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Fr Fred and Fr Philip Marshall, centre, flanked by the principals and APRIMs of St Catherine's School, Stirling, St Joseph's School, Murray Bridge, and St Francis de Sales College, Mount Barker, at the 2026 Commissioning Mass at St Matthew's Bridgewater last month

Teaching through the language of life and love

By Fr Fred

I have followed the many speeches delivered by Pope Francis during his pontificate about Catholic Education. He was always an inspiration for me, especially when he referred to the importance of Catholic Education.

I have read many of his teachings regarding this subject which inspired me to write down this reflection on this occasion of the Commissioning Mass for the staff of the three Catholic schools, St Catherine's, St Francis de Sales and St Joseph's.

In one of his speeches Pope Francis asked educators: how can we avoid losing hope and keep nourishing it every day in our Catholic Education? His answer: by keeping our gaze fixed on Jesus, the teacher and companion on our journey.

He asked: What is God's educational method? His answer: it is one of closeness, compassion and

tenderness. These three qualities are essential. Like a teacher who enters the world of their students, where God chose to live among people, teaching through the language of life and love.

Hope and keeping one's eyes focused on Jesus is the solution to getting through daily difficulties and stresses, for the Lord is at our side and your companion.

A good teacher is someone of hope as teachers dedicate themselves with trust and patience to a project of human growth.

Your hope is not naïve, it is rooted in reality and sustained by the conviction that every educational effort has value, every person dignity and a vocation worthy of being cultivated.

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Lobethal



St Matthew's
Birdwood



Our Lady of the Rosary
Stirling



St Catherine's
Stirling

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Teaching through the language of life and love

Any educational efforts at schools are to promote peace, that is, imagining peace which lays the foundations for a more just and fraternal world through every subject taught and through the creativity of children and young people.

But what if, at school, one wages war or engages in bullying? You are preparing for war, not peace.

During various challenges, we are called to give better formation to the children and young people, the need to represent the face of the Church in schools and for schools, encouraging them to focus on the present of schools, which is also the future of society.

Please think about both young teachers taking their first steps and families who often feel alone in their educational responsibilities, and let's give them genuine support.

As educators, you are called to nurture the desire for truth, goodness and beauty that lies in the heart of everyone under our care, so that all may learn how to love life and be open to the fullness of life.

Catholic education is also evangelisation: bearing witness to the joy of the Gospel and its power to renew our communities and provide hope and strength in facing wisely the challenges of the present.

Teachers can serve the whole person in a process of integral human development by forming the head, hands and heart together: preserving and enhancing the link between learning, doing and feeling in the noblest sense.

In this way, you will be able to offer not only an excellent academic curriculum, but also a coherent vision of life inspired by the teachings of Christ. Teachers should not be afraid to put forward high ideals and not be discouraged in the face of difficulties.

To be effective agents of change, Catholic educators need to build and strengthen fruitful relationships with different actors in the process of education: families, teachers, social actors, coaches, catechists, priests, religious women and men, without overlooking collaboration with public institutions.

It is also important in involving children directly, since children must not be passive in the educational process. In other words, educators need to centre their work on the dignity of each person.

Bringing forward an idea and practice of education effectively places each person, his or her essential value and original dignity, at the centre.



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Teaching means first rediscovering and valuing the centrality of the person in a relationship where the dignity of human life finds fulfillment and adequate space to grow.

Educators need to look to young people, who are the present and the future of the church, with trust and empathy, with the gaze and heart of Jesus.

Finally, Pope Leo XIV urged Catholic teachers on 28 October last year to focus less on pre-professional outcomes and more on educating students to have rich spiritual lives and use technology in ways that keep human dignity front and centre.



A knee injury proves to be a major turning point in Cate's faith journey

By Rosie Russell, who was Cate Branscheld's sponsor for her Confirmation

In May 2025, Cate Branscheld suffered a knee injury that stopped her in her tracks. Her property has a large garden along with many animals and, being on her own, she is also responsible for all the day-to-day activities of running a home.

The constant pain and the frustration of her debilitating injury left her feeling grumpy and her way of dealing with such a blow was to retreat within herself, which is true of most introverts.

Cate had been attending a Baptist church and, although she loved the congregation, she had questions about the Baptist theology around the Eucharist. She has been a continual searcher, her search leading her to many different denominations and churches. In her own words, she was looking for tradition, a solid true faith that had a historical thread that spoke of its beginnings and conception.

In the case of faith, we relate this to Christ himself and the precepts that he ordained.

Initially, Cate thought she had found this in the Anglican church, but something rang alarm bells for her when the bastion brand of the Anglican faith began throwing out the traditional interpretations of the scriptures. She was shocked, as she felt that they too, were succumbing to the ideology that the secular world was adopting and aligning itself to.

Cate was looking for a church; a faith grounded on the unwavering principal and teachings of Christ that are the truth. They are universal, unchanging and infinite.

Cate's immobility and pain, along with the disappointment of her spiritual journey, initially lead her to retreat into her novels, books and movies. She allowed herself to become engulfed in all these distractions as a survival strategy. All the while in the background was the niggling reminder about the most important search, her faith.

This, she tried to ignore. She watched a lot of YouTube and stumbled upon the usual fantastical conspiracies about the Catholic Church, not to mention a few sensationalist scandals.

Among all of this she came across a podcast by Gavin Ashenden and found his arguments about the authenticity of the Catholic faith to be intelligent and persuasive. This led her to other Catholic podcasts, Catholic Unscripted, the Council of Trent and a few others.

Here, there were no conspiracies but rather intelligent, educated, theologically sound arguments that could be traced back to the first apostles.

In her words, "it really felt like a light went on in my brain."

"Light, music vibration and a feeling rising up from deep within my gut. That old gut feeling when it is telling you that something is right and cannot be ignored."

Cate said that she now realises that it was the Holy Spirit moving her, and she was not about to ignore him. She is so grateful that these experiences have led her to the Catholic faith. She commenced the Parish Right of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) programme with Fr Fred. After completing the RCIA, she went through the Sacrament of Reconciliation before receiving Confirmation and her first Holy Communion on Sunday 1 February.

It was the day she realised that God, indeed, works in mysterious ways, for it was her knee injury that bought her to her knees, causing her to bow her knees to the one who created her.

We as a community are delighted to have her company with us on the journey to the heart of Christ.



Cate, Fr Fred and Rosie following Cate's recent Confirmation



Feast of Epiphany brings down curtain on Jubilee Year 2025

PPC chair John Leeton, above, lowers the banner above the altar at St Matthew's Bridgewater on the feast of the Epiphany, signifying the end of the Jubilee Year 2025, while below, Fr Fred celebrates Mass at Sevenhill during the June 2025 pilgrimage to the Clare Valley site

On the feast of the Epiphany, Pope Leo solemnly closed the Holy Door of St Peter's Basilica at the Vatican, formerly concluding the Holy Year 2025 which Pope Francis opened on Christmas Eve 2024.

In our parish, we celebrated the Jubilee Year when, on the Fourth Sunday of Advent 2024, in preparation for the Jubilee Year 2025, we put up a banner with the logo of the Jubilee and its motto 'Pilgrims of Hope'.

Throughout the year, in the Introduction before Mass, we were reminded every weekend how we can be Pilgrims of Hope through the Word of God during the week.

Prayers were also recited during the Prayers of Intercessions. During Lent on Thursday 3 April, we held the Pilgrims of Hope – Way of the Cross. We walked together as a community, reciting the Stations of the Cross, from a starting point at the corner of Gould and Old Mount Barker Roads in Stirling and then along Old Mount Barker Road to Our Lady of the Rosary (OLOR) at Stirling East.

We recited the final Station at OLOR and concluded the Pilgrims of Hope journey with Benediction. On Friday 13 June, we undertook a pilgrimage to Sevenhill in the Clare Valley, one of the sites chosen by the Archbishop as a Pilgrimage site for the Jubilee Year. Mass was celebrated by Fr Fred and afterwards we had the occasion to visit the winery before enjoying a lunch organised at the



Sevenhill Hotel.

On Sunday 19 October, we as a parish celebrated the Jubilee by reciting Jubilee prayers outside St Matthew's Bridgewater and, on entering, everyone was blessed with the Holy Jubilee Cross brought from Rome. The Jubilee Mass ended with the reciting of the Jubilee Prayer.

On the Epiphany, we lowered the banner above the altar at St Matthew's Bridgewater, signifying the end of the Jubilee Year 2025. The next Jubilee will be in 2033 when the Church celebrates the Extraordinary Holy Year of Redemption.



St Catherine's Catholic School News

As we begin a new school year with grateful hearts and a shared sense of hope for what lies ahead, St Catherine's APRIM, Krystina Dawe, looks forward to a year of learning and growth, guided by our faith and the values that shape who the school is. She shares several key happenings, among them the Commissioning Mass, Wellbeing Weeks and development at the Kitchen Garden



prayer each day, recognising their blessings and praying for those who need extra care at this time.

Year starts with Commissioning Mass

As part of our staff formation, we commenced our year with a Commissioning Mass which brought together staff from St Catherine's School, St Francis de Sales College in Mount Barker and St Joseph's School in Murray Bridge.

This celebration was a wonderful opportunity for the school and parish communities to connect through shared Communion. Thank you to Fr Fred and the St Matthew's Bridgewater parish community for hosting the celebration this year. Thank you, too, to Fr Philip Marshall for sharing in the occasion.

Kitchen Garden for Everyone

Our Kitchen Garden programme has commenced again for the year, and we are excited to be undertaking this great initiative with all the classes throughout the year.

Returning from the summer holidays has meant the students will work on establishing and nourishing gardens which have withstood the heat and longer periods without monitoring. We were pleased to find zucchinis ready for picking, with others soon to be ready.

This has already created conversations about possible recipe ideas for coming weeks. With R/1NB and 2TT taking part in the Kitchen Garden programme this term, we are also looking for parents who may be interested in volunteering their time to be an extra set of hands. Please reach out to your child's teacher if you are able to assist.

Classes Recognise Their Blessings

At the start of the year, each class was gifted with a prayer box. Each box contained a number of times to use in our sacred spaces, as well as information about their importance. During our Wellbeing weeks at the start of the term, classes unpacked these boxes and explored the various items, setting up their prayer spaces with great care and consideration.



It has been lovely to see classes taking part in



The early weeks of 2026 have demonstrated strong community engagement, the successful onboarding of new staff, and a continued focus on spiritual and educational development. We are excited about the year ahead.

Dialogue Week – making decisions for our future

By Fr Fred

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The 2026 Archdiocesan Synod is a big meeting to help the Archbishop and the leaders of our parishes, schools and communities to make decisions for our future.

The week of 22 to 28 February 2026 is designated as Dialogue Week in the Archdiocese of Adelaide. This is a time for people of all ages in parishes, schools and communities to provide feedback into the upcoming 2026 Archdiocesan Synod.

During Dialogue Week, you can send in your feedback and help shape the agenda of the Synod.

Dialogue Week is a chance for you to have a voice in the 2026 Archdiocesan Synod.

It's an invitation to have a conversation with someone else about the things that are important to you, and to share them with the Archbishop and the Synod members.

The final document of the Synod has been released, and the full document is available as a PDF at: www.togetherontheway.au/key-themes

Parishioners are invited to participate in a Dialogue Week session in our parish on Wednesday 25 February at Our Lady of the Hills Parish Hall.

There will be a time of prayer, listening and discussion centred on the five key themes of the Synod.

These five themes are:

Becoming Missionary Disciples

Formation for Mission and Leadership

Communion in Grace: Sacrament to the World

The Mission of Catholic Education and Being Church Together

Structures and Planning for Communion, Mission and Participation

The Parish Pastoral Council is organising the event and an information leaflet has been printed to provide additional information to everyone.

Cool weather fails to dampen warm New Year's Eve celebrations at OLOR

By Debbie Somers

The parish held a wonderful year-end celebration at Our Lady of the Rosary (OLOR) church on Wednesday 31 December, with Mass celebrated by Fr Fred at 6pm followed by a delicious light supper – complete with bubbles and orange juice – under the porch.

While an unseasonably cool evening, it did little to dampen the warm, friendly and convivial atmosphere. Many who attended remarked on the front garden which, under the direction of Paul Anderson and generous volunteers, has seen a makeover that is a work in progress and a very attractive improvement.

I would like to invite all within our parish to take a look at the grounds at OLOR, including the Memorial Garden, which is a quiet spiritual resting place, with benches for sitting in the shade, and the front garden, now a riot of colour.

Thanks to Fr Fred for his time and preparation for our two Masses a week at OLOR. The number of worshippers who attend is increasing each week.





A large turnout of parishioners joined Fr Fred to celebrate his 40th anniversary of ordination, starting with Mass at St Matthew's Bridgewater and concluding with refreshments in the parish hall

Thanks for responding to God's call, Fr Fred

*Parish pastoral coordinator **Cathie Oswald** delivered the speech at Fr Fred's 40th anniversary of ordination celebration in January, tracing his winding path from Malta to the Adelaide Hills. We carry an abridged version.*

Fr Fred first started to consider that God may have called him to the priesthood during his years at St Paul's Missionary College, a school founded by Monseigneur Depiro. It will be no surprise that Father's mother expressed some astonishment at this, given his predilection for trouble as a young boy. The children at St Catherine's can give testament to this, his 'Naughty Fr Fred' stories are often the basis of his homilies at the school. My favourite is when a young Fred freed his grandfather's prize pigeons by opening their cages so that they could fly away.

At the age of 18 and while on retreat, the Holy Spirit tapped him on the shoulder, and he committed himself to spread the Word of God as a priest. Before taking his final vows in 1984, Father was sent to the Order's house in Pakistan. However, after falling ill, he returned to Malta.

Once ordained, he spent time in Sydney, Melbourne and New York before being sent to do pastoral work at St Sebastian's Church in Rabat, Morocco. He also taught full time at his alma mater, St Paul's Missionary College, while completing a BA at the University of Malta.

In 1997, Father was sent to Melbourne. During the four years in Australia, he obtained Australian citizenship and, in 2001, he returned to Gozo to the Noviciate House which he converted into a Retreat Centre. In 2008, following some difficulties with local authorities and the Provincial Superior, Father was granted a sabbatical year, which he spent in Adelaide working with Fr – now Bishop of Darwin – Charlie Gauci. The one year extended to two and it was during this time that he started to consider

leaving the Order and becoming a diocesan priest. He was accepted as a diocesan priest by then Archbishop Phillip Wilson in 2012 and appointed as assistant parish priest in the Noarlunga Parish.

He arrived as our parish priest in 2014, facing a huge challenge. After so many years without a shepherd, we were a flock divided, a parish where two of its four churches were about to be sold, a parish where involvement by the laity was minimal. Today, we have four beautiful churches in use as places of worship, spiritual homes to communities.

Despite difficulties, Father has persevered in the belief that if we lose the church, we lose the community. Today we are thriving, with some 160 volunteers across the parish. Under his leadership, parishioners from Birdwood, Lobethal, Stirling East and Bridgewater work enthusiastically to build a welcoming and inclusive community which fosters love of God and love of our neighbour.

In accepting the challenge to unite a flock once divided, Fr Fred faced his own challenges. The isolation – and being separated from family and friends – is hard and ongoing, while the Australian and local church cultures differ from those of Malta.

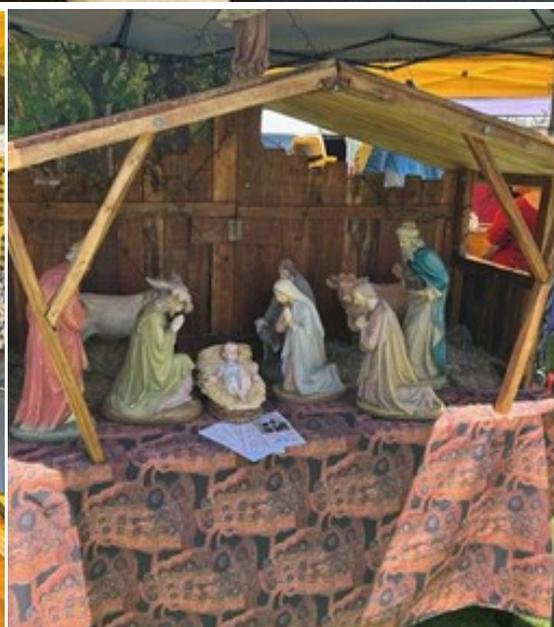
But in meeting these challenges, he has always felt he has good people around him to support him. He has felt he is not alone, that God is always with him and that prayer overcomes all obstacles.

Father, we feel so blessed to have you in our lives. We are your Australian family. Thank you for your leadership, your love, for being the 'heart and soul' of our parish community, and for taking that leap of faith and responding to God's call 40 years ago.

Christmas across the parish – through the lens of parishioners

The Christmas season of 2025 was again marked by a wide range of activities in the lead-up to Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Mass across the parish, all well supported and well attended by parishioners.

We share just some of these moments in pictures, starting with the dressing of the altar for Advent, taking a peek at our participation in the Stirling Christmas Pageant and highlighting other moments like the Christmas Novena, the Tableau and Carols by Candlelight



Top: The altar at St Matthew's Bridgewater was appropriately dressed at the start of Advent on the fourth Sunday before Christmas

*Above, right: Volunteers assist at our stall at the Stirling Christmas Pageant
Above, left: We also displayed a Nativity Scene at the Stirling Christmas Pageant*



*Above, left: Paris Huffman delivers the Christmas Novena reflection at Our Lady of the Rosary (OLOR)
Above right: Parishioners mingle over a cuppa and a chat after the annual
Carols by Candlelight event at OLO
Below: Children tell the story of Jesus' birth through the Christmas Tableau at
St Matthew's Bridgewater*





Tree planting was the order of the day at the most recent working bee at St Matthew's Bridgewater

Ecology Group hopes to introduce monthly St Matthew's Bridgewater working bees

By John Leeton

In line with the Ecology Group's motto of 'Keep it local and keep it simple', we're looking to introduce monthly working bees at St Matthew's Bridgewater, similar to those at Our Lady of the Rosary, St Matthew's Birdwood and Joseph the Worker in Lobethal.

Our most recent effort was on Saturday 29 November, when the team and a good number of their friends not only tended to the many plants by giving them well-deserved drinks – a regular necessity in the hot weather we've been experiencing – but planted a few new trees and about a dozen new seedlings in pots. These are being cultivated and nurtured, ready for transfer to permanent spots on the property later this year.

Seedlings are very cheap and in pots can be grown for more successful planting later. Why pay premium price for semi-mature plants when seedlings are so cheap?

It's so satisfying and rewarding nice to see the plants grow with daily watering.

Our next working bee is set for Saturday 28 February 2026, close to Clean-up Australia Day on 1 March.

There are lots of things to do to keep up the gardening and maintenance at St Matthew's and the parish house.

Fr Fred is the shepherd, the leader of the flock, and while he likes gardening, it is not up to him to keep the grounds in good order.

There are other projects, too, like trimming back trees that affect our neighbours, regular lawn mowing and disposing of the cuttings, which is a problem.

Fr Fred cannot move the very heavy green bins that go to recycling, so we have decided to mulch and

compost on-site.

We will create a three-bay system at the backyard of the parish house and in so doing, reduce overfull green bins and diminish the need to transport trailer loads to the dump.

It also reduces time and energy when done on site and, importantly, is ecologically friendly.

Beyond the work, though, these working bees are a great way to catch up with the church community, make more friends and be more involved in parish life.

Climate change is real, and with devastating floods, bushfires and other ecological disasters increasingly in the news, we need to do everything we can.

For example, for the first time in the four or so years since a diverse group of faith practitioners have been gathering peacefully on the steps of South Australia's Parliament House to 'Meditate for Earth' from midday to 12.30pm, the January 2026 event had to be cancelled.

The reason: the extreme heatwave conditions that affected multiple Australian states, including SA, over a four-day period from 7 to 10 January.

The group, with Ecology Group's Helen Cantwell an active member, continues to call on all governments from all countries to heed the serious warnings by the International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and the 2025 International Court of Justice (ICJ) Advisory Opinion on the Obligations of States in respect of Climate Change.

But it's not just up to governments.

We can all do our bit by reducing our consumption of fossil fuels and switching to efficiency and renewable energy.

Stay cool, stay safe!



Forest Friends – a place where skills develop naturally, confidence grows

By Anne Maher

The parish's St Catherine's School has a long and proud tradition of welcoming families from all backgrounds – and it all starts from a child's earliest days, with the successful Forest Friends playgroup catering for pre-schoolers from infants to five years of age.

The playgroup meets each Monday morning on the school campus in Stirling, where fun sessions are guided by an experienced early years educator and supported by Supported Playgroup in Catholic Education, or SPICE.

Each week, children explore, build, climb and create.

They talk, sing, listen and play. And through simple routines and familiar spaces, they grow in confidence.

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The group meets indoors in our music room and outside in the Forest area, whatever the weather.

That's where everything from gumboots to sunhats come in...and it goes without saying that a sense of adventure is always welcome.

Forest Friends is also a space for parents and grandparents to connect.

You don't have to do it alone. Come to ask questions, swap ideas or just enjoy time with your child.

It really is heartening when we hear from many of the families involved that they always look forward to the calm rhythm of the sessions – and the many friendships they have formed along the way and retain to this day.

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Alternatively, you can visit the school website (stcaths.catholic.edu.au) or the Forest Friends Facebook page.

Atrium sessions demand increases



Sue Sachse's report on St Matthew's Parish Atrium, below, completes our annual report coverage for the year 2025

In December 2025, another group of Level 3 children finished their journey with our Atrium. This encourages us to think about the ongoing support we give these young people as they enter their teenage years, and beyond. We nurture their relationship with Jesus in their time in the Atrium.

Most of these children have been attending Atrium since they were three years old and are now 12 and 13 years of age. We now need to extend their experience of the Church and faith, while their home here at local parishes remains.

There are Catholic youth groups to keep them connected to their Catholic friends, among them the Easter Youth pilgrimage - Light to the Nations, the Ignite Youth Conferences, Catholic World Youth Days and Catholic Youth Festivals that occur both locally and nationally.

While looking at an email, sent to me from the Pastoral and Matrimonial Renewal Centre, I was struck by an article entitled 'Catechumenal Pathways for Married Life' - Pastoral Guidelines for local Churches. CPML is a pastoral framework from the Holy See, designed to renew marriage preparation and ongoing support for couples. It emphasises evangelisation, vocational discernment and lifelong accompaniment rather than a short pre-wedding course.

What stood out for me is the 'ongoing support', 'evangelisation', and 'lifelong accompaniment', which our Church calls each of us to. This is what we can provide for our children of our Atrium, as a firm and lasting foundation for a lifelong journey in faith.

One of our ongoing needs is to form catechists in the method of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd programme. In 2025, we were able to offer Level 1 formation for catechists, parents, grandparents and anyone interested in the spiritual life of children. We now have our own local Adelaide ladies, who are formation leaders, and this gives us greater opportunities to form more catechists as the demand for Atrium sessions for families increases.

We give so much thanks to all our hardworking catechists who have volunteered their time to help run our Atrium each week, for the children to come and have their time listening to Jesus. Many thanks also to Fr Fred and our parish for their support.

If you would like more information about St Matthew's Parish Atrium, please contact me at any time on 0431 117 840.

Alternatively, you can find information on the website of the Association of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Australia).



St Matthew's Parish Atrium sessions, such as those above and below, help to nurture relationships between the children and Jesus





'Saucy' moment at Vinnies Sausage Sizzle

By John Leeton

While Australia Day 2026 may have seemed like a normal day for most, it certainly wasn't for our very own Des Stapleton who, while part of the Vinnies team at the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle on an equally sizzling day that nudged well into the 40s, drew the heated ire of a tomato sauce dispenser that had just about had enough of the blistering conditions.

With temperatures rising as the morning progressed, the dispenser promptly exploded, covering an unsuspecting Des from head to toe in the sticky red sauce.

Naturally, his fellow volunteers were in stitches, tears of laughter streaming down their faces while good sport Des – who also saw the funny side of it – attempted to clean up.

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Des Stapleton cleans up after his 'saucy' moment



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Parishioner and one of a handful of nonagenarians, Geoff Oliver celebrated his 98th birthday on 9 January 1928.

At Mass at St Matthew's Bridgewater two days later, Fr Fred, pictured here with Geoff, made special mention of the milestone.

A raconteur of note, Geoff is also a published author, his memoir entitled *Live Your Life – Not Just Exist*.

Happy birthday, Geoff. We look forward to celebrating your 100th in two years' time.

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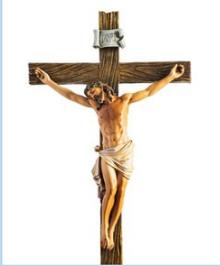
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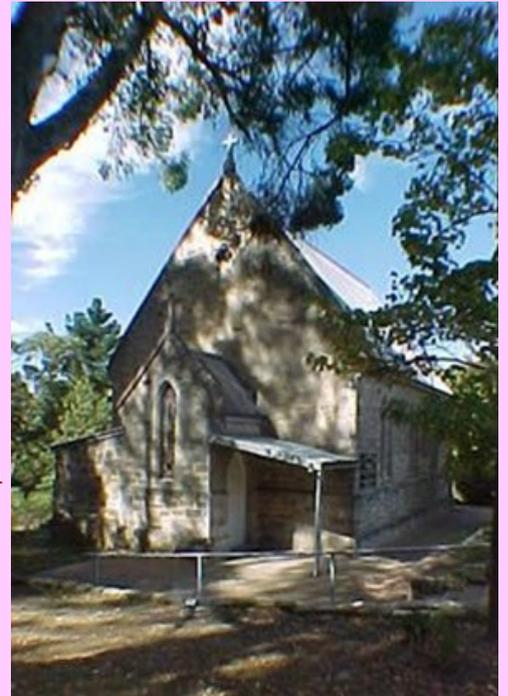
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