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29th February 2008

AD CLERUM – MARCH 2008

Dear Colleagues in Ministry

I forward this Ad Clerum to update and remind the good folk of the Diocese about the happenings in March.

Friday 7th March at 6.00 p.m. at St. James Cathedral:

Service for the Commencement of the Academic year for James Cook University.

Sunday 9th March at 4.45 p.m. at The Chapel of St. Mark's College:

Commissioning of The Reverend Dr. Drew Hanlon as Principal of the College and the commissioning of the Resident Advisors. If you are planning to stay on after the service for dinner at the College, please contact Noelene or Judy on 4779 5044 for catering purposes.

Friday 14th March at 6.30 p.m. Ingham

Induction of The Reverend Barbara Blackford. We look forward to Barbara's ministry and welcome Barbara and her husband Darrel to the Diocese.

Schools:

Trinity Anglican School (TAS) Cairns:

It was a delight and pleasure to induct Mr. Christopher Daunt Watney as Principal of TAS on Friday 15 February. Mr Daunt Watney has made an excellent start at the school and we extend a very warm welcome to Christopher and his wife Annabel.

Whitsunday Anglican School (WAS) Mr. Craig Bassingthwaight:

On behalf of the Diocese I congratulate Mr. Bassingthwaight on his appointment as Principal of Somerset College on the Gold Coast. Somerset's motto is "Deo Confidimus" – In God we Trust. We certainly pray for God's blessing on Craig as he concludes his time in the Diocese and prepares to move to Somerset at the end of 2008.

Craig will have served as Principal of Whitsunday Anglican School (WAS) for eight years and during that time has offered outstanding leadership. I will be saying more later in the year on Craig's contribution to the life of both WAS and TAS.

The Cathedral School (TCS):

The School is in the process of appointing a Principal to commence at a date to be announced. Please pray for those involved in the appointment process.

The Reverend Canon Len Nairn has offered outstanding leadership in his short time with the school and will conclude his time as headmaster on the 31 December 2008 as per his contract. Canon Nairn came to the school to address a number of issues and has done so with great efficiency. Enrolments have increased and many other issues have been addressed. Canon Nairn has not only added to the life of TCS, but enriched the Diocese. I want to assure people that both the school and Diocese have been blessed with Canon Nairn's time with us and that there is nothing wrong at the school. In fact, it is a place of great joy and educational progress.

Djarragun College:

Djarragun College, situated near Gordonvale, is a boarding and day school for Indigenous students. Each visit I have made to the school has been a delight. However, as I travel the Diocese I am conscious that many people are unaware of the College.

The College has a new library and resource centre and is seeking to build up its resources. I invite parishes to make an Easter gift of a book to the College. My suggestion is something that secondary age students would find helpful, particularly a history or a book that outlines the geography and industries of your area.

Lectionary:

There is an error in the Lectionary for Easter Day.
Please find attached the corrected readings.

The Cathedral Appeal:

Please make cheques payable to

“St James Cathedral Conservation Appeal”**Please pray for:**

- Mrs Flora Joe, her family and the people of St. Peter's Kubin as we the give thanks and celebrate the life of Fr. Salatielu Joe.
- Canon Ernie Lemmon who continues to make an excellent recovery from his surgery. Some people have asked when Canon Ernie will be discharged from hospital. That day is still to be announced.
- We rejoice with Mrs. Betty Gooch and Fr. Bob as Betty has been discharged from hospital and is making good progress at home.
- Bishop Saibo and the people of the Torres Strait as they give thanks for the life of James Rice.
- Mrs. Lala Leftwich for improved health.

- People of Mackay, Rockhampton and Emerald and other places in the area as they recover from the floods. We also pray for the insurance personnel, builders and counsellors who are assisting people.
- For the priests who are considering the Parish of Proserpine.

Please be assured of my prayers as you journey through Lent.

God bless

+ Bill, N.Q.
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