

Message Stick Birak Season

Birak - December 2016

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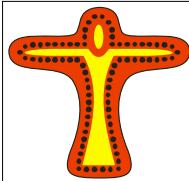
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ABORIGINAL CATHOLIC MINISTRY ARCHDIOCESE OF PERTH, WA

"Helping our mob grow in faith and culture"

IT'S BIRAK SEASON IN NOONGAR COUNTRY

Hot and dry with easterly winds blow during the day and southwest sea breezes in the afternoon.

Banksia flowers were gathered for the honey. A sweet party mead called Mangite was made by steeping Poolgaria flowers (Bull Banksia, Banksia grandis) in water till they fermented.

The sweet, salty fruit of the Bain (pigface, Carpobrotus viriscens) were collected.

Nyungar people burnt sections of scrubland up until Bunuru. The fires reduced undergrowth and encouraged the lush growth of grasses and young plants in Djilba. The fires also forced Yonga (kangaroo), karda (goanna) and small marsupials into the open where they could be hunted. As summer advanced Nyungars gathered in greater numbers.

Information courtesy of



<http://www.bom.gov.au>

Staff Profile: Reg Carnamah

I am from Yalgoo in the mid-west, the wild flower country. I have held my Catholic faith since the 1970s and being Catholic has allowed me to see things a lot clearer which has been life changing.

I have been working at the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry for 7 years and my role is Pastoral Assistant. My role enables me to work with a range of different Indigenous clients in the hospitals, where we talk to those in hospital, say a prayer with them and support them through their time at hospital. I also on special request able to help to organise Holy Communion for those in the hospital. My role enables me to visit people's homes to have a chat with them, at the request of people if children need to be baptised or receive their first Holy communion, I help to organise that.

I like to work at the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry as it is never boring, there is a lot of change occurring in the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry and we can only go on to do bigger and better things. I like meeting all the different people my role gives me the opportunity to meet.

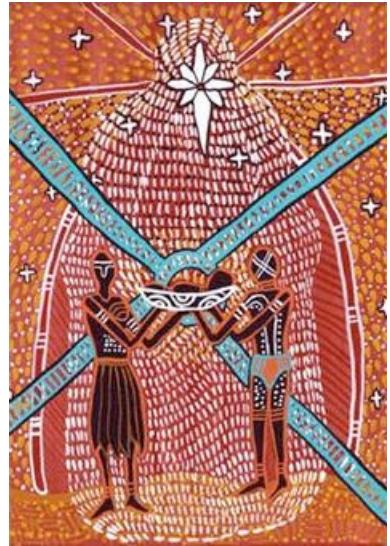
It would be nice to see more young men join the Ministry and become more involved with the Ministry and the community, with hope of seeing more young indigenous men become Acolytes and Deacons. Allowing these young men to see how faith and culture impact their lives. I am a keen gardener and I like to tend to my garden, I also like to paint. I like to catch up with friends and family as I always have a good time when I am around them. I am a West Coast Eagles supporter so I like to watch them when they are playing.



Christmas Story in Noongar

Luke 2: 1-7 Jesus koorlangweta

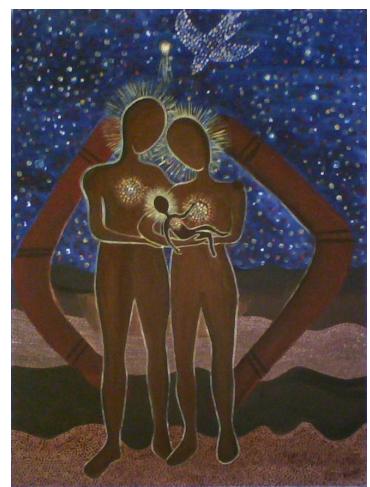
1. Yeyi Djelyib Augustus koordook djinanginy ngalan moorta wininginy baalang.
2. Nidja koriyat bordakiny kolang moortamanang. Nidja edjena nginda Qurinius nyiny birdiyar Syria-ang.
3. Moorrelman koorl baalaparoo karlamaya, maam-inramang karlamaya. Bokadja, baalap boordak baalapang kola milmilikal.
4. Joseph wandja Nazareth Galilee-kang karlamaya, kidji koorl Bethlehem, karlamaya Judea-kal. Djelyib David kwadjabaal djoowak David-ang.
5. Baal wer baalang kola. Mary-yang ngoongooolonga kwadja-yanga Mary-yany Joseph koorta-barranginy. Mary boodjari.
6. Koodjal yoowal-koorl Bethlehem, karro dji edjena Mary-yang yidjiny baalang maawit.
7. Mary yidja baalang koriyat nop, baal wolang baalany bwokal kidji baal ngoming baalany mayakal booliyakang merenyang, narla yoowart ngowort koodjalang ngwoorrndak karlamayakal.



Chapter 2 : Jesus is born

1. Now King Augustus wanted to see how many people were living in his country.
2. This was the first writing of names of all people. This happened when Quirinius was ruler of Syria.
3. All the people went their own town, ancestors' town. There, they wrote their names on paper.
4. Joseph left Nazareth, a Galilean town, and went to Bethlehem, a town in Judea. King David had been born in Bethlehem. Joseph went to Bethlehem because he was a descendant of David. 5. He and his wife Mary, the two went to Bethlehem to write their names. Mary's people had given Mary to Joseph to marry. Mary was pregnant.
5. They both came to Bethlehem, then the time happened for Mary bearing her baby.
6. Mary bore her first son, she wrapped him in cloths and laid him in the box for cattle food, because there was no shelter for the two of them for sleeping in the town.

-Translation taken from Warda kwabba Luke-Ang—2



Our Catholic Faith and our Aboriginal Culture

Reflection by Father Joseph & Reg Carnamah

A REFLECTION ON ADVENT

ADVENT refers to an ARRIVAL of a person or an event, a very important event and a very important Person, Jesus, Son of God. The arrival of any person instils an Expectation on the side of the people waiting and triggers a Hope in the hearts and minds of the people, all the more so for the Person of Jesus.

Advent is a length of time of about 4 weeks during which Hope and Expectation prevails and we all do a bit of preparation for the arrival of Jesus.

Jesus comes as human being, born of a Virgin and in Him we place our Hope and Expectation for our Salvation. We hope for a better future for all humanity.



Peace, Joy, Happiness that evade humanity for many centuries, return to all humanity as a whole and to every human person in particular as each one puts ones faith and trust in Him.

Each of us may have problems in our lives, struggling to climb the mountain of the Lord, God himself offers us his Light to find our way, his Strength to walk our way and Joy when we reach our destination.

Aggie Pigram's Faith Story

My name is Agnes Pigram, mostly known as Aggie. I am proudly named after my grandmother whom in our family's eyes; we believe is a saint. She instilled within us all, strong morals and values of family and togetherness and I carry these onto my children, propelling us forward in our daily lives.

I feel honoured to be a part of her as she has always been a true inspiration in my life, and continues to guide me along my way as an angel in my heart!

I am a proud Yawuru Jarndu from Broome and Bardi Oorany from Djarindjin Community in the Kimberley Region of Australia. So my faith story goes back long before my time to that of my old people at Lombadina Mission.

I attended St Mary's College as a child being baptised at Our Lady Queen of Peace in Broome. Although I couldn't have realised at such a young age, I now know and appreciate how my faith has paved the way for my life, creating a strong foundation of unconditional love and support, enabling me to achieve all my heart desires.

I regularly attended church every Sunday with my parents, siblings and grandmother. My cousins and I would altar serve and participate in youth programs at our parish. During my schooling I also made my Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

My last 3 years of school were completed at Iona Presentation College in Perth where I boarded until I graduated from Year 12. In 2005 I was fortunate to attend the World Youth Day in Cologne, Germany with Bishop Saunders, Father Matt and a group of 40 youth from around Australia. I was a representative of Broome Catholic Diocese and NATSICC. Whilst we were there I was also chosen to represent Aboriginal Australia on the river cruise along side Pope Benedict XVI.

In 2006, I attended the Dreaming from the Heart Conference in Alice Springs and nominated North West Australian Youth Ambassador for NATSICC.



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What's been happening for the past few months?

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October and November were filled with quite a few activities and it was fantastic to see so many of you at them. However apart from these activities, the Ministry team continued our regular ministry work of hospital visitations, funeral support and preparation, regular church services, home visitations, presentations to Universities, community referrals and support and prayer and spiritual guidance. We enjoy our work and love it when we others in the community come and volunteer and get involved with our activities. You are most welcome

NATSICC Team in Team

In early October, the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Catholic Council had their meeting in Perth. We were delighted to get to have Evelyn Parkin, a Council member and Aboriginal Theologian share about her faith and culture which stimulated much conversation with those present. We then had a Mass led by Bishop Don with the Clontarf students and joined them for dinner. While the Council was in Perth they decided that the dates and venue of the 2018 NATSICC Assembly which are the 1-4th of October 2018 at the University of Notre Dame Fremantle. Stay tuned for more information.



Meeting with Catholic Earthcare:

Aboriginal Catholic Council Members Karen Ryder and Christine Taylor met with the CEO of Catholic Earthcare and the WA representative to share with them the history of New Norcia and the connections between Catholic understandings of stewardship and the environment and the Aboriginal connection to Country. These conversations will continue in 2017 with an Ecology on Noongar Country Day Trip with Catholic Earth care and ACM in 2017.

Mass with Clontarf Aboriginal College

In 2016 we have formed an important relationship with Clontarf Aboriginal College and Aboriginal Catholic Ministry which we began with a couple of masses in 2016. In 2017 we will continue to share Mass with the College at 5pm on the 3rd Sunday of every month during the school term which will follow by dinner with the students, all community members are welcome to attend. The school will also provide a venue for

ACM's monthly Faith & Culture Yarns at 4pm in the school Library. Father Joseph will also be involved with the internal school Masses and we will support any students in their faith journey.



All Souls Day & Blessing of Graves

On All Souls Day we continued our tradition of celebrating Mass for the Soul's of those who have died at Guildford Cemetery followed by the blessing of the graves. This year we were joined by some Parishioners from Lesmurdie Parish for the morning.

What's been happening in the past few months?

Country Trip

Vicky and Father Joseph did a mini road trip to Kalgoorlie where they met with some Aboriginal families and the Priests in the town to connect them to each other and the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry. On the way, back they stopped in at Merredin, Goomalling and Northam. The communities were grateful for the visit and the potential of ongoing support and connection with the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry. The ACM team also visited Moora just a few weeks before, ACM see's that we have a role in working with Parish's across the Archdiocese to be places of Reconciliation, faith and healing with the Aboriginal community.



JP II 30th Anniversary Mass

On Sunday the 27th of November, we celebrated Mass with Emeritus Archbishop Hickey at the Cathedral to mark the 30th Anniversary of St John Paul II visit to Australia and in particular his message to Aboriginal people and the wider catholic community in Alice Springs. His message was one of hope and strength in culture and faith and whilst said 30 years ago, the message is still relevant for our community today. This was a beautiful celebration which began with a Welcome to Country by Theresa Walley, a smoking ceremony by Ben and Alf Taylor and Didgeridoo playing young men from Trinity and Wesley College. After Mass we heard from Jacinta Taylor, Bev Port Louis and Shirley Quaresimin about the significance of the speech and their hopes for Aboriginal people and our church. If you haven't ever read the speech before check it out at natsicc.org.au



Seminarian Training

During the last week of November, we facilitated some cultural immersion training for the St Charles Seminarians (men training to be Priests). The purpose of the training was to give the Seminarians an understanding and experience of the realities of Aboriginal culture, history, faith and relationships with the Church pre-and post colonisation to prepare them to be ministers in our communities. The 3 days included, lots of yarning, history, stories of stolen generation, mission experiences, government and church policies, reconciliation, healing, Whiteness and Racism, field trips on Noongar country, partnerships with Catholic Education Office, art, song and planning. We are so grateful for everyone who participated in these 3 days. The feedback from the seminarians is that it was an experience that has deeply impacted their lives and they plan to make it part of their faith and leadership journey.

Employment of a Youth and Children's Officer

In Mid-November Jacinta Taylor-Foster begun as our part time Youth and Children's Officer. Jacinta will be working with us for one year for 12 hours a week mainly on a Thursday but with flexible hours and can be contacted on youth.acm@perthcatholic.org.au and through the office. Jacinta also works as an Aboriginal Teachers Assistant at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Hilton. We are excited that we are able to have her start in the role to slowly begin to engage and develop some youth and children's plans and projects in 2017. The focus of her role initially will be to run some Children's Faith, Culture and Fun days in the April, July and September school holidays, to form a youth committee and to connect Aboriginal children and young people with the Aboriginal Catholic community and the wider catholic community. Through the formation of a youth committee we hope that our young people will come up with some great ideas and put them into action to build a solid community of faith and culture.



Letter from the Pope Francis



To Mr John Lochowiak
Chairperson
National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council

I send cordial greetings and best wishes to you and the entire Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people on the occasion of the thirtieth anniversary of the visit of Saint John Paul II to Alice Springs. I assure you of my spiritual closeness as you reflect on the many ways in which Almighty God has blessed your community through that historic visit.

This anniversary affords me the happy opportunity to express my deep esteem for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and for your ancient cultural heritage. Uniting my voice to that of Saint John Paul II, I encourage you in his words: "Your culture, which shows the lasting genius and dignity of your race, must not be allowed to disappear. Do not think that your gifts are worth so little that you should no longer bother to maintain them. Share them with each other and teach them to your children. Your songs, your stories, your paintings, your dances, your languages, must never be lost." For when you share the noble traditions of your community,

society, and in this way God's holy will is accomplished. I pray that this occasion will provide an opportunity to deepen your love for Christ and for one another, offering a convincing and tangible sign that we are "no longer strangers and sojourners, but... fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God" (*Eph 2:19*).

Commending you and all the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to the intercession of Saint Mary of the Cross McKillop, I willingly impart my Apostolic Blessing as a pledge of joy and peace in the Lord.

From the Vatican, 29 November 2016

François

Message Sticks

Here at ACM we are inspired by the words of JP II in 1986 when he said “You are part of Australia and Australia is part of you. And the Church herself in Australia will not be fully the Church that Jesus wants her to be until you have made your contribution to her life and until that contribution has been joyfully received by others.” Those words are still true today and we are committed to making them happen through our work at Aboriginal Catholic Ministry with the Aboriginal and Catholic communities. Over the last year, the ACM Staff and Council have been talking to many of you about our visions and hopes for our Church and people. We have spoken about what makes Aboriginal Catholic Ministry unique and what the important messages are that we want to share with our Aboriginal community but also the non-Aboriginal community. Through these conversations we have listened and come up with 7 key messages we want to focus on and share with others over the next few years, they are:

- **Growing in Gospel Faith**- To share and make known Jesus within the Aboriginal Community through the Catholic Church.
- **Growing in Culture**- To work with the community to express the living word of Jesus in ways that speak to Aboriginal minds and hearts
- **Healing**- To support the journey of healing within the Aboriginal community.
- **Reconciliation**- advance the movement towards Reconciliation within the Catholic and wider community.
- **Our Story, Our Community**- To tell, share and be inspired by the story of the Aboriginal Catholic Community.
- **Leadership and Gifts**- To work with the community to recognise and nurture the God given gifts of the Aboriginal Community and for these to be shared in their families, church and wider community.
- **Living the Mercy and Justice of God**- To work with the Church to put into action the Mercy and Justice of God through pastoral care, spiritual care and service to the Aboriginal community.

These sticks are made of wood from the old Cathedral. If you would like information about them, get in contact with us.



To

Faith Story & Christmas Party

Aggies Faith Story Cont...

In 2007, I had my eldest child Patrick, then twins Kael and Jedd in 2010. They were all baptised together in Broome by Bishop and continue to be educated in the Catholic tradition.

During my years as a young mother and the right of passage into womanhood I have learnt lot, gained a lot of life experience, wisdom and inner strength. My passion for the rising of my people grows stronger everyday; which has allowed the birth of my business Yimijalan Liyan – Awaken the Spirit to develop each day that I continue to grow. With a focus on Spiritual Healing, Wellbeing, Empowerment, and Leadership predominantly for Aboriginal Women who are the backbone of our families and communities. A space to come together and create positive change for all, working from the inside out one heart at a time!

Growing up in the Kimberley I know how truly blessed I am to have been surrounded by powerful country, culture and humble people. My upbringing was one of strong community spirit, where families were one and looked after each other no matter what, where children were raised by a village not alone, and it saddens me when I see and hear of my people giving up hope, living in competition amongst each other, and tearing each other down instead of lifting each other up; we can all to rise up together. I choose to focus on creating a positive ripple effect of love, hope and faith. I know both God and my old people before me have a plan for my life, and I will continue to follow! *“They tried to bury us. They didn’t know we were seeds.” – Mexican Proverb*



Come Join us for our final mass of the year followed by a Christmas Lunch!

11am Sunday 18th of December at the Holy Trinity Church, 8 Burnett St Embleton

Come along, bring the family and a dish to share. Christmas carols and singing at 10:45am.

We hope to see you there!



ACM 2017 Community Calendar

NOTES/KEY	FEBRUARY 2017	MARCH 2017	APRIL 2017
Embleton Mass Faith & Culture Yarning, Mass & Dinner @ Clontarf PICNIC MASS Other Community Events Children's Faith, Culture & Fun Day Training with Catholic Community & Aboriginal Community Coming Home Together Meeting	Sunday Embleton Mass-11am 12 th , 26 th of Feb Faith & Culture Yarning (4pm), Mass (5pm) & Dinner (6pm) at Clontarf –Sunday 19 th March Mass (5pm) & Dinner (6pm) at Clontarf –Sunday 19 th Feb Tuesday 28 th of March	PICNIC MASS (Success Hill, Ashfield)- 11am 5 th of March Sunday Embleton Mass- 11am 12 th & 26 th Faith & Culture Yarning (4pm), Mass (5pm) & Dinner (6pm) at Clontarf –Sunday 19 th March Catholic Cultural Awareness Workshop with CEE 9am-3pm Saturday 25 th March Coming Home Together Network-10am-1pm, Tuesday 28 th of March	PICNIC MASS)- 11am 2 nd of April (Guildford Sunday Embleton Mass- 11am 9 th , 23 rd , 30 th of April Easter Sunday 16 th of April 11am Mass Children's Faith, Culture & Fun Day- TBC
MAY 2017	JUNE 2017	JULY 2017	AUGUST 2017
FAMILY MASS, Embleton 11am 7 th of May Sunday Embleton Mass- 11am, 14th and 28 th of May Faith & Culture Yarning (4pm), Mass (5pm) & Dinner (6pm) at Clontarf –Sunday 21 st of May Aboriginal Sunday Workshop with Liturgy Office Saturday 27 th of May 2-4pm	Sunday Embleton Mass- 11am 4 th , 11 th ,25 th of June Faith & Culture Yarning (4pm), Mass (5pm) & Dinner (6pm) at Clontarf –Sunday 18 th of June Coming Home Together Network-10am-1pm, Tuesday 20 th of June	Sunday Embleton Mass- 11am 2 nd , 16 th , 23 rd , 30 th of July NAIDOC Mass at St Mary's Cathedral 5pm Sunday 9 th of July ACM Community Day- 4 th of July 11am- 3pm Children's Faith, Culture & Fun Day- TBC NAIDOC Week	Sunday Embleton Mass- 11am 6 th ,13 th and 27 th of August Faith & Culture Yarning (4pm), Mass (5pm) & Dinner (6pm) at Clontarf –Sunday 20 th of August Indigenous Spirituality Seminar 12 th August, 2pm-4.30pm
SEPTEMBER 2017	OCTOBER 2017	NOVEMBER 2017	DECEMBER 2017
Sunday Embleton Mass- 11am 3 rd , 10 th and 24 th of September Faith & Culture Yarning (4pm), Mass (5pm) & Dinner (6pm) at Clontarf –Sunday 17 th of September Children's Faith, Culture & Fun Day- TBC	PICNIC MASS- 11am 1 st of October (Tomato Lake, Belmont)	PICNIC MASS- 11am 5 th of November (Kwinana)	PICNIC MASS- 11am 3 rd of December(Kelmscott/Armadale
Coming Home Together Network- 10am-1pm, Tuesday 19 th of September Catholic Earth Care & ACM 'Noongar Country' Day Trip Saturday 24 th 10-4	Sunday Embleton Mass- 11am 8 th , 22 nd ,29 th of October Faith & Culture Yarning (4pm), Mass (5pm) & Dinner (6pm) at Clontarf –Sunday 15 th of October Pinjarra Massacre Prayer Service Saturday 28 th of October 1130am	Sunday Embleton Mass- 11am 12 th and 26 th of November Faith & Culture Yarning (4pm), Mass (5pm) & Dinner (6pm) at Clontarf –Sunday 19 th of November All Saints Mass & Blessings of Graves- Sunday 19 th of November	Sunday Embleton Mass- 11am 10 th Mass and Christmas Celebration Sunday 11am 17 th of December Sunday 11am 17 th of December National Youth Retreat & Festival 5 th -9 th of December (Sydney)
		Community to enrich the faith life of your Parish, 21 st of October 10-4	Community Melbourne Cup Lunch 7 th November, 11-2

Community Announcements: Suicide

Warning signs of suicide

Unfortunately suicide is a reality in the lives of many in our community. We want anyone who has lost a loved one to suicide to know we are praying for you them and want to be there to support you. Below are some warning signs that might you support and prevent someone from taking their own life. However it is important to remember that no one blames themselves or the loss of life, we never fully know what is happening in the life of that person.

Take any suicidal talk or behaviour seriously.

It's not just a warning sign that the person is thinking about suicide—it's a cry for help.

Most suicidal individuals give warning signs or signals of their intentions. The best way to prevent suicide is to recognize these warning signs and know how to respond if you spot them. If you believe that a friend or family member is suicidal, you can play a role in suicide prevention by pointing out the alternatives, showing that you care, and getting a doctor or psychologist involved.

Major warning signs for suicide include talking about killing or harming oneself, talking or writing a lot about death or dying, and seeking out things that could be used in a suicide attempt, such as weapons and drugs. These signals are even more dangerous if the person has a mood disorder such as depression or bipolar disorder, suffers from alcohol dependence, has previously attempted suicide, or has a family history of suicide.

A subtler but equally dangerous warning sign of suicide is hopelessness. Studies have found that hopelessness is a strong predictor of suicide. People who feel hopeless may talk about "unbearable" feelings, predict a bleak future, and state that they have nothing to look forward to.

Other warning signs that point to a suicidal mind frame include dramatic mood swings or sudden personality changes, such as going from outgoing to withdrawn or well-behaved to rebellious. A suicidal person may also lose interest in day-to-day activities, neglect his or her appearance, and show big changes in eating or sleeping habits.

Cast your cares upon the Lord, for he cares about you.

- I Peter 5:7

Lifeline: 13 11 44 (24/7)

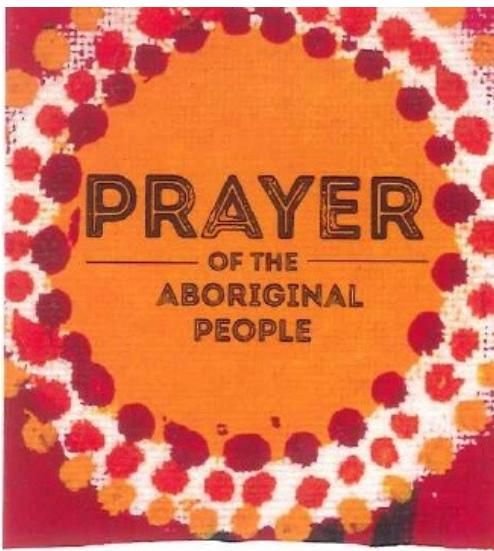
**Western Australia Mental Health
Emergency Response Line**

**08 9224 8888 OR 1800 676 822 (24
hours)**

**Crisis Care Helpline 24/7 08 9223 1111
(Perth)**



Community Announcements



Father of all, you gave us
the Dreaming.
You have spoken to us
through our beliefs.
You then made your love
clear to us
in the person of Jesus.
We thank you for your care.
You own us.
You are our hope.

Make us strong as we face
the problems of change.
We ask you to help the people
of Australia
to listen to us and respect
our culture.
Make the knowledge of you
grow strong in all people,
so that we can make a home
for everyone in our land.
Amen.

**Prayer composed for the meeting
between Pope St John Paul II
and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait
Islander Peoples. November 1986**



YOKAI - 'Healing our Spirit'

Maribank/Carrolup and Wandering Missions are being redeveloped by and for our community!

KAYA!! - We would like to talk with any members of our community that have connections to these Missions.

The Southern Aboriginal Corporation (SAC) in Albany in partnership with Bringing Them Home WA (BTHWA) are now forming a partnership that will involve BTHWA securing the lease on both Mission sites.

This is a symbolic opportunity for us to take back the sites where our children were taken and where such grief and trauma were inflicted and use them to heal our people and reconnect them to the culture that was taken from them!

We want your involvement, your input and your ideas to help renovate and redevelop these Missions so that they meet the needs of our community. We will therefore be establishing 'Leadership Groups' from both Missions who will be an Advisory or Reference Group that will assist in setting the direction for this redevelopment.

Please contact Jim Morrison on 0408 917 133 if you have any ideas, but please feel free to also pass on this information to other Survivors of these Missions.



Jim Morrison

Co-Convenor

Bringing Them Home Committee

Bringing Them Home Committee (WA) Inc.

www.yokai.com.au

Getting involved at ACM

WANTED VOLUNTEERS, WORK EXPERIENCE AND INTERNSHIPS

Do you want to contribute to your community? Do you want to gain and further develop your skills? Why don't you volunteer at the ACM today? The experience offered will allow volunteers to see what it is like to run events, work in an office environment, work with a diverse range of community members as well as be a fun and enjoyable experience!

We are keen to have people join the ministry team as volunteers and will help them to develop a diverse range of practical skills which will assist them with future employment opportunities. We need people to help with Administration, Gardening, Pastoral Care, Event Planning, running Women's and Men's groups and other jobs. Please contact Vicky Burrows on **9328 7529** if you or anyone you know wants to volunteer with the ACM!



Veritas Youth Conference

Youth Committee

Are you or anyone you know interested in joining our Aboriginal Catholic Youth Committee?

We are looking for those in high school and above who are keen to be part of this new group to plan what you want to see happen for Aboriginal young people.

Please contact Jacinta at the office for more information.

You Are Unique



You may not think that the world needs you, but it does. For you are unique, like no one that has ever been before or will come after.

No one can speak with your voice, say your piece, smile your smile, or shine your light. No one can take your place, for it is yours alone to fill.

If you are not there to shine your light, who knows how many travelers will lose their way as they try to pass by your empty place in the darkness?



Charon R & Sarah (Student from Notre Dame University) at the Djilba Festival

Photos of 2016

Seminarian Training



St John Paul II Mass at St Mary's Cathedral



Rose W, Christine T & with students from Santa Maria College

Faith & Yarning at Clontarf College



Kids Corner

THE PARABLE OF THE LOST COIN

NAME: _____



Santa Word Search

XURSCTXBOJIWVWY
SOWXHOQTOCNFFIQ
LWKTIYMTQOASFQD
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Chimney Rudolph
Elves Sled
Fairies Sleigh
Jolly Sleigh Bells
North Pole St. Nick
Reindeer Toys



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Dashing through the bush
In a rusty Holden Ute
Kicking up the dust
Esky in the boot
Kelpie by my side
Singing Christmas songs
It's summer time and I am in
My singlet, shorts & thongs

Chorus

OH, JINGLE BELLS, JINGLE BELLS
JINGLE ALL THE WAY
CHRISTMAS IN AUSTRALIA

ON A SCORCHING SUMMER'S DAY
JINGLE BELLS, JINGLE BELLS
CHRISTMAS TIME IS BEAUT
OH WHAT FUN IT IS TO RIDE
IN A RUSTY HOLDEN UTE

Engine's getting hot
Dodge the kangaroos
Swaggy climbs aboard
He is welcome too
All the family is there
Sitting by the pool
Christmas day, the Aussie way
By the barbecue!

Chorus

Come the afternoon
Grandpa has a doze
The kids and uncle Bruce
Are swimming in their clothes
The time comes round to go
We take a family snap
Then pack the car and all shoot through
Before the washing up

Chorus

Photos of 2016



ACM Community Day in NAIDOC Week



Students from St Brigid's School in Lesmurdie with Sr Frances W. at the St John Paul II Mass



Archbishop Hickey celebrating St John Paul II Mass



Sacrament Mass: Reconciliation Week 2016



BBQ at Embleton October 2016



Vicky and CEO staff at Sorry Day Event



Kalgoorlie Visit