where they had one bedroom per family and shared the amenities. It was furnished thanks to donations from the community. Clothing was organized, medical checkups and English lessons were arranged. They were accompanied on shopping trips and helped in every way possible. It was a whole new life for them.

Trinh who was the father of one family arrived with a broken jaw caused by cruelty from the regime. The committee arranged for Trinh to have surgery on his jaw. Trinh and Hoa and their three children (a third child born at Cummins) lived in Cummins for a couple of years and then moved to Adelaide to a Vietnamese community. The families were very grateful for all that was done for them.

SUMMER SCHOOL

Terry Pedler's memories of the Summer Schools held at Saint Joseph's, Port Lincoln.

I was 5 years old when I first went to Port Lincoln for the summer school camps in the January school holidays ,with the Saint Joseph sisters. I still can picture the bed and what side of the aisle it was in the dormitory.

My most pleasant memories are of walking to the beach every afternoon for a swim, coming back and washing our bathers out and I can still visualise where we stood each night and had supper – milo and biscuits. From there we could see into another room where all these beautiful white First Communion dresses were hanging.

I am not sure I remember much spiritual education, although I know the week ended with me making my First Communion which was a special occasion made even more special by seeing my family there at Mass after not seeing them for a week and I still remember the fresh apricots and white table-cloths we had at our special meal afterwards.

I remember a girl, I think was Mary Paterson who organised us to make things to sell to each other out of old greeting cards and the money raised was presented to the priest. I would think the donation would have been rather meagre as pocket money for young children in 1955 would have been very small.

Perhaps not such a pleasant memory was one morning at breakfast, when I found a chicken in my hard-boiled egg!!!

The statue of Mary outside the Church was something I loved and remember the nuns telling us we were never, ever to play around it but to treat it with respect. I still think of that every time I visit Saint Mary of the Angels Church.

I believe that these weeks of religious education each year were just another piece in the jigsaw puzzle of our spiritual lives and I am grateful to the Sisters of Saint Joseph for the part that they have played.

EASTER MEMORIES

Everyone had their candles burning in Church. Some ladies still wore hats in the 70's and one particular lady had the most beautiful fluffy fur hat on. A family of 5 kids sat behind her and suddenly temptation took over...the youngest child couldn't resist putting the naked flame to the fur. Poof up went the hat, then wack, the loudest and hardest hit from Dad. The event caused lots of stifled laughs looking at the back of a much blackened hat. Nobody was hurt but it was very difficult trying to concentrate at a very solemn time!

A similar incident occurred when Brian Fitzgerald sat back before the person behind him did. This resulted in his hair going up in flames. Once again to the great amusement of all and Sundry.

Maxine Norton (nee Campbell) remembers:

I definitely have many memories since transferring to Cummins as a Primary School Teacher in 1948. I recall being rostered to "Clean the church" with Dora Tomney (now Fitzgerald) in the first weeks of my arrival. (when they were young single girls). This was quite new to me. I kept this up for 40 years.

Monsignor Coffey came to our place for dinner every Wednesday night for a roast meal, as requested. I religiously prepared a roast meal each Wednesday, so much so, that we partook of a nice roast one Ash Wednesday evening, after which, realising my faux pas, Monsignor claimed that God would have enjoyed it too! I visited Monsignor at Lourdes Valley after transferring to Adelaide, but he had no idea who I was – dear man. .

Memories of Nell & Ern Heath by Genny Secker and Mollie Crettenden



Nell and Ern had 6 children, yet for many years, Nell taught religious instruction to the many children of the district. After late Mass of a Sunday at one stage she taught the catechism and prepared many to receive the Sacraments. Nell was a committed CWL member and recorder. The front pew in the Church had Nell's name on it, no one dared sit there.

She cared for the Priests, feeding them regularly or doing washing or any jobs that were needed. Nell made jams and relish for the Sunday breakfast and cooked the Christmas cake each year. She made and mended church linen and sewed and baked for the many stalls that were held. We attended CWL Meetings at Nell's. She had a lovely rose garden and provided flowers for the church cleaners.

Nell regularly rode her bike around the town – she was always on a mission, as she belonged to many organisations and helped many people in many ways. Significantly Nell was awarded Citizen of the Year Australia day 1984.

The activity group at Miroma Place to occupy older members was begun by Nell. She taught them handicrafts etc. She researched the unnamed babies graves at the cemetery and was instrumental in contacting families.

When the new Church was built there were a number of trees planted in the area. These were allocated to various families to look after. Ern tended his tree and made sure the children were rostered to take over duties when he was working out of town. Some years later Brian Fitzgerald commented on the tree that was so much bigger and healthier than the others. Little did he realise that it received more water, more regularly. The time came when Nell decided that she needed to be closer to family and a unit was built for Ern and Nell at their daughter Janet's home. We gathered in the "Old Church" for a farewell. Nell was delighted to be going, but Ern's gruff comment was "I don't want to go, but I had better stick with her."

The next week Ern was admitted to hospital and died. The community believed that he had a hotline to God, and that they had organised that he relocate to his eternal home. Sadly Nell made the move on her own

Kath Carr remembers: Numerous trading tables were held to help raise money for the new Church. These were laden with meat, eggs, milk and cream by the ladies of the district along with other goodies. (Imagine trying to do this now with OH&S laws.) Mrs Vi Murnane was a wonderful worker for the street stalls.

Br John Cantwell came to Cummins in June & September 2000 and held Adult Faith Formation classes.

In the **Year of Great Jubilee 2000** on Sunday 17th September a luncheon was held at Rambler Football clubrooms. Cummins, Elliston and Tumby Bay parishioners attended. **Women, Wisdom and Wine** get togethers from Nov 2001 to Nov 2002. Every 3 months Dinners were held at the Hotel and all the Ladies of the Parish were invited. These were a great success. Each time we had a guest speaker and there was usually a musical item.

In **1994-1995 a Care Group** was co-ordinated by Dawn Fitzgerald with the aim to Share, Care and Pray for those in need. Ladies of the Parish provided food for those who were sick, had babies etc. Sometimes this was delivered fresh to recipients or there was always spare food that stacked the freezer in the old Church for emergencies. This did not continue as an organised Group, but people still continue to provide food to others in the event of death and sickness etc.

A **Prayer Partners Program** was started in 2012 and is continuing again in 2013-2014. Those participating put their names and date of birth in an envelope and put in a box then all take one out. (not their own of course) Everyday you pray for this person. At Christmas and on their birthday a card is sent to them from their Prayer Partner (no name). At the end of twelve months we had a supper with a small gift for our partner and names were revealed as to whom had been praying for you.

Lenten Discussion Groups held in the parish most years.

In years gone by there have been **Picnic Masses** at Yallunda Flat with all Mass centres invited.

Solar panels installed on the parish house in 2012 that have yielded several thousand dollars to the Parish.



VISITING RELIGIOUS

The Sisters of Saint Joseph and the Mercy Sisters helped with preparation for the Sacraments before the advent of the Missionary Sisters of Service.



Visits from the Bishop of the Diocese have been an important part of life in Cummins as we come to realise that we are part of something greater than this district.

Bishop Greg OKelly at a Social Function in Old Church Hall to meet the Bishop, with Fr John Stuart James, Elizabeth Burns and Hannah, Grant Nelligan and Anabelle and Henry.



Liz Blacker remembers June Nelligan

I remember June to be a very talented Musician, playing the organ and Guitar. She was very enthusiastic, patient and encouraging when she started up the Guitar group. My “talent” was on a totally different level to her, but not once did she make me feel that it was time to put the guitar away and leave the “Group” she always encouraged every one of us.

Sister Anne supplied some 70’s pop Hymns and June would rewrite the Music into Guitar cords so we “so called Guitarists” could strum and sing out a bit of a note. The Guitar Group rostered for an 8.00am Mass, saw us all lined up, about 10 to 12 of us expecting June to get our Guitars in tune with each other before Mass. Of course with Hubby and three kids in tow and 25 minutes travelling, I was always walking in very close to the death knock, but it didn’t seem to phase June at all. She would just sit there very patiently and get me in tune, however probably praying to keep her cool with this last minute Larry!

We used to play the Guitar on the middle seat near Our Lady’s Alter all lined up like cockys on a fence. also remember June organizing the Religious Education programme with Fr Hurley then ringing us up to help teach at the School. I felt a little inadequate to say the least, but her encouragement was so much that you really believed you could

really do this. June also had the same motto with the Children's liturgy in the old Church.

June's own children were all adults, having left home and yet she still gave time to the children by teaching them R E at the school, Children's Liturgy, First Communion and Confirmation.

I will always hold June in great esteem as she was a great person with a good sense of humour and who had a very strong belief in her faith, which seemed to grow as the years went by.

World Youth Day – Sydney 2008

One million people including youths from Cummins. Adam Haarsma, Ella, Tysan and myself, Whitney Mickan represented the Cummins Parish for this celebration of youth faith. A week in Sydney filled with catechesis, masses and other events, culminating in the final mass and sleep out at Randwick racecourse with the Holy Father.

Stories of Interest

Margaret & Pat Camilleri were married in the Uniting Church in Cummins and several years later Margaret was received into the Catholic Church. Margaret was Baptised and remarried to Pat on the same day 6/1/66 in St Andrews Catholic Church. Her sponsors were Jim and Maxine Norton. Maxine happened to have taught Margaret at School in year 4 and was her favourite teacher.

First Sunday after Fr John Stuart-James was in Cummins everyone was sitting in the Church waiting for Mass at 8 am. but alas no Priest. After I almost knocked the door down, he woke up. His alarm had not gone off. Would have been the first Sunday he said Mass without a Shower and Shave first.

An unnamed organist (a bubbly soul) dragged on her slacks from a late night before and rushed off to play the organ at early Mass one Sunday. On the way down the stairs to Communion she began tugging up the leg of her slacks in a rather strange manner much to the amusement of the choir who watched the antics as she struggled to pull out pantihose still there from the previous night! Enough said! You learn a lot up in the choir loft.

(This taken from WITNESS June 1971)

Mrs June Nelligan of Cummins flew to Port Pirie for the Diocesan Executive meeting of the CWL in March. Mrs Nelligan has been flying for some time and uses the Pt Lincoln Flying Club "Cessna".

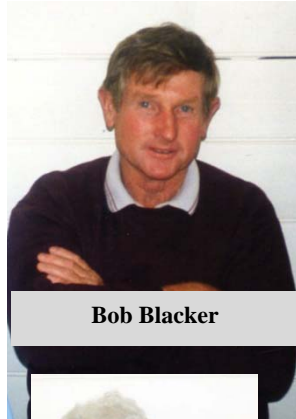
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From the day he arrived in Cummins, Father Kevin was greeted everywhere with "G'day Barry". It wasn't until he met his look alike Barry Kearsley that he realised how good looking he was!!!!!!!

Out and about



Edna Nagel, Diane Secker



Bob Blacker



Alice Quigley, Jessica Laube and Charlotte Nelligan



Ken (Millie) Carr and Grant Nelligan



Ivy Fitzgerald



Frank Wauchope, Leo Haarsma



Margaret Carr



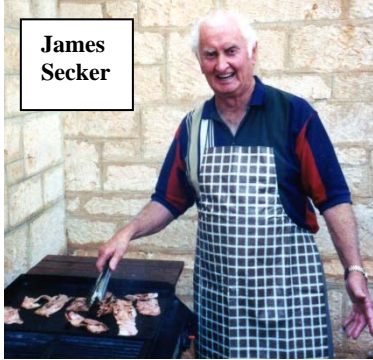
Harry Moroney, Frank Nelligan, Lance Crettenden, Bas Fitzgerald



Shawn Fitzgerald, Tom and Matthew Haarsma



Fenella (Sis) Murnane



James Secker



Carmel Sheehan, Lou Fuss and Jenny Mcsweeny



Trisha Habner



Bronny, Peter and Kate Fitzgerald



Marg Phelps



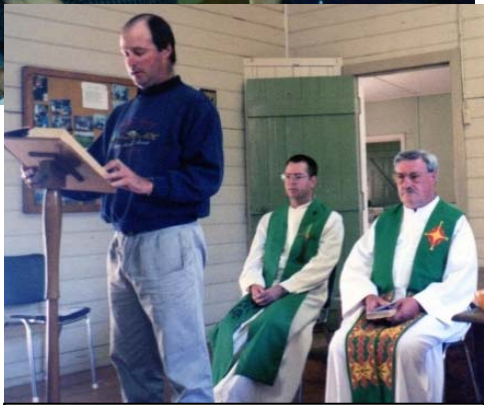
Margaret Watkins



Sheila Pedler, Helen Fitzgerald, Lola Pedler



Matthew Nelligan, Fr Owen Mason, June Nelligan



Ray, Fitzgerald, Fr Brian Mathews, Fr Adrian Noonan

Marriages in Cummins since Parish formed in 1962

1962

27/12/62 Peter Berg & Josephine Mary Quinn (Cummins)

1963

6/1/63 George Clifford Lock & Hilda Elizabeth Phyland (Coulta)

4/7/63 Maxwell Desmond Doudle & Carlene Shirley Nation

1964

8/2/64 Michael Llewelyn O'Brien & Melva Marie Higgins

Last marriage in old church

4/4/64 Peter Neville Cabot & Carlien Joan Cock

First marriage in new Church

24/10/64 Denis Reginald Sheehan & Carmel Marie Doudle –

7/11/64 Terrence James Radford & Marlene Joy Rosenberg

1965

2/1/65 Donald Barry John Letton & Eileen Frances Quinn

6/2/65 Bruce Menzies Walter & Kathleen Ursula Connor

21/8/65 Paul Boyd Pedler & Terry Raelene Harris

21/8/65 David Walter Byles & Pauline Margaret Harris

31/10/65 Terry Alfred Habner & Patricia Joy Murnane

6/11/65 William Harold McSweeney & Jennifer Margaret Quinn

20/11/65 Robert Edward Blacker & Elizabeth Lewis

1966

6/1/66 Patrick James Camilleri & Margaret Rose Lawrie

27/8/66 Graham John Pedler & Denise Kaye Hugo

1967

4/2/67 Michael Leo Carr & Elaine Joy Dennis

17/6/67 Peter Anthony O'Brien & Kaye Maureen Rogers

1968

24/2/68 Gilbert Dean Wickstein & Margaret Mary Woodfield

1970

28/2/70 David Clement Mickan & Pauline Mary Carr

25/7/70 Richard James Secker & Rosemary Helen Campbell

1971

5/5/71 Anthony Vincent Pedler & Cheryl Garrett

11/6/71 William John Cronk & Greta Maud Cronk

4/9/71 Gerald Edward Barry & Beverley Irene Wilton

9/10/71 Peter Patrick Sheehan & Denise Margaret Doudle

30/10/71 Neil Desmond Pedler & Joyleen Karen Baillie

1972

5/2/72 Tony James Rex Curtis & Bryonie Margaret Fitzgerald

1973

13/1/73 Brenton Neville Crettenden & Patricia Anne Harris

10/3/73 Gerard Matthew Secker & Christine Pearl Scott

1974

5/1/74 Francis James Wauchope & Carmel Therese Fitzgerald

12/1/74 Richard Soon Huat Lim & Sharon Mary Harris

16/3/74 Robert Ignaz Cabana & Wendy Lorraine Millard

1975

19/4/75 John Desmond Nagel & Monica Agnes Pedler

1976

4/1/76 Desmond Joseph Pedler & Rosalie Frances Young

23/10/76 Brian Leo Nagel & Coral France De Wit (nee Jeanes)

1977

19/3/77 Peter James Heath & Sharon Margaret Maloney



Mons. Coffey with Carmel (Doudle) and Denny Sheehan married in St. Andrews, First Wedding in the new church October 1964



Pauline (Carr) and David Mickan with Fr. Adrian Noonan relieving in Cummins. Married in St. Andrews on 28th Feb, 1970



Fr Bill Wauchope officiated when his brother Frank married Carmel Fitzgerald on January 5th 1974.

21/5/77 Nicholas James McNamara & Julie May Fuss
24/9/77 Ross Cameron Holliday & Mary Louise Pedler
12/11/77 Peter Douglas Turnbull & Heather Anne Jolly Uniting
Church

1978

13/5/78 Joseph McManus Honner & Judy Alison Harris
28/12/78 John Edward Watson & Deborah Anne Nelligan
Daniel John Howe & Lola Mary Nagel

1979

9/12/79 Wilhelmus Johannus Oosterholt & Deirdre Louise Norton

1980

29/3/80 Trevor Anthony Schultz & Jeanine Dawne Proctor
7/5/80 Peter John Hagen & Susan Margaret Haines
privately at home mass

11/10/80 Kym David Woolford & Marie Josephine Pedler

22/11/80 Kevin Allan Davies & Teresita Corazon Mazo

13/12/80 James Fuss & Lourdes Salim Sotto

17/1/80 Peter Roland Mason & Heather Cole

1981

31/1/81 John Richard Kenny & Gina Lee Siegert

28/2/81 John Kenneth Maxwell & Jeanette Margaret Camilleri

11/4/81 Terence John Blacker & Debra Kate Bratten

1982

22/8/82 Matthew John Nelligan & Joan Therese Pedler

1983

12/2/83 Gerald Damian Pedler & Susan Gay Barnett

13/3/83 Paul Edward Kenworthy & Michelle Anne Pedler

8/10/83 Denis Joseph Ramage & Patricia Mae Hill

5/11/83 Bevan Mark Mickan & Elizabeth Mary Haarsma

1984

11/2/84 Anthony Ronald Bellinger & Rosemary Lawrie

18/2/84 Steven John Prout & Patricia Marie Haarsma

1985

9/3/85 Kenneth Edwin Jolly & Lisa Marie Martin

1986

18/1/86 Gavin Leslie Charles Schwark & Anne-Marie Sheehan

1987

7/2/87 Anthony Reece Northcott & Lisa Margaret Crettenden

7/3/87 Michael Robert Pearson & Cherine Mary Patterson

1988

15/10/88 Peter Andrew Treloar & Annette Louise Fitzgerald

12/11/88 Stephen Mark Cappelluti & Antoinette Louise Crettenden

31/12/88 Richard Paul Jordan & Margaret Mary Fitzgerald

1990

23/3/90 Doug and Liz Slater

1992

10/10/92 Brenton John Hammond & Anne-Marie White

1993

11/4/93 Corey John Murnane & Katherine Marie Hall

1994

26/3/94 Darren Mark Kelly & Leanne Carol Martin

1996

19/5/96 Paul Anthony Walladge & Andrea Claire Haarsma

2001

12/11/2001 Scott Andrew Sawley & Jodie Terese Dunstan



**Robert (Bob) Blacker married
Elizabeth Lewis on 20th Nov, 1965**



**Fr John Baldacchino officiated at
the wedding of Simon Pedler and
Brooke Phillips on October 23rd
2002**



**Matthew Mickan and
Jodie Holman
9th October 2004**

2002

23/2/2002 Simon Thomas Pedler & Brooke Renae Phillips

2003

5/4/2003 Gary Trent Crettenden & Bernadette Lee Cabot

11/10/2003 Daniel Robert Parsons & Gemma Martin

2004

9/10/2004 Matthew David Mickan & Jodie Louise Holman

2006

11/3/2006 James Dylan Pedler & Aimee Dunbar

2011

5/2/2011 Darren Craig Leske & Janelle Kim Sheehan

Janette Cock married Leo Haarsma in the original Church



Patricia Murnane and Terry Habner married in St Andrew's 31/10/1965

Doug and Liz Slater

23/3/1990



Desmond Francis Pedler and Rosalie Frances Young married by Fr Francis Cresp. 4/1/1976



FAR LEFT: Christine and Gerard Secker married on March 10, 1973

EARLIER MARIAGE



The Sacrament of Matrimony signifies the union of Christ and the Church. It gives spouses the grace to love each other with the love with which Christ has loved his Church; the grace of the Sacrament thus perfects the human love of the spouses, strengthens their indissoluble unity, and sanctifies them on the way to eternal life. **Catechism of the Catholic Church 1661**

BAPTISMS



Fr Joe McDonnell baptising Michelle Doudle daughter of Warren & Ann Doudle. Godparents Denis Meaney and Maxine Doudle

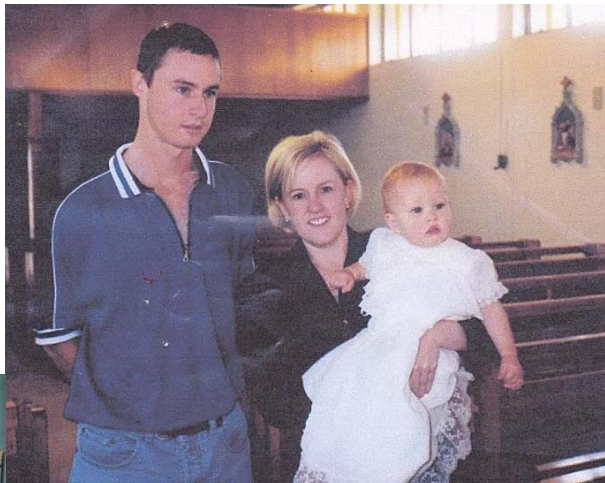
Baptism of Elizabeth Fitzgerald. Fr Hurley, Matthew Wauchope, Jenny and Lizzy, John Fitzgerald.



Margaret & Richard Jordan Baby Sam Godparents Ray & Julie-anne Fitzgerald



Ruby Treloar with Godparents Jonathon Cabot and Carmel Humphries



Fr Chris Warnock, Parents Sheree & Peter Secker, Baby Tate Secker, Godparents John Harris & Jan Skipworth



Hayley and Shawn Fitzgerald with Fr Kevin Matthews and newly baptised Sam Richie.



BAPTISMS IN CUMMINS DISTRICT

1962		April	HUGHES Trevor Graham
May	SECKER Anthony Thomas	May	HARE Karen Mary
June	HAARSMA Patricia Marie		SKIPWORTH Theresa Elizabeth
July	HASTIE Shane Edward	July	WOODFIELD Jeanette Sandra (Queen Vic Hosp, Dulwich)
	EICHNER Louise Mary		CRONIN Brenton James
August	SIEGERT Gina Lee	September	HOLLIER Phillip John
September	CARR Mary (Marie?) Louise		HABNER Terence Alfred
	BUCKLEY Justin Paul	October	CAMPBELL Janet Lynne
November	WOODFIELD Debra Kay		BLACKER Robert Edward
	SECKER Peter James		SCHLINK Fiona Kay (Mt Hope Hall)
December	MARTIN Margot Elizabeth		DENNIS Elaine Joy
	BERG Pieter		NICHOLAS William Henry
	PEDLER Therese Helen	November	SHEEHAN Annemarie
	RADFORD Kym Scott		SECKER June Maud
1963		December	DEMPSEY Christopher Sydney
January	PEDLER Elizabeth Mary		MCKENZIE Brenton John
	YURRGI Maria		COCK Colin Lindsay
March	DEMPSEY Mark Gerard		CRETENDEN Lancelot Jack
	HUGHES Gregory John		
April	DOUDLE Anthony John		
	LAUBE Tania Anne		
May	HORGAN Andrew Maurice	1966	
July	PATTERSON Tricia Margaret	January	CAMILLERI Margaret Rose (nee Lawrie)
	MONTGOMERY Julie Marie		BUCKLEY Esther Grace (nee Bellenger)
September	SKIPWORTH Dianne Lynette		SCHLINK Christine Jane (Mt Hope Hall)
	DAWES Brenton James		MILTON Wendy Joy
	MAZZEO Rose Marie	February	CABOT Anne Teresa
	MAZZEO Richard (Ricky)		BROAD Penelope Margaret (nee Choate)
	MAZZEO Anthony		KENNY Lisa Kathleen
October	NELLIGAN Shane Kieran		McKENZIE Faye Lynette (nee Post)
	HOWELL Elizabeth Jane	March	SIEGERT Brett Stephen
	BROAD Michael Patrick		RADFORD David John
	HAARSMA Elizabeth Mary		HAARSMA Damian Peter
	HURRELL Leon Geoffrey (Mt Hope Hall)	April	BYLES Carolyn Michelle
November	LAWRIE Graeme John	May	PEDLER Paula Michelle
	PEDLER Genevieve Claire		FITZGERALD Andrew John
December	HARRIS John William	July	BLACKER Karyn Marie
	BERG Wim	August	HAARSMA Matthew Peter
	CLOTHIER Newton James	September	JOLLY Valerie Fay
			HORGAN Richard Patrick
1964			CLOTHIER Jacqueline Coral (Mt Hope Hall)
January	DOUDLE Jessie		BURGESS Marion Joy
March	CABOT Peter Neville		GIFFARD Peter Lawrence
April	HAMMOND John David	November	CRETENDEN David John
May	BUCKLEY M'liss Ann	December	NORTON John Campbell
	DOUDLE Mark William (Coult Hall)		KEARSLEY Brett Anthony
August	HASTIE Peter John		
October	MAHONEY Jacqueline Mary (Mt Hope Hall)		
November	FRANKS Tracey Amanda		
December	FITZGERALD Gary James		
1965		1967	
January	SCHLINK Angela Marie (Mt Hope Hall)	January	PARSONS Paul Anthony
		April	SCHLINK Simon John (Mt Hope Hall)
February	BROAD Stephany Teresa		
	CABOT Carmel Marie	May	PEDLER Mark Damien
March	WALSH Fiona Bernadette		PEDLER Michael James
(Coult)	RADFORD Sharon Marie		DAVIS Bruce Arthur
		June	SHEEHAN Stephen Mark
	BURGESS Joanne Fay (Coult)		DEMPSEY Dene Clement

July	BYLES Jacqueline Anne PEDLER Justin Boyd	June	JENZEN Kylie Anne
August	BOYD Julie Ann	August	HABNER Tara Lea
October	CLOTHIER Gail Andrea		CARR Darren Abram
November	BLACKER Michael Robert	September	SECKER Claire Anne
December	HORGAN Julianna Eileen	October	CABOT Jacqueline Ruth
		November	HASTIE William John
			CLARKE Tania Michelle
1968		1972	
February	KILDEA Timothy Nicholas WOODFIELD Rodney Allen	January	MURNANE Corey John
March	PEDLER Jodie Marie HENNESSY Tricia Anne	February	WICKSTEIN Damien Scott McMAHON David Stephen
April	CRETENDEN Lisa Margaret KELLY Desmond Clifford	March	MAHONEY Justin Roy (Mt Hope Hall)
May	WALKER Jacqueline Michelle	May	PEDLER Kylie Michelle
June	RADFORD Ricky Andrew		DOUDLE Kylie Elizabeth
July	SHEEHAN Matthew Denis SECKER Michael John PEDLER Katrina Lee	July	PARSONS Katrina Sharee RYNNE Quentin James WALTER Suzanna Maree
August	HABNER Petrea Michelle EICHNER Damian Anthony	August	SHEEHAN Paul William McWATERS Rebecca Anne
September	CARR Tania Michelle O'CONNOR Theresa Joanne	December	MARTIN Kelly Louise
October	CAMILLERI Andrew Paul	1973	
December	EATON Brenda Mary	January	DOUDLE Damien Paul
		March	WATCHMAN Robyn Anne HAGEN Kelly Louise SECKER Bernadette Louise SHEEHAN John Patrick
1969			KILDEA Bronte Jean HETZAL Angela Denise MICKAN Matthew David FITZGERALD Benjamin David MICHELIS Nicola Kym HEASLIP Emma Elizabeth HEATH Bradley Brian
January	FITZGERALD Damian Gerard	July	
February	DOUDLE Michelle Marie	August	
March	BYLES Bradley David HAMMOND Brenton John BAWDEN Eugene Vaughan MAHER Ruby Charlotte CRETENDEN Antoinette	September	
May			
Louise			
August	KILDEA Nicola Anne		
September	DOUDLE Marie Ann Helen FITZGERALD Stephen Michael SECKER Margaret Mary ABBOTT Geraldine Veronica	1974	
October	HENNESSY Christopher Damian	April	SHEEHAN Kellie Louise MURNANE Trent Allen COLLINS Gregory Paul PEDLER Simon Thomas SECKER Warren Leigh SECKER Genevieve Aleta SHEEHAN Damien Luke PARSONS Felishia Louise SAWYER Matthew Damian PHELPS Simon Geoffrey
November		May	
		June	
		July	
	FITZGERALD Kylie Louise		
		August	
1970		October	
January	NELLIGAN Rachel Mary SHEEHAN Gerald Leo		
March	DOUDLE David Andrew SCHLINK Damien Francis HAARSMA Andrea Claire	1975	
April	CLOTHIER Sandra Nicole	March	DOUDLE Julian Mark HAMMOND Mary Anne HAGEN Simone Lee MARTIN Clint Abram MEANEY Bronwyn Louise SECKER Daniel William MURNANE Jamie Todd CABOT Jonathon Peter
July	HABNER Jane Karyn BLACKER Stephen Peter SMALL Matthew Peter	April	
August	KILDEA Benjamin James KEARSLEY Peter Michael RYNNE Troy Andrew HAMMOND Darren Scott	May	
December		July	
		August	
		September	CRETENDEN Garry Trent WAUCHOPE Matthew James SIEGERT Jed Adam NAGEL Joanne Lee
1971		October	
January	CRETENDEN Mark Francis		
February	SECKER Michelle Jane DOUDLE Angeline Louise		
May	PEDLER Anton Eugene		

1976			
February	SHEEHAN Justin Mark	April	SIMES Wade John
April	WATKINS Daniel John	May	WATKINS Katie Michelle
June	PEDLER Melanie Jane	June	HARRIS Michaela Sheree
July	TURNER Sharon Dianne	November	PHELPS Luke Russell
August	COLLINS Christopher John	Hope)	BOYLAN Andrew Aidan (Mt
September	SUNDO Michael Thomas	Hope)	SCHLINK James Nicholas (Mt
October	FUSS Trudi Louise	December	MUNDAY Grant Anthony
	SECKER Nigel James		BEATTIE Adam James
	NAGEL Duane John		CARR David Jonathon
	MEANEY Michael John		SHEEHAN Elizabeth Kathleen
			PEDLER James Dylan
1977			
January	WAUCHOPE Eugene Michael	1981	
February	MARTIN Joshua Luke	March	WAUCHOPE Kieran John
March	PEDLER Emma Lee		Martin Jade
	SIEGERT Sax Corey	April	JAMES Laetitia Margaret
	CARR Louise Mary		HURRELL Coralyn Shirley
June	WATCHMAN Narelle Joy		SHEEHAN Patrick Luke
July	MEANEY Emily Jane		SHEEHAN Therese Ann
	PEDLER Katie Cherie	July	NAGEL Joel Desmond
	CARR Allison Margaret		LANGFORD Cherie Louise
August	PHELPS Mark Cameron	October	DAVIES Sofia Lee
	WILMOTT Damian John		NAGEL Wade Nagel
October	PEDLER Craig Desmond		KERRIGAN Ryan Gregory
			LINSELL John Thomas (Coult
1978			
January	NAGEL Stephanie Marie	Hall)	
April	WATKINS Paula Marie	November	FUSS Geraldine Jean
	CARR James Kerran	December	HUGHES Shona Lee
	CAULFIELD Kym Sheree		HUGHES Carly Jane
	SHEEHAN Tracy Marie		
May	WAUCHOPE Petrea Louise	1982	
	PARKER Carrie Loren	February	SHEEHAN Janelle Kim
July	NAGEL Coral Frances	March	MEANEY Joanne Nicole (Mt
August	CARR Tom Kenneth	Hope)	
September	PEDLER Joseph Francis		FITZGERALD Shawn Michael
October	RYNNE Shannon Luke	May	SECKER Michael James
	CARTER Bianca Jane		SECKER Jayne Marie
	CRETENDEN Andrew James		AIRD Jane Marie
	LETTON Nigel Wayne	June	SCHLINK Cody Marie
	LETTON Jeremy William	July	KIMBER Nathan Joel
	LETTON Kerran John		KENNY Sarah Kate
	LETTON Brendan Errol		MAXWELL Benjamin John
	LETTON Elaine Mary	August	JONES Tyson Peter
	ALSTON Louise Elisabeth	October	PEDLER George Vincent
December	HOLLIDAY Shana Sheila		NESS Teresa Louise (Mt Hope)
	NAGEL Quentin Eugene		
1979		1983	
April	ASHMAN Lorraine Margaret	April	SECKER Mary Elisabeth
May	MEANEY Craig Scott	July	KENNY Zeb Adam
	CARR Sonya Jane		NAGEL Kenny John
	MARTIN Todd Aaron	September	PEDLER Dylan Thomas
June	NAGEL Guy Matthew	October	KERRIGAN Daniel James
July	LOLLER Erin Stacey		QUACH Minh Trung Joseph
August	ROBERTS Kumarie Lisa	November	MARTIN Gemma
October	SHIPARD Emily Jane	December	JONES Brodie Amber
November	SHEEHAN Antony James		HEATH Justin Peter
December	KIMBER Phillip John		
	LANGFORD Julia May	1984	
1980		February	PEARSON Abbey Jesslyn
January	KIMBER Brooke Eloise	May	NELLIGAN Frances Adele
	MURNANE Karla Louise	June	KENNY Chloe Justine
		September	DAVIES Sasha Nichole
		November	NAGEL Danny James

	FITZGERALD Kate Nicole		FITZGERALD Luke Thomas
		December	JORDAN Thomas Andrew
1985			MAXWELL Erin Louise
March	SCHLINK Jade Ebony		NORTON Jaxen James
	KENNY Boyd John	1992	
June	QUACH Joseph Minh Sang	April	PEARSON Emily Megan
	KERRIGAN Jodi Claire	June	EDWARDS Scott Raymond
July	PEDLER Mitchell Louise Gay	October	SIEGERT Brandon Jake
September	KENWORTHY Samuel Edward	December	LAUBE Jessica Ellen
	AIRD Mark Ross	1993	
October	MAXWELL Tara Lee	January	VAN DEN BROCK Benjamin
	NELLIGAN Ross Leo	Nicholas	
1986			
January	FITZGERALD Braden Shane	March	NORTHCOTT Shaun Bradley
March	BELLENGER Clint Ronald		HAARSMA Tom Michael
June	WATSON Hannah Clare	April	NELLIGAN Charlotte Grace
September	NELLIGAN Thomas Boyd		MAXWELL Adam James
October	COOPER Jade Thomas	July	JORDAN Nicholas Richard
December	HOMP Stephanie Jane	August	LIDDLE Brett John Alexander
	KENWORTHY Joseph James	November	PEDLER Matthew Bryce
			KENNY Ethan Jerome
1987			PEDLER Susan Gay
April	FITZGERALD Corey Wade		MAHONEY Jade Kristy
June	MICKAN Tyson Philip		MAHONEY Nicole Tate
November	FITZGERALD Craig Matthew	1994	
December	FITZGERALD Michael John	January	NELLIGAN Aylish Grace
		June	EDMONDS Todd Edward
1988		July	GREEN Luke Andrew
January	JOLLY Brock Davon		CARR Joshua Christian
July	WATSON Lucinda Kate		CARR Alexa Rose
	NELLIGAN Kate Alexandra		WAGNER Xavier Julius Andre
September	KENWORTHY Nadia Ellen		TRELOAR Thomas William
	HEBBERMAN Oliver Rupert		TRELOAR Madeleine Rose
December	STAAS Tracey Louise	September	PEARCE Chelsea Ann
		October	LAUBE Alex James
1989			PLLU Stephanie Lynette
January	FITZGERALD Elizabeth Jean		WOOLFORD Emma Jade
	SECKER Mandy Louise		NELLIGAN Harriet Victoria
April	SCHWARK Alex James		SIEGERT Bodie Dylan
June	NORTON Cassie Louisa		SIEGERT Ellie-Mae
	NELLIGAN Madeleine Clare	November	PRINGLE James Duran
July	JOLLY Boyd Mitchell		PRINGLE Kent Paul
	NORTHCOTT Gemma Sherie		PRINGLE Caddie Rebecca
August	SLUYS Chanel Joy		PRINGLE Gemma Kay
	FITZGERALD Brooke Renae	December	JORDAN Sam Patrick
November	MICKAN Kathleen Whitney		
December	FITZGERALD Adam James	1995	
	BELLENGER Alicia Rose	January	BROAD Chloe Alice
		February	HURRELL Sarah Ashley
1990		March	PEARSON Jed Craig
August	NELLIGAN Alice Mary	May	SIEGERT Taylor Rose
September	NELLIGAN Jack Aemon	July	GUIDERA Samuel James
October	NORTHCOTT Luke Michael	August	LIDDLE Jesse Owen
November	JOLLY Alyssa Paige	October	PEDLER Riley Navarone
December	WAGNER Johann Andreas Carl		TRELOAR George Alexander
			TRELOAR Matilda Grace
1991		November	GLOVER James Habner
	HEBBERMAN Darci Anne		MAHONEY Tom Joseph (Mt
Margaret		Hope)	
May	MICKAN Ella Adel	December	PAECH Lochie Roy
	HAARSMA Adam Matthew		RYNNE Nathan Troy
August	SCHWARK Nicholas Marc		
October	MAHONEY Kazsandra Leah		

1996		2004	
March	NELLIGAN Georgia Millie	February	SYMONS William John
April	TRELOAR Henry Edward	March	CRETENDEN Jack William
May	HOWELL Matthew Reece	April	PARSONS Ethan John
December	HAARSMA Jack Henry	July	SIEGERT Heath Harley
		August	KEARSLEY Erin Danae
			DARE Bradley Ryan
1997		2005	
September	MAHONEY Alex William (Mt Hope)	April	FITZGERALD William Joseph
December	GUIDERA Lucy Madeline	October	MICKAN Mace Matthew
			MICKAN Tilly Grace
1998		November	MAHONEY Mia Simone
March	CRETENDEN Darcy Anne		PARSONS Jacob Adam
April	GLOVER Benjamin John	December	CLAUGHTON Hannah Grace
	GLOVER Alexander Edward		ROSS Jye Paul
July	NELLIGAN Meg Elizabeth		HODGE Charlotte Ivy
October	FITZGERALD Emma Kate		FORSTER Layla Isabel Walter
	TRELOAR Max James		
December	TRELOAR Ruby Victoria Mae		
		2006	
1999		January	RUMBOLL Ejaz Lily
February	McCORMACK Lily Mae		GOULD Matt Richard Habner
April	HAMMOND Natasha Jade	(Coffin Bay)	
	NORTON Rylee Anne Melise	September	RICHTER Tanner Jett
July	BROAD Tom Henry	October	PEDLER Charlotte Tate
September	DOUDLE Montanna Rose	December	REDDEN Hugh Damian
December	CONNELLY Ann Maree		
	CONNELLY Mary Alice	2007	
		June	McNAB Thomas
2000			McNAB Sienna Baye
January	ARBERY Sarah Erica Gould		HOLLEY James Declan
	MAHONEY Jake Henry (Mt Hope)	July	PEDLER Ava Renee
April	GUIDERA Ruby Alice	August	CRETENDEN Gus Elliott
May	NORTHCOTT Chloe Marie		MICKAN Amity Louise
September	SIEGERT Jake Stevi	September	CRETENDEN Holly Mae
October	MAHONEY Selenia Lee	October	BLACKER Jade Louise
	CRETENDEN Madeline Grace		BLACKER Sharni Lee
November	HAARSMA Will James	November	HAARSMA Joseph Conner
		December	PEDLER Ebony Rose
2001		2008	
July	NELLIGAN Martina	September	PARSONS Eli David
	SAWLEY Charlton Patrick Ivan	December	PEDLER Max Vincent
	NELLIGAN Eliza Maeve	2009	
	GOULD William James Habner	January	MEANEY Liam John
			MEANEY Heath David
2002		April	PEDLER Hunter John
April	CRETENDEN Amy Beth		FITZGERALD Archie Peter
December	DESMOND Lucy Rose	June	HOLLEY Braden John
2003		2011	
January	KEARSLEY Joseph Barry	February	FITZGERALD Larry Jack
February	BARNETT Noah Ashby	October	PEDLER Nora Jane
April	MAHONEY Leah Marie		
	NELLIGAN Henry Edward	2013	
Francis		July	PEDLER Cyril Jack
	SIEGERT Maggie Lily-Grace	September	HEAD Mila Michelle
	PEDLER Aspen Montana Grace	October	CRETENDEN Thomas Jack
October	GOULD Emillie Grace		CRETENDEN Matilda Rose
	GLOVER Lily Michelle	December	FITZGERALD Sam Richie
December	HAARSMA Eli Joseph		
	BOXER Ashlee Jayne	2014	
	BOXER Jack Richard	February	MURNANE Leo Trent

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Afterword...

The decision to write a short history of Saint Andrew's Church in Cummins could have been made several years ago rather than just a few months ago. So it is that what we have managed to produce is simply a rough overview of a parish that has touched the lives of many people. This is a simple expression of our pride in what the past has produced and in what we are able to share because of the efforts of those who have gone before us.

It is naturally impossible to cover every aspect of the many events that have occurred in these years or to promise that every detail is correct. However, for future reference, we suggest that keeping the names of those in photographs would be of great benefit to future historians.

My gratitude goes out to those who have made contributions to our meagre efforts and especially to the editorial team who have been extremely patient and worked for many hours with someone whose computer publishing skills are somewhat limited.

My apologies go to those whose contributions might not have been included because of unclear photographs or lack of space available.

I pray that the pride associated with our celebrations of the Golden Jubilee of Saint Andrew's Church may bring many closer to Christ and his Church.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kevin Matthews". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the main text block.

Father Kevin Matthews

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