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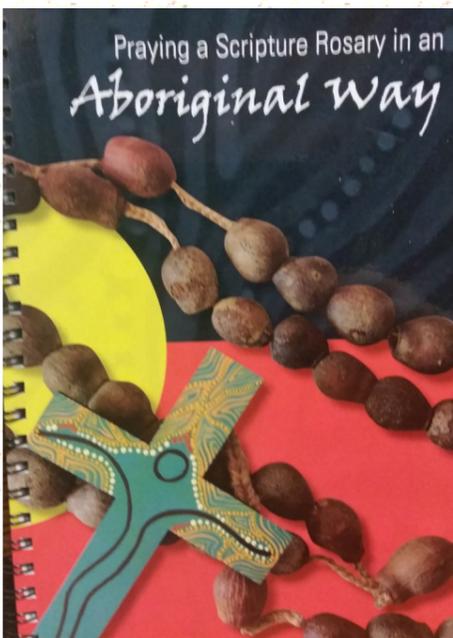
Storylines of the Rosary

*Elizabeth Pike is a Nyoongar woman who lives in Melbourne and writes about her Catholic and Aboriginal identities and how they fit together. She is the writer in residence at Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Victoria. Below is a reflection she has written in her book *The Power of Story**

In Australia today, we are witnessing a wonderful encounter between migrants and Aboriginal people. In recent times as a nation, people are slowly beginning to accept and tell the truth of the Australian story. Every new culture encounter is an opportunity for deep mutual enrichment. Although the initial experience of "White" settlement was hugely traumatic, what eventually followed has led to strong cultural growth within this land as a multicultural nation.

Since the coming of the early settlers, the Aboriginal Elders of the tribes lost authority and dignity as a people. It was a real humiliation for them to see their cultural authority ignored, not only in a personal way, but in the loss of their land (their homes, their sense of self/peoplehood), their livelihood, their rituals and ceremonies. Imagine what this would do to contemporary Australians today, if everything they possessed was suddenly taken away from them and many massacred if they resisted, becoming a most impoverished group of people.

Thankfully, all was not totally lost. Here at the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, Victoria, much is being done to support many urban aboriginals to find a way forward despite the real sorrow and grief of past injustices. Although injustices still exist in many areas of the more remote communities of Australia, here at the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry we have informative education programs throughout many schools.



Most people in multicultural Australia are aware of the value of remembering their story and passing it down to their children, as part of knowing who they are and who they are becoming. Of course story has been around since the Aboriginal Dreaming and the very beginning of time itself; but each generation and each cultural group have to remember and rediscover their power in their own way.

Many contemporary Catholics would say that praying the Rosary is part of the old ways and not relevant in this new modern age. But this is not the case for Aboriginal Catholics. A new book on *Praying a Scripture Rosary in an Aboriginal Way* has recently been compiled and published by the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry of Victoria.

Praying on beads has been an ancient practice for many cultures through the ages. So why another book on praying the Rosary when it becomes less prominent?

One reason, from my own personal view as a convert to Catholicism, is that the Rosary is a very brief history of Christianity itself. It tells the story of the person Jesus from birth to his eventual death and final resurrection. Throughout the whole of his ministry he preaches about forgiveness and mercy.

Another important reason is that this book portrays a fresh outlook for young people and schools, where teachers appreciate new approaches to old stories. It also opens the way to appreciate new discoveries and insights into our own Indigenous Australians and their ability to accept change, to forgive, to grow and to

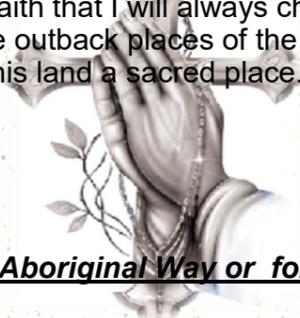
show mercy.

They are the true foundation seed of the tree of life planted in this nation, and they are made in the image of the Creator Spirit.

I recall a memorable occasion with the Rosary. It was with some of the Aboriginal women I was invited to visit in Turkey Creek. There were several groups gathered together to talk about an important issue. They were sitting around a fire on a boiling hot day preparing their lunch. During the conversation with one of the women, she began telling me about the "Mother and Child School" that she had been involved in setting up.

This lady pulled out of her Dilly bag a tattered catechism and a pair of rosary beads. She then proceeded to tell me how she had come by them when she was sick in Derby Leprosarium. When she came back to Turkey Creek she taught the rosary to many of her people. It is the memory of her story that is the sincerity of her simple, yet profound rich faith that I will always cherish. It also serves to remind me of the power and the mystery of the Holy Spirit who works silently in the most distant outback places of our land, creating new Songlines of forgiveness and mercy that continue to make this land a sacred place.

To order copies of *Praying the a Scripture Rosary in an Aboriginal Way* or for other resources visit <http://www.cam.org.au/Portals/44/catalogue/#1>



Pastoral Team Update

NATSICC retreat in the heart of Australia touches Perth attendees

Below is an article written by Rachel Curry for the E-Record. The Weekly Archdiocesan e-newsletter. To receive this weekly email sign up at <http://www.therecord.com.au/>

Archdiocese of Perth Auxiliary Bishop, Don Sproxton, and Aboriginal Catholic Ministry staff have been inspired by their recent trip to the inaugural National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC) Spirituality and Formation Retreat in Alice Springs. Supported by the Bishops Commission for Relations with Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders, the retreat took place from 19 to 21 April and brought together about 60 people working in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic ministry from all over the country.

Bishop Sproxton said the retreat had been planned as an opportunity to reflect, share and learn from one another.

"Normally, our meetings are for business, but it had been felt by the NATSICC members that a retreat would be very valuable in building an important foundation of trust and deeper respect as we listened to one another in a spirit of prayer," he said.

"It turned out to be a moment of great grace and communion."

He was one of a number of prelates in attendance, including Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn, Christopher Prowse, and Bishop of Darwin, Eugene Hurley, while the presenters included theologian, Evelyn Parkin, and NATSICC chairperson, John Lochowiak.

Bishop Sproxton said one of the highlights of the retreat was hearing the Dreamtime stories of the local Aboriginal people, which are inspired by the forms of the MacDonnell Ranges that run east and west of Alice Springs. "Their stories of the Dreamtime are ways of explaining their origins and the respect for the world around them," he said. "We, the people who have come to Australia much later, have received a tradition that helps us to understand the way things are in the Book of Genesis, particularly the gradual alienation of humanity from God and the need for Christ to come to restore the relationship on our behalf."

The retreat also featured Lectio Divina sessions to help attendees to pray with the Scriptures and sessions on symbols, initiation, sacrament and mission, as understood by the Church and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Bishop Sproxton said the latter sessions revealed remarkable similarities between both traditions. "Particularly moving was the note of deep appreciation that was made by an Aboriginal Elder for the knowledge about Jesus that her people received from the Catholic missionaries," he said.

The retreat coincided with the 30-year anniversary of Pope John Paul II's visit to Alice Springs, when he gave a stirring address to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians. The attendees marked this occasion by celebrating Mass at Blatherskite Park, just as the Pope had done, resulting in an experience they described as beautiful and spiritual. Bishop Sproxton said it was a privilege to recall the Holy Father's words of encouragement from all those years ago "Much has been achieved, but much more must be done, since that day the Pope challenged the entire nation to acknowledge that we will be lacking something vital if we do not welcome the contribution of our Aboriginal brothers and sisters to the Australian conversation on who we are and where we are going," he said.



Donna Ryder, member of the Pastoral Care Team within the Archdiocese of Perth's Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, said she found the retreat very beneficial. Ms Ryder's personal highlight was the Prayer of Open Hands and Open Hearts on the first day, which encouraged attendees to look within themselves to find the compassion to help others. She said this was one of many positives she took away from the experience.

"It was good to get together with other Aboriginal Catholic ministries to learn about the different things they're doing; it was good to reconcile the Bible to our Indigenous culture and heritage; and it was good to meet the bishops on a different level, a more social level," she said.

NATSICC Councillor for Western Australia, Shirley Quaresimin, who was one of the organisers of the retreat, said they had received a lot of positive feedback and there seemed to be a demand for more of these types of events.

"I think talking to the people who attended, they really enjoyed it and the bishops, particularly Bishop Don, were saying perhaps we could have some more of these retreats," she said. "It's the first time for NATSICC to have one of these retreats so maybe more people will come next time." For more information about NATSICC, visit www.natsicc.org.au.

RECONCILIATION WEEK

We celebrated **Reconciliation Week** at Embleton Parish on 29th May, with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Don Sproxton. We also had a number of children and adults receive their sacraments including 4 Baptisms, 18 people for their First Holy Communion and 15 people for Confirmation. The Mass also involved the commissioning of 5-staff members and 8-council members, the theme for 2016 Reconciliation week was **Our History Our Story Our Future**. As Australians, we are all here, woven into this country. As part of our reconciliation journey, there are truths to tell, stories to celebrate, and relationships to grow. Reconciliation is at the heart of our nations' future.

VOLUNTEERS

We have been lucky to have Jacinta Taylor-Foster volunteering in the ACM Office for the last month. She is learning lots of office administration skills and we are hoping to help connect her to some employment opportunities. If you would like to volunteer your time or know of someone who would like to do work experience with us ask them to contact the office. **A**



ARCHBISHOP'S VISIT

On the 31st of May we welcomed Archbishop Tim Costello to the ACM office where we had an open forum for members of our community to come along and just chat to Archbishop Costello and other community members. He shared about his life journey, his plans his hopes and for the Church and Aboriginal people's involvement. Community members remarked how honest and easy going he was and felt encouraged by his comments and is challenge for the Ministry to lead the way in working with Community.

COMING HOME TOGETHER NETWORK

Aboriginal Catholic Ministry hosted the Coming Home Together Network Meeting on the 14th of June 2016. This is a network of Catholic organisations who are committed to Reconciliation and Aboriginal partnerships and engagement who come together to, share ideas and look at ways the Catholic community can better walk with Aboriginal people. The meeting had representatives from MercyCare, St John of God Healthcare, St Patrick's Community Support Centre, St Vincent De Paul Society, Caritas Australia, Catholic Education, Catholic Earthcare, Catholic Missions, RUAH Community Services, the Emmanuel Centre and the Marist Brothers.

HOSPITALS VISITS

The Pastoral Team continues to visit Aboriginal patients at Sir Charles Gardiner Hospital, Fremantle Hospital, Royal Perth Hospital, 3 Aboriginal Hostels and are in early conversations with the Midland Health Campus and Fiona Stanley Hospitals about beginning visitation there.

FUNERALS

Donna has been supporting families to plan some funerals, helping them with access to funds. The Pastoral team is also about to trial delivering bereavement packs to community members after a loss. With some basics such as tea and coffee with information about the ministry in case they would like prayers or other support. If you know of people who would like this support please contact the office.



COMMUNITY FORUM

The Aboriginal Catholic Council and Ministry Team have been involved in some workshops to explore the future direction and current needs of the Ministry. We also held a community Workshop on the 15th of May and hope to hold more of these forums in the future. Stay tuned for more information about the plans for the next 12 months.

NAIDOC 2016 EVENTS

The ACM team is looking forward to hosting a Community Day at the ACM Office on the 5th of July 11-2pm. It is open to the whole family. There will be a smoking ceremony and welcome to country with Ben Taylor, Faith sharing and story telling with Theresa Walley, art and craft activities for all ages, Sumo Suits, Giant Games and a BBQ. It would be great to have many members of the community come along.



KOLBE NAIDOC MASS

The Pastoral Team attended a family and community Mass at Kolbe Catholic College during NAIDOC Week, which was a wonderful way to meet many of the families in the area. The ACM team has received quite a few requests from schools for visits and suggestions including Aranmore Catholic College and Clontarf Aboriginal College and are looking forward to growing this area.

NATSICC UPDATE

Did you know that Perth is hosting the 2018 National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Assembly in 2018? We will have 300 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics from around Australia here in Perth! Lots more information will be coming out over the next year but last week we were happy to show Craig from NATSICC around some potential Perth venues!

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY

In the Australian Catholic community the Australian Catholic Bishops have named the 1st Sunday July as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday, a day for the Church to recognise and celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and the contribution they make to the Australian Church and wider community. The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC) have prepared some resources to support parishes in celebrating this day in your Parish, school or other community. These resources can be downloaded at <http://www.natsicc.org.au/natsicc-resources.html>



WELCOME TO COUNTRY AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO COUNTRY RESOURCE

NATSICC in conjunction with the Australian Catholic Bishops have also created a resource pamphlet to encourage the Catholic community to understand the purpose of Welcome to Countries and Acknowledgement of Traditional owners and how to incorporate these practices into the life of the Catholic community. It can also be downloaded at <http://www.natsicc.org.au/natsicc-resources.html>

SEMINARIANS (MEN TRAINING TO BE PRIESTS)

The ACM Team have been working closely with the first year Seminarians, who we have been taking out to meet our community and various events that the ACM have attended. Having responded to Christ's call 'to be with Him' (Mk. 3:14) and to serve Him in the Church's mission, the seminarian progresses through a period of formation. An important part of this formation is connecting with the Aboriginal community. These young men will be travelling to the Kimberley Diocese for a 3 week immersion in July and we look forward to hearing about their experiences. Also later in 2016 we will be working with the Seminary to deliver cultural awareness training for all Seminarians.



WELCOME TO COUNTRY AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS 2016



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are respectfully advised that this publication may contain the words, voices, names, images and descriptions of people who have passed away.



**ACM Staff & Council Members had Morning Tea with Archbishop Tim Costello
All community members were welcomed.**



Held at 5 Baker's Ave, PERTH, on 31st May 2016



Aboriginal Catholic Ministry hosted the Coming Home Together Network Meeting held at Mary St, Highgate on 14th June 2016



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM
Baptism—Holy Communion—Confirmation
By: Sr FRANCES WILSON

Any families who have members who wish to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion & Confirmation are to please contact the ACM Office on 93287529 or speak to our staff. Sr Frances is the co-ordinator of the sacramental program. Once Sr Frances receives the information from you; Sr Frances will make contact with the families to arrange preparation times.



ABORIGINAL PLAYGROUP

Our playgroup is facilitated by an Aboriginal Teacher and an Aboriginal Support Officer within a safe and supportive play based environment.

When: Every Friday from 9.30am - 11.30am during school term
Where: Star of the Sea Catholic Primary School, Rockingham
Ages: Babies to 5 year olds
Cost: Free of Charge, morning tea is provided
Enquiries: Rhys or Julie 9553 9513 or 0447137113

About us: Our playgroup is based around the 3a approach which involves learning games, reading, language and caregiving. The 3a approach is largely situated around parent led learning.

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Come and
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There are also Playgroups running in Redcliffe, Mandurah, Piarra Waters and Waroona. For more information contact the ACM Office

**ACM
UPCOMING EVENTS**

- ◆ Sunday 26th June—11am Mass Embleton
- ◆ **Sunday 3rd July—11am Mass St Mary's Cathedral**
- ◆ **Tuesday the 5th of JULY NAIDOC Community DAY**
- ◆ Sunday the 10th of July— 10am Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mass Embleton
- ◆ Sunday the 17th of July —11am Mass Embleton
- ◆ Sunday the 24th of July — 11am Mass Embleton
- ◆ Sunday the 31st of July — 11am Mass Embleton
- ◆ Sunday the 7th of August— 11am Mass Embleton
- ◆ Monday the 8th of August— 1.30pm-5.30pm Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Training
- ◆ Sunday the 14th of August— 11am Mass Embleton
- ◆ Sunday the 21st of August —11am Mass Embleton
- ◆ Sunday the 28th of August— 11am Mass Embleton
- ◆ Sunday the 4th of September— 11am Mass Embleton

ACM is on FACEBOOK, encourage your friends and family to 'like' us to keep up to date .



Would you like to become an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion and take Communion for the Sick?

**OPEN TO COMMUNITY
MEMBERS**

TIME: 1.30pm– 5.30pm
WHEN: Monday 8th August 2016
WHERE: ACM Office 5 Baker Ave, PERTH
TELEPHONE: (08) 9328 7529 OR 0412 529 656(Vicky)



Noongar Season of Makuru - Cold and wet time of the year (fertility season)



June - July

Makuru sees the coldest and wettest time of the year come into full swing. Traditionally, this was a good time of the year to move back inland from the coast as the winds turned to the west and south bringing the cold weather, rains and occasionally snow on the peaks of the Stirling and Porongurup Ranges.

As the waterways and catchments started to fill, people were able to move about their country with ease and thus their food sources changed from sea, estuarine and lake foods to those of the lands in particular the grazing animals such as the kangaroo. As well as a food source, animals provided people with many other things. For example, 'Yongar' or kangaroos not only provided meat but also 'bookas' (animal skin cloaks that were used as the nights became much cooler). Nothing was left; even the bones and sinews were used in the manufacturing of bookas and for hunting tools such as spears.

Makuru is also a time for a lot of animals to be pairing up in preparation for breeding in the coming season. If you look carefully, you might now see pairs of 'Wardongs' (ravens) flying together. You also notice these pairs not making the usual 'ark ark arrrrrk' that these birds are well known for when flying solo. Upon the lakes and rivers of the South West, you'll also start to see a large influx of the Black Swan or 'Mali' as they too prepare to nest and breed.

Flowers that will start to emerge include the blues and purples of the Blueberry Lilly (*Dianella revoluta*) and the Purple Flags (*Patersonia occidentalis*). As the season comes to a close, you should also start to notice the white flowers of the weeping peppermint (*Agonis flexuosa*) as the blues start to make way for the white and cream flowers of Djilba.

NAIDOC NEWS

Congratulations to Wiradjuri woman Lani Balzan for her winning entry to the 2016 National NAIDOC Poster Competition.

While more than 100 outstanding entries were received, the Committee was unanimous in its selection of Ms Balzan's artwork.

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WA Premier orders Carnarvon shire to fly Aboriginal flag for NAIDOC week

West Australian Premier Colin Barnett will issue a directive to the Carnarvon shire to fly the Aboriginal flag during NAIDOC week after the council said it would not do so.

The shire, in WA's Gascoyne, has attracted high level criticism from across the country after [refusing to fly the flag during the week that celebrates Aboriginal culture](#), on the grounds that it would be "divisive" to do so.

Carnarvon residents strung up Indigenous flags around the town in protest, and up to 150 people gathered outside the shire offices, demanding the council reverse its decision.

But Mr Barnett said he would order the council to fly the flag.

"They will receive a direction from the Premier of Western Australia to fly the flag," he said.

"Carnarvon council needs to do the right thing and fly the flag out of respect for Aboriginal people."

The shire has shrugged off the condemnation of its critics, and is refusing to change its position, provoking a stern response from the Premier.

"I am extremely disappointed by the approach of the Carnarvon Shire council. I went to the extent of saying the State Government would provide a flag and a flag-pole for them to do that, if that's the problem," he said.

"They, as I understand now, are refusing to change their policy. So as Premier I'm going to give them a direction to fly the flag."

Order cannot be enforced

The Carnarvon Shire, like other shires and councils, operates under the Local Government Act, but the Premier conceded his "direction" would not be enforceable under the legislation.

Even so, he fully expects the shire to comply.

"It's probably not legally binding, but if the Premier of the state gives an instruction to a council to fly that flag in respect of NAIDOC day and Aboriginal people, in a town with a big Aboriginal population, I would expect that shire to comply," he said.

Mr Barnett said flying the flag was an important gesture of respect towards Aboriginal people.

He said the actions of the shire reflected poorly on the people of Carnarvon, and undermined Western Australia's broader efforts to move towards reconciliation.

"This state is making some strong moves towards an ultimate reconciliation with Aboriginal people," he said.

He cited the recognition of Aboriginal people in the WA Constitution and the soon-to-be-finalised Noongar Native Title settlement acknowledging



Celebrating Reconciliation Mass and Sacraments on the 29th May 2016. Father Peter Toohey, Father Patrick Toohey, Father Joseph Rathnaraj & Bishop Don Sproxtan.



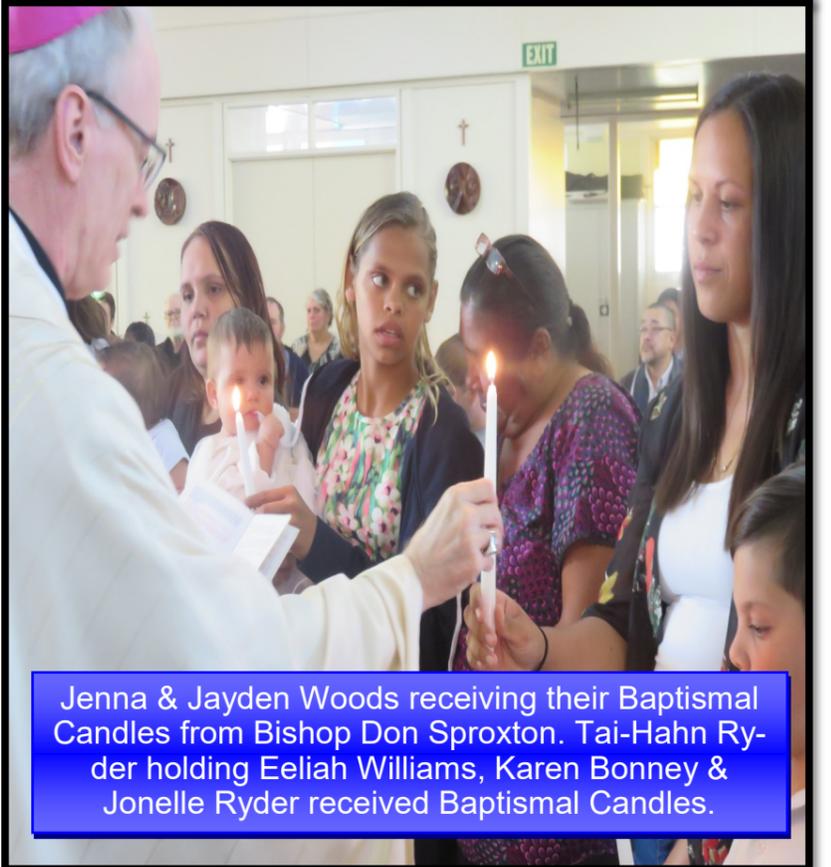
Congratulants Pated in their sacraments.



Kalika Carnamah receiving her Certificate for Holy Communion and Confirmation.



Bishop Don Sproxtan giving the Homily during Reconciliation Mass



Jenna & Jayden Woods receiving their Baptismal Candles from Bishop Don Sproxtan. Tai-Hahn Ryder holding Eeliah Williams, Karen Bonney & Jonelle Ryder received Baptismal Candles.



Bishop Don Sproxtan and Father Joseph Rathnaraj at the baptismal font with community members and children.

to all who participi-



Malcolm Garlett receiving his Conformation Certificate from Bishop Don Sproxtan and Sister Frances Wilson.



How do we make more space for women in decision-making, leadership and lay pastoral ministry in our Church?



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COLLOQUIUM 2016



OPEN DAY

GET HELP WITH IDENTIFICATION, FINES & DRIVERS LICENCE BUSINESS

The Aboriginal Justice Program in partnership with the Wadjak Northside Aboriginal Community Group and the City of Stirling is holding an Open Day where you can seek assistance with identification, drivers licence, fines and Centrelink services under the one roof.

WADJAK NORTHSIDE ABORIGINAL RESOURCE CENTRE
2 Finchley Crescent BALGA
Thursday 30 June 2016 from 9.00am – 2.30pm

WHO WILL BE AT THE OPEN DAY

- **Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages** – Need identification? Want to check if you and your children's births are registered? Register births! Get your Birth Certificate!
Birth Registrations Free *Birth, Death or Marriage Certificates \$47.00 *Change of Name \$165.00
- **Sheriff's Office** - For queries on fines and time-to-pay arrangements.
- **Department of Transport** – Apply for learner's permits and WA Photo (ID) Card, hand in number plates, find out if you have lost your licence or are under suspension and other information about licensing services.
*Learner's Permit (includes one practical driving test - can only be booked to be undertaken at a licensing centre) \$74.10 *Log Book \$18.20 *WA Photo Card \$41.50
- **Department of Human Services - Centrelink** – Income support issues, family benefits, pensions and make arrangements to pay your fine off, Centrepay and apply for Tax File Numbers and Medicare Cards.

If you want to do licensing business or apply for WA Photo (ID) Card it is **IMPORTANT** to bring along as much ID as you can from the following list:

- Birth Certificate
- EFTPOS/Credit Card
- Medicare Card
- Centrelink Card
- Proof of Age Card/WA Photo Card
- WA Construction Card
- Working with Children Check Card
- Bank statement, any official letter or bill from a Government agency or current employer with your residential address and is no more than 6 months old.

*and payment (\$\$\$) to pay for Birth Certificates, WA Photo Cards, Learner Permits and Driver Licences
*BSB Number and Bank Account Number for payment arrangements for fines



Sorry Day Event at Wellington Park

Donella & Sr Frances at Sorry Day Event



ACM 2016 NAIDOC ACTIVITIES



ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY COMBINED PARISH MASS

Sunday the 10th of July

Holy Trinity Catholic Church 8 Burnett St Embleton.

10AM Mass, followed by shared morning tea - bring a plate of food to share. All welcome!

ACM NAIDOC COMMUNITY DAY

Tuesday the 5th of July

ACM Office 5 Baker Avenue Perth
11am-3pm

The 2016 NAIDOC Theme is Songlines, so come spend some time at Aboriginal Catholic Ministry celebrating Aboriginal culture, our Catholic faith and the Songlines and stories of this nation.

There will be a Welcome to Country, Elder Story Telling, Art and Craft Activities, Time for Reflection, Lunch and Yarning. We are also collecting ACM history, so please bring along old photos, newsletters and articles to share with ACM.



NAIDOC OPENING CEREMONY

Sunday the 3rd of July

There will be no 11am Mass at Embleton on the 3rd of July but the ACM team will be attending **11AM** Mass at the Cathedral in Victoria Square and then we will be heading to the NAIDOC Opening Ceremony at Elizabeth Quay on the Derbarl Yerrigan (Swan) River. Give us a call to organise a lift there and back.

More information contact ACM Office 93287529,
email acm@perthcatholic.org.au
or contact us on Facebook, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Perth

RECONCILIATION & SACRAMENTAL MASS

Sunday 29th May 2016

Embleton Parish



Families are Forever

God could not be everywhere and therefore he made mothers. *Jewish Proverb*

One of the *greatest* things a *father* can do for his *children* is to love their *mother*.

Howard W. Hunter

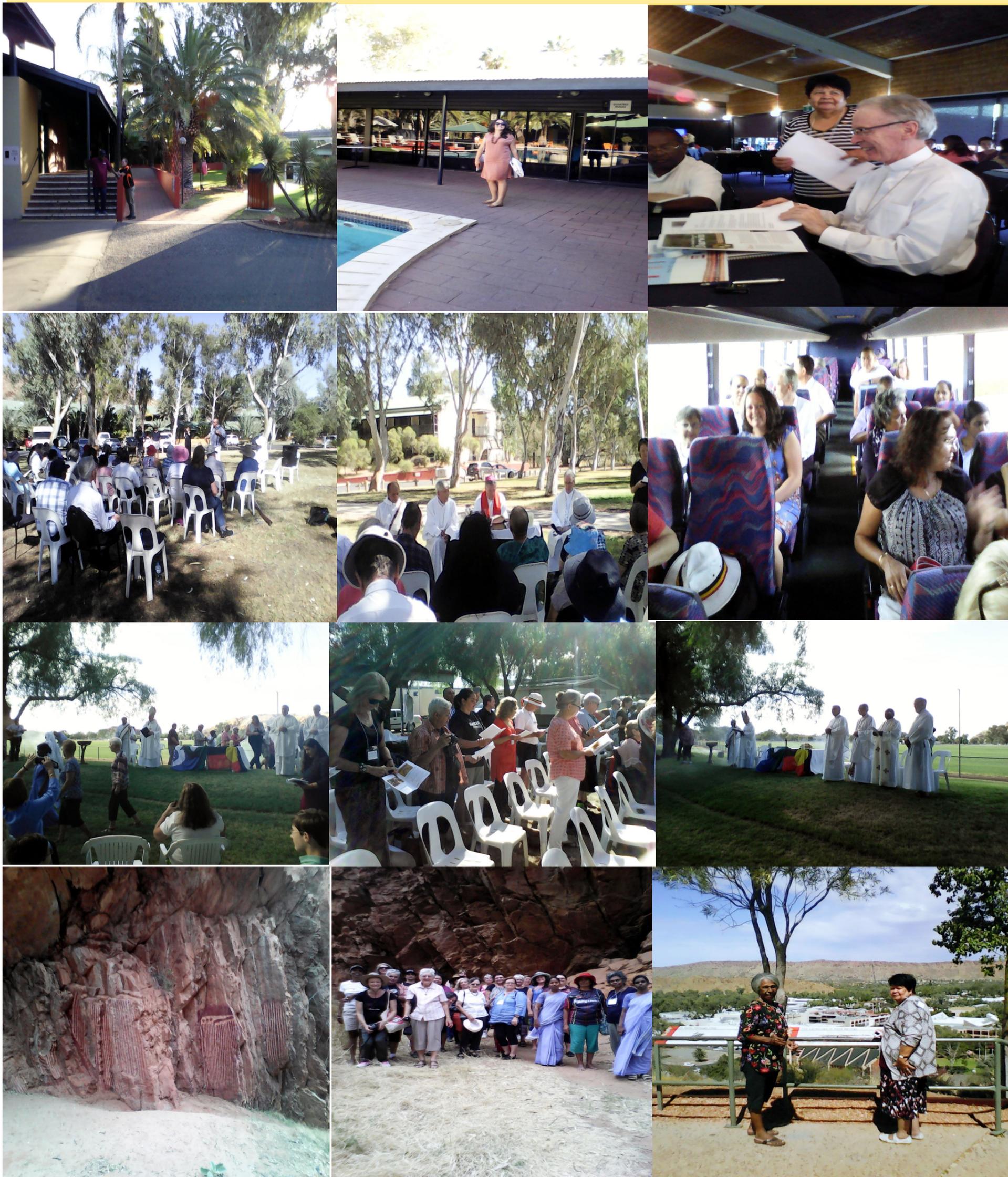


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NATSICC Retreat Alice Springs 18th—22nd April 2016



PHOTOS FROM NATSICC ALICE SPRINGS RETREAT

- Day 1 “Lectio Divina” Presented by Bishop Don Sproxton
- Day 2 Catholic traditions & Australian Aboriginality Spirituality.
- Day 3 Held Mass at Blatherskite Park (30yrs ago Pope John Paul 11 Address to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders on 29th November 1986); cont. pilgrimage around Alice Spring to local communities.

NATSICC Retreat—was a wonderful experience., from the conversations with other ACM Staff from all over Australia was a blessing and a great catch up. The NATSICC Councillor's and Bishop who attended did a terrific work, making everyone feel welcomed & comfortable.

Be strong
because things will get better.
It may be stormy now, but it never
rains forever.

My Dear Valentine♥



Personalized Seeds

Print off and then cut apart the personalized Bible texts (seeds).

- Include individual seeds in greeting cards.
- Roll up individual verses and tie a pretty ribbon around each one. Put them in a pint glass jar and add a pretty ribbon. Include a note like this:

This gift is to let you know I have been thinking about you! Remove one a day, read and then pass it on to someone who comes to visit you! ENJOY your day!



Aboriginal Catholic Community attending parts of the Veritas Catholic Youth Conference in April with a welcome from Theresa Walley!

FAREWELL SR BERNADINE DALY



Staff also attended Sr Bernadine Daly RSM passed away on 6 May after almost 80 years of living out the Sisters of Mercy charism.

A woman both of action and of deep prayer, a free spirit, a Vatican II person, a wonderful teacher and a good friend, are just some of the words used to describe Sister Bernadine Daly RSM. Sr Bernadine passed away peacefully on 6 May, after almost 80 years of living out the Sisters of Mercy charism. Her sisters, Sr Teresa Daly RSM and Rita Murphy, along with friend and colleague, Sr Beverley Stott RSM, shared their memories of this unique woman. Sr Bernadette Kennedy RSM, who joined Sr Bernadine in her ministry to Aboriginal people, the poor and the imprisoned. She spent her last years in the Mercy Community in Leederville and at Mercyville in Craigie, where she wrote her final words – included below – which were read out at her funeral.

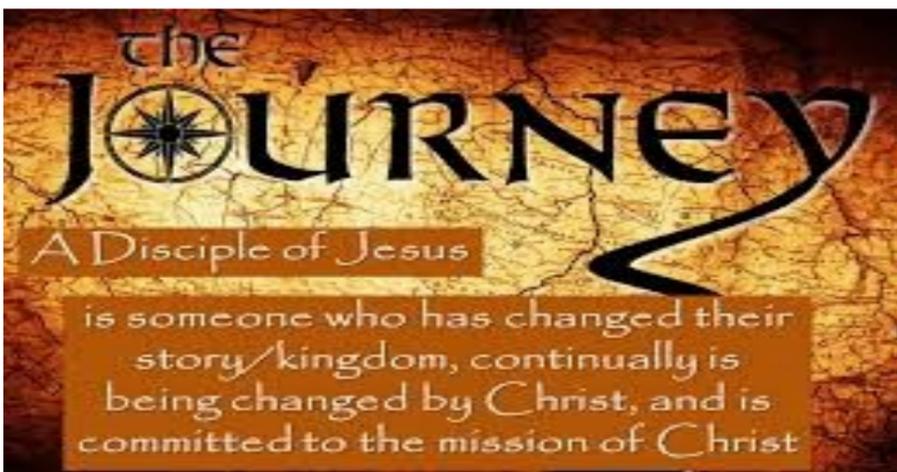
I, Patricia Agnes Daly, in religion Sr Bernadine Daly, gratefully a Sister of Mercy, West Perth Congregation, thank you for coming today to pray for me on my burial day, the day I return to Mother Earth who has meant so much to me. I would like to thank all those who have assisted me over the years – my family, my congregation, friends, especially Bernadette Kennedy, those connected with my ministries, especially the poor, the Aborigines and the imprisoned. I would like to ask pardon of anyone I may have hurt in any way and I pardon anyone who may have hurt me. I ask you to pray for me as I enter my final stage of this life journey. I ask you to help the poor as much as possible and so have your life enriched, as well as making theirs more bearable. I love you.

Life is wonderful. Sorrows do turn into joys.

Mary will stand by you in your hour of need as she did by the Cross of Jesus. Once again, thanks and love. Bernadine.

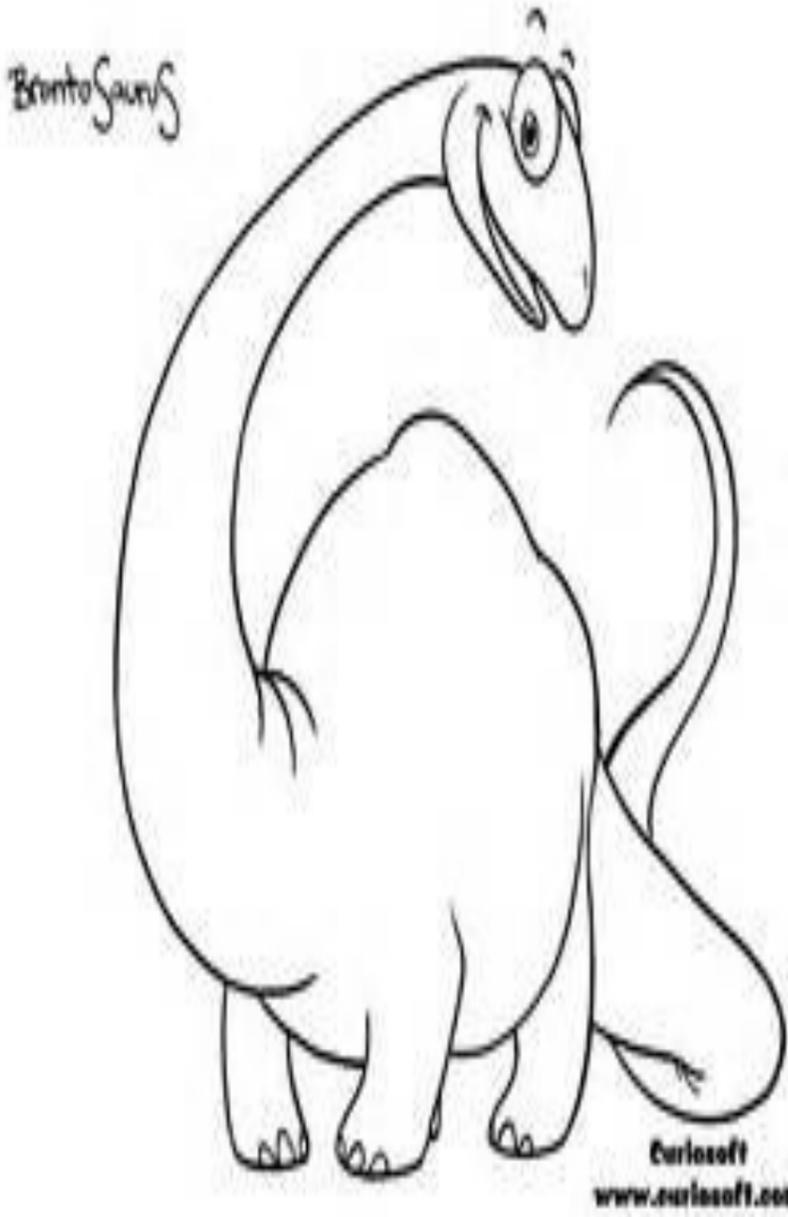
A Reflection on DISCIPLESHIP Matthew 8:20, by Father Joseph

A disciple is one who does one's best to closely resemble the Master in everything from person to action. When Jesus invites us to be his disciples, he expects us to be like him and to act like him. When someone offered to follow him, saying "I will follow you wherever you go" He said, Foxes have holes, birds have nests but I have nowhere to lay my head". By that he said that he has no possessions, no house, no wealth or money. A simple man who delivers good news of the Kingdom and so also an example of simplicity and humility for humanity. If anyone of us wish to be a follower of Jesus we should be also as simple as that. "Come and follow me," He always invites. Let us in faith try to follow him as the first of his disciples followed him, leaving everything. Are we ready to be a disciple now?.....

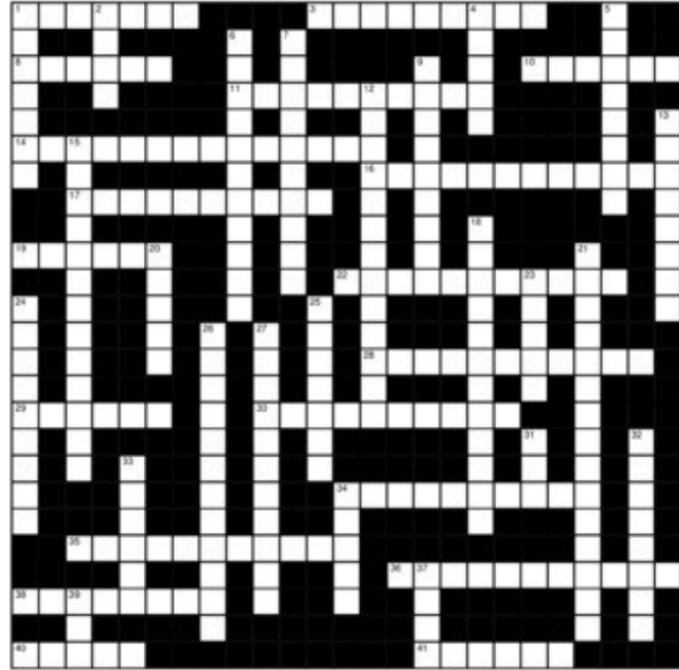


The struggle you're in today is developing the strength you need for tomorrow. Don't give up.

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- 1. Is actually a mistaken reading of the name Yahweh (15)
 - 3. The second part of the Old Testament of the New American Bible (22)
 - 8. Biblical scholars meet regularly to compare notes, _____, and suggest new ideas. (19)
 - 10. A name for God; used by Jewish people when speaking because the name Yahweh is considered too sacred to speak aloud. (15)
 - 11. To interpret Scripture correctly, we must study what the human author wanted to say and what the _____ intended to communicate. (2words)(18)
 - 14. How the words of Scripture can be signs of something more profound. (2words) (18)
 - 16. The name "Yahweh" expresses God's _____ to mankind. (15)
 - 17. Sin is a _____ thought, word, deed, or omission against the eternal law of God (16)
 - 19. The fourth part of the Old Testament of the New American Bible (22)
 - 22. We rely on _____ to bring the words of the Bible to us because we do not speak or read the

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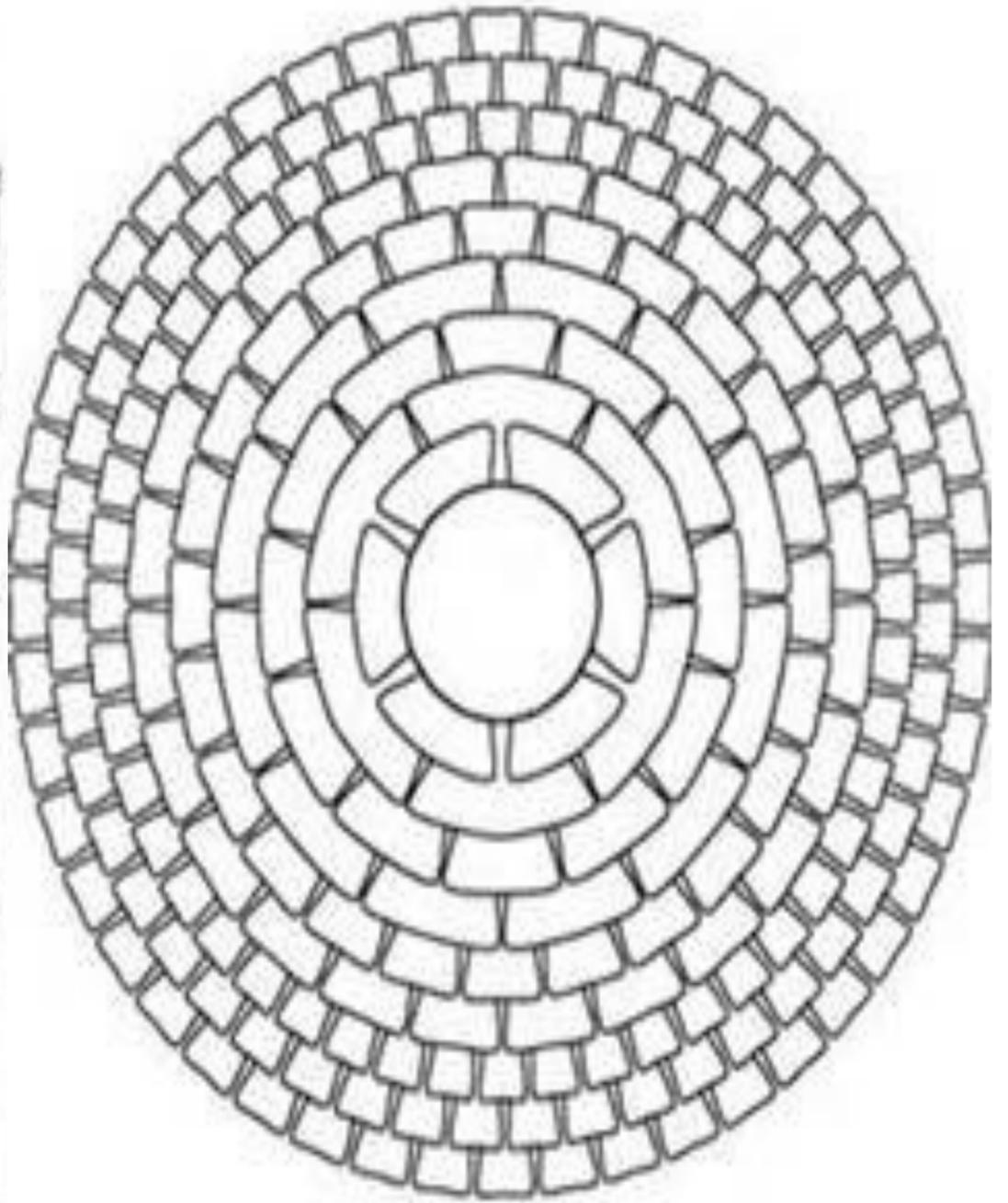
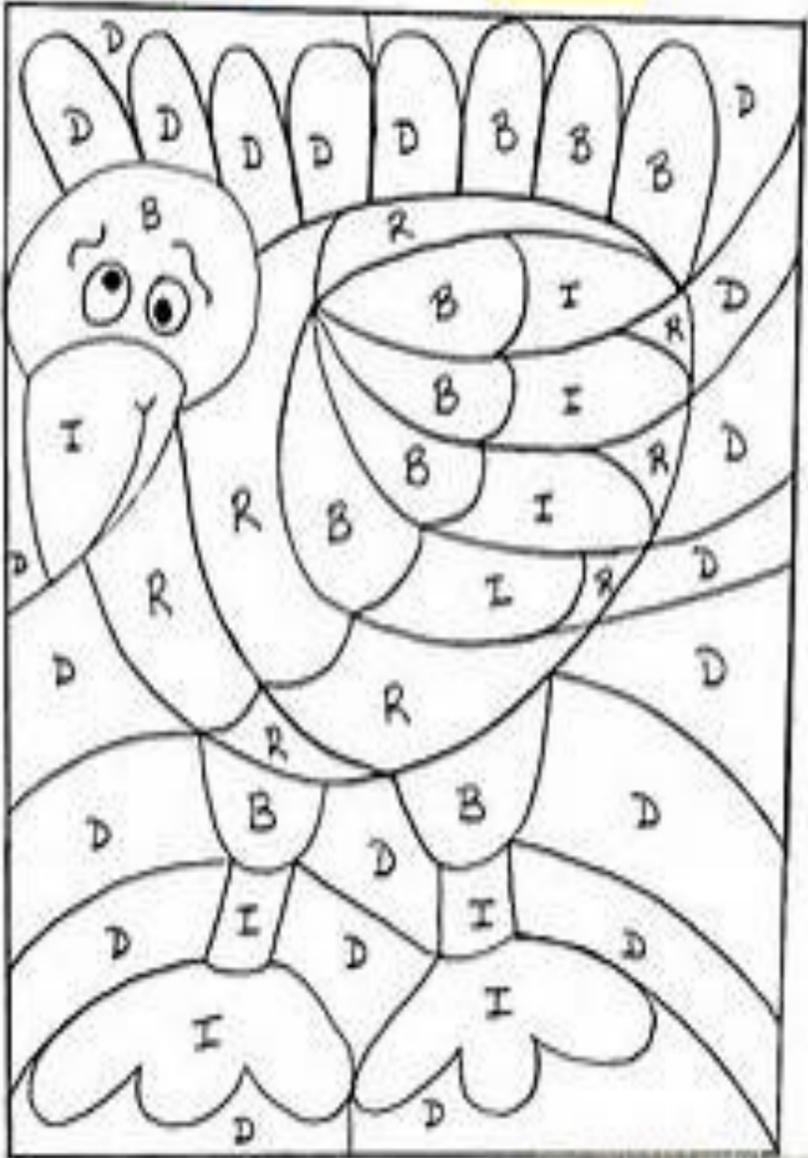
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HIDDEN PICTURE PUZZLES

by Liz

How many hidden items can you find?

- TRUMAN'S CAP
- ICE CREAM CONES
- RING
- MUSHROOM
- ENVELOPE
- LADLE
- RABBIT
- WORM
- MUG
- MUSIC NOTE
- PENGUIN
- BIRDS
- ANGEL
- SHOE
- TEPEE
- HAWK

