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February 2005	Oatley Churches revisited	Rafe Kowron spoke John O'Loughnan June Bennett

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S. of E., Oatley (east)
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All Saints' Anglican Church - Oatley West

Historical Notes on Years 1909 - 2005

The story really begins in 1909 when the land on which the church, halls and rectory now stand was acquired. The land was part of an area known as Griffith's Estate which was sub-divided and sold in that year. The developer set aside an area 264 feet long by 165 feet wide for the erection of a church, rectory and church halls.

In 1909 Oatley was sparsely inhabited. Much of the land was uncleared. Oatley was claiming to have had its very own bush ranger, the cattle duffer, one James Peasley. Oatley was part of the Church of England parish of St. George's, Hurstville which had gained parish Status in 1902. The Rev Dixon Hudson was Rector of the parish from 1909 to 1924.

The following list gives the names of Rectors and the areas over which they presided from 1925:

Rectors of Mortdale and Penshurst, cum Oatley and Peakhurst:

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Minister-in-charge Provisional District of Mortdale:

Rev. A.W. Hayman	1953 -
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Because of crowding at St Paul's the first Sunday School in the district of Oatley West met first in 1928 under the direction of Mrs. F. Smith as Superintendent. As numbers grew to 40 meeting on the verandah of Mr. Hedley Mallard's house in Douglas Haig Street meetings were moved to the Oatley District Swimming Club's rooms in Mulga Road. Because of increasing numbers the Sunday School's next move, in November, 1929, was to the home of Mrs. T. Jordan in Wonoona Parade West. Around this time plans were begun to build a church on the corner of Woronora Parade, partly as vacant land was being rated at the time.

Late in the 1920's the Sydney Synod approved the plan, by a small majority, to build on the designated land. A meeting of Mortdale Council and Oatley West residents, 17th February, 1930, moved to take steps to erect a Sunday School on the land. Early cost estimate was 750 pounds for a brick hall with 50 pounds for a weather board recess at the rear.

Hurstville Council delayed approval as 143 pounds was owing on back rates. After obtaining 1170 pounds from a fair, some private loans and donations, tennis days, concerts and a bond from parishioners the Foundation Stone was laid, 30th January, 1932, by Mr. T.C.F. Jordan. The first pulpit, prayer desk, communion rails and lectern were the generous gift of the parishioners of St. Martin's, Church of England, Kensington.

The total cost of the building which was completed, largely by volunteer labour, was about 1350 pounds, which included furnishings.

The dedication service, 28th. April, 1932, was conducted by Bishop E.N. Wilton and the first Sunday service was conducted by the Rev. W. Siddens, 1st May, 1932. At a special children's service in the afternoon 24 infants were baptised.

In the early days services were at 10am, with Holy Communion on the first Sunday each month, 7pm and Sunday School at 3pm. The Church Messenger of January, 1933 reported that the Sunday School under Superintendent Mrs. M Cole had regularly 15 teachers and 150 children in attendance.

Over the next 10 years branches were formed of church organisations including Church of England Boys' Society, Men's Fellowship, Mothers' Union and Ladies' Guild.

The foundation stone of the new Rectory at All Saints' was laid by Archbishop Mowll in a service, Saturday, 7th June, 1947. This new residence was to be the Rectory of the Parish of Mortdale, Oatley and Oatley West.

In the mid 1950's the Sunday School under Mrs Cole and her Daughter Mrs A. Propsting had 30 teachers, 125 children in the main school and 123 in the Kindergarten. A new hall was built in 1953, behind the main building, at a cost of 1155 pounds. It was dedicated by Archbishop Mowll, 8th November, 1953. It is interesting to note that the 11am All Saints Day service had been conducted by the Rev. F.J. Camroux who joined us on many occasions later on.

Several applications were made by Mortdale, Oatley and Oatley West from 1953. They were separated in 1954 and the first one to gain Parish status was Oatley West in 1955 and Rev. Ralph Ogden was inducted as Rector, 15th July, 1955.

Rectors of All Saints' Anglican Church, Oatley West from 1955 to 1980 were as follows:

Rev. Ralph Ogden	1955 - 1958
Rev. S.W. Gissing	1958 - 1960
Rev. O.B. Waldron-McCarthy	1960 - 1968
Rev. George Christopher	1968 - 1973
Rev. Barry Bevis	1973 - 1980

Plans for a new Church building were well under way in late 1953. Mr. Ogden had made a scale model of the building designed by architect Ken Ward Harvey, a parishioner and past Churchwarden. Rev. R. Ogden resigned, 31st January, 1958, due to the ill health of his wife who died late in 1958.

Rev. S.W. Gissing was inducted, 17th March, 1958. The foundation stone was laid, in a service, 3rd August, 1958, by Archbishop H.W.K. Mowll. The building was finished in January, 1959 at a total cost of 11,661 pounds.

The Rev. S.W. Gissing resigned, 4th May, 1960 having been asked to take up a position at Lithgow by the Archbishop. The Rev. O.B. Waldron-McCarthy was appointed locum tenens from July, 1960. He was inducted as the third Rector of All Saints', 4th September, 1960.

There were considerable problems with a leaking roof which eventually had to be replaced by May, 1961 at a cost of about 1400 pounds.

The young Fellowship started meeting in the attic above the kitchen, access at first was by ladder through the man hole in the kitchen, in 1963. In 1965 the the rear hall was greatly enlarge at a cost of 8000 pounds.

Rev. Waldron-McCarthy resigned in 1968 due to ill health and Rev. George Christopher was inducted, 28th November, 1968.

The young people's Fellowship was built up and there were several week end trips away with young people where services and other meetings were held. Because of Rev. Christopher's interest in choral music there were services and meetings where John Lloyd and other well known singers took part. There House Parties, Concerts, Dances and Progressive Dinners.

Rev. G. Christopher resigned, 31st January, 1973 and Rev. Barry Bevis was inducted, 26th July, 1973.

We started trying out new forms of Services. The wearing of vestments was discontinued and so was the practice of having Servers in services. A number of parishioners attended Billy Graham meetings. Some Church Army students were taken on to help with functions, mainly with youth activities and also provide assist them in their training.

Rectors of All Saints' Anglican Church, Oatley West from 1980 to date were as follows:

Canon Fred Camroux (locum tenens then Acting Rector)	1980 - 1981
Rev. S.W. Gissing	1981 - 1986
Rev. Esdale Barnes (locum tenens)	1986 - 1987
Rev. Peter Bains	1987 - 1992
Rev. B. Ward Powers	1992 - 1993
Rev. Chris Baxter	1993 -

The Rev. B. Bevis resigned at the end of August, 1980 and Canon Fred Camroux came first as locum tenens then acting Rector until Rev Syd Gissing joined us for the second time. His induction was on the 29th May, 1981.

The fiftieth anniversary of the date of the laying of the foundation stone of the first All Saints' building was celebrated. Much of the information in early part of this report is taken from "A Short History of All Saints Oatley West" compiled by John Coleman at the time.

Regular family services and morning teas were introduced after services. Lay participation in services gradually increased. A junior choir under Roslyn Symons took part in services. A wider range of music was used.

All Saints began the support of a Link Missionary and the support of a girl at the Brenton Cary Christian hostel in Pakistan. There were boat trips, dinners and excursions.

Rev. S. Gissing resigned in 1986 and Rev. Esdale Barnes came as locum tenens. The rectory kitchen was updated while it was vacant for a few weeks.

Rev. Peter Bains was inducted as Rector in February, 1987. In the anniversary year, 1988, we aimed to put a copy of the New Testament in every home in the parish. There were Pastoral Care, Small Groups and Bible Study courses which were well attended.

Rev. Peter Bains resigned in 1992 and Rev. B. Ward Powers came as acting Rector. He gave us in sermons a detailed history of the Anglican Church from its beginnings. Extensive renovation of the Rectory was carried out by volunteers and a new garage built in the grounds.

Rev. Chris Baxter was inducted as Rector after Easter, 1993. Youth groups were formed and meet regularly. An evening service became a regular fixture with increasing attendance, mainly youth. There has been increasing lay participation in all services.

A great deal of work was done on buildings and surrounds over the next 11 years. The main church building was clad to reduce the need for painting to a minimum, the main hall was given a new ceiling, the church and loft above the kitchen were given new roofs, the main hall was carpeted, part of the church floor was raised and the whole area carpeted, a terrace built beside the hall, Ramps were built at entrances to make access suitable for handicapped persons and considerable landscaping and tiling was carried out to the main street frontage.

Compiled by John Loughnan
8th February, 2005

ALL SAINTS' ANGLICAN CHURCH - OATLEY WEST
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CHURCHWARDENS of ALL SAINTS' OATLEY WEST

YEAR	RECTOR'S WARDEN	PEOPLES' WARDENS	
1932	T.C.F. JORDAN	R.J. NICHOLLS	E. HODGE
1933-4	T.C.F. JORDAN	R.J. NICHOLLS	A.H.D. MARSH
1935-6	T.C.F. JORDAN	K. RAINSFORD	A.H.D. MARSH
1937-8	T.C.F. JORDAN	K. RAINSFORD	F. SMEDLEY
1938	T.C.F. JORDAN	K. RAINSFORD	F. SMEDLEY
1939	T.C.F. JORDAN	R.J. NICHOLLS	F. SMEDLEY
1940-3	F. SMEDLEY	A.H.D. MARSH	W. McNAMARA
1944-5	F. SMEDLEY	A.H.D. MARSH	K. RAINSFORD
1946	A.H.D. MARSH	K. RAINSFORD	M. RAINSFORD
1947-8	A.H.D. MARSH	K. RAINSFORD	R.E. CALE
1949	A.H.D. MARSH	J. SIDDONS	R.E. CALE
1950	A.H.D. MARSH	R. ADAMS	R.E. CALE
1951	A.H.D. MARSH	F. RYAN	R.E. CALE
1952	K. WARD HARVEY	F. RYAN	B. JOHNSON
1953-6	B. JOHNSON	F. RYAN	R.A. PIPER
1957	K. WARD HARVEY	F. RYAN	R.A. PIPER
1958	J. GILES	F. RYAN	R.A. PIPER
1959-60	R.M. WATSON	F. RYAN	R.A. PIPER
1961	R.M. WATSON	F. RYAN	B. HANSLOW
1962	R.M. WATSON	F. RYAN	R.N. MARSH
1963	R.N. MARSH	F. RYAN	B. HANSLOW
1964-5	R.N. MARSH	R.E. CALE	J. P. FISHER
1966	K.E. McCALLUM	R.N. MARSH	F. RYAN
1967	K.E. McCALLUM	R.N. MARSH	R.E. CALE
1968	G. ALDEN	R.N. MARSH	R.E. CALE
1969-70	K.E. McCALLUM	R.N. MARSH	B. GORMAN
1971	I. CLARK	R.N. MARSH	R.E. CALE
1972	C. Mc DUIE	R.N. MARSH	R.E. CALE
1973-4	E.A. SHEPPARD	R.N. MARSH	R.E. CALE
1975	E.A. SHEPPARD	I. ANDREWS	R.E. CALE
1976-82	E.A. SHEPPARD	I. ANDREWS	R.N. MARSH
1983	E.A. SHEPPARD	R.N. MARSH	
1984-5	E.A. SHEPPARD	Mrs N. HUNTER	
1986		Mrs N. HUNTER	W. SYMONS
1987	Mrs N. HUNTER	D. EDMISTON	W. SYMONS
1988	J. HEYWARD	D. EDMISTON	M. HOWARD
1989	J.S. LOUGHNAN	D. EDMISTON	M. HOWARD
1990-1	J.S. LOUGHNAN	W. SYMONS	M. HOWARD
1992	J.S. LOUGHNAN	J. BEAVEN	C. CHALMERS
1993-4	J.S. LOUGHNAN	J. BEAVEN	Mrs L. ATKIN
1995-6	J.S. LOUGHNAN	J. BEAVEN	Miss J. WATT
1997-2003	J.S. LOUGHNAN	C. ROSS	Miss J. WATT
2004	C. ROSS	M. BRADFIELD	Miss J. WATT
2005			

ALL SAINTS' OATLEY WEST CHURCH From the Beginning

In 1909 the developer of Griffiths Estate set aside a piece of land for a church on the west side of Oatley, which was part of the Parish of St Georges, Hurstville. It was, however, over 20 years before any building stood there.

In 1928, because of overcrowding at St Pauls, Oatley, a Sunday School started in Oatley West, meeting in private houses then for the next 4 years.

In 1932 the first church building for All Saints', Oatley West was opened for use. Much volunteer labour had been used in the construction, during these depression years.

In 1940s a rear hall and a toilet block were constructed.

In 1947 the Rectory was built next to the church.

In 1950s the rear hall was enlarged.

In 1959 the new Church building was completed in January that year.

In 1963 the young Fellowship started using the attic above the kitchen for meetings and as a "coffee shop". Access at first was by ladder through the manhole.

In 1965 the rear hall was enlarged considerably at a cost of 8000 pounds and the toilet block improved.

In 1968 extensions to the rear of the Rectory were constructed.

In 1993 a new garage and driveway for the Rectory were completed.

Between 1994 and 2004 work was progressively carried out on and around church buildings, which included:

1. Most of the outside of the main church building which required painting had cladding fixed to make painting unnecessary.
2. New ceiling, wiring, lighting and heaters fitted to the church hall.
3. Repair and improvement of the drainage system around the church.
4. Landscaping and tiling across the front of the church.
5. Main hall and kitchen carpeted.
6. Ramps fitted and toilets adapted for disabled use.
7. New roof to the church and above the kitchen loft.
8. New lighting and heaters to the church.
9. Repainting of the inside of the church.
10. Church floor raised and building fully carpeted.
11. Deck at side of main hall with ramp and rails.

St. Pauls C. of E. Oatley.ORIGINAL
by June Bennett

The Foundation stone^{was} laid in 1911. The original church was weatherboard with an iron roof and was on the site of the existing Adeline church. The small back hall was built sometime in the late 1930s and on the eastern side of the church was a tennis court where I remember the ladies of the church played in the afternoons. St Pauls' was part of a large parish with St John's Penhurst being the head church, St Peter's Mortdale and Holy Trinity Peakhurst ~~part~~ making up the parish in the 1930s. St Aidan's Hurstville Grove and All Saints Oatley West joined in the 1940s and St Bede's Beverly Hills completed the tally of seven churches by the end of 1940s. The rector, Mr William Siddons, resided in the rectory at Ocean Street Penhurst and in order to cover all the churches he used lay preachers and later a catechist.

Church life was very busy with a morning ~~8AM~~ service, 3pm Sunday school and 7pm ~~morning~~ evening service. Cars were few and far between so some families e.g. The Murray family spent most Sundays walking to attend three services a day. The church had a choir which sang morning and evening and as many as the Sunday School teachers sang in the choir they got plenty of exercise three times on Sundays.

Sunday school picnics were held at the Royal National Park and we travelled by train with a carriage reserved for each of the churches.

3.

Because the church had no hall in the early days great use was made of the School of Arts for the annual tea-meeting and concerts. The ladies guild and Mothers Union held the church bazaars in the School of Arts with money raised going towards the church. Our fellowship held dances in the School of Arts with Nancy England & May playing the piano for us. I imagine church life, like life in general, has seen many changes in over 90 years in Oatley.

Jene Bennett

OATLEY WEST.

In the 1880's Peasley, the bushranger (no relation to the Rosa Street Peasley's, the breadcarter) stole cattle and horses from local farms and concealed them in the gully down behind where the Oatley Bowling Club is today. These were then sold to butchers in the district. He lived in a cave at the top of Llewellyn Street. Police, following the cattle tracks to his hideout, arrested him in the early 1900's.

In 1894, Mrs Saunders and family of "Demerara", 78 Woronora Parade, the only house in Oatley West at the time, held Sunday School and Church services. Ministers who visited and held the services there were Rev. M. Walker (Wesleyan), Rev. R. McKay (Presbyterian) and Rev. A. Killworth Church of England.

A settlement was established in Gungah Bay by the Wrights at the lower end of Waratah Street in 1910.

Oatley West Public School was opened in 1947. The original site gazetted in 1883 for a school in Oatley was a one acre block of land bounded by Acacia, Mi Mi and Woronora Parade. However, this did not eventuate and the land was later divided into building blocks and sold.

In 1888 Myles McRae owned 81 acres adjacent to Oatley Park (then named Peakhurst Park) and ran steers. His land was subdivided following World War I for War Service Homes.

Due to the efforts of the Oatley West Progress Association the road alongside Oatley Park was named Dame Mary Gilmore in a ceremony in 1954. Dame Mary attended and donated a seat bearing an inscription "Given by Dame Mary Gilmore - for tired people". This was placed in the shade of the Lone Pine.

IMPORTANT DATES IN THE LIFE OF THE PARISH

Oatley was originally part of the Parish of Peshurst established in 1916. Local families heroically walked to Sunday Mass...four miles for some. In the 30's there were about ten families. In 1935, the School of Arts was hired for Sunday Mass...the hourly rate was 2/6d (50cents). The First Collection raised 2/9d. Leaving 3d for the Priest. You will be pleased to know the Collections have more than doubled since.

Many would remember some of the Priests who came from Peshurst Mons Breen, Fathers Brabants, Byrne, Martin, Moreau and O'Shea. By the 40's there were 100 families and moves were made to build a Church. The site on the hill was chosen and was purchased for \$500 donated by Mrs Holdsworth. The plans were drawn up for a 'hall' by a Sydney Architect at a cost of 21,000 pounds (\$42, 000). Mr E. Campbell was the builder. Funds were raised from housie, raffles and house parties. Families involved included the Vincents, Whytes, Holdsworths, Geaches, Conways and Dunns.

The Foundation Stone of the new Church was laid October 8, 1950.

First Mass celebrated by Father Brabants January 6, 1952.

Blessing of the Church and School September 14, 1952 by Bishop Lyons.

Father Basil Jansen newly appointed Parish Priest celebrated Mass February 1, 1953.

The Leader of February 28, 1952 reported the first marriage in the Church ...Frank Anderson and June Dunn.

The New School Hall (the present Library and Admin area) was blessed by Cardinal Gilroy on Sunday October 16, 1960.

The additional classrooms were blessed by Archbishop Carroll September 17, 1972.

The present Presbytery was blessed by Bishop Cremin November 3, 1974.

Father Jansen had lived in 50 Rosa St Oatley from April 21, 1953.

KUM-ba-yah!

Someone's praying Lord Kum-ba-yah

Someone's praying Lord Kum-ba-yah

Someone's praying Lord Kum-ba-yah

Oh Lord Kum-ba-yah.

Kum-ba-yah, my Lord Kum-ba-yah

Kum-ba-yah my, Lord Kum-ba-yah

Kum-ba-yah my Lord Kum-ba-yah

Oh Lord Kum-ba-yah



The inviting sanctuary in St Joseph's. Visitors enjoy the intimate joyful atmosphere of what has been described as a "very Catholic parish." *Pictures by Mike Thorpe.*

Edited by Phil Pearman

Potted Parish
No 126

NEXT WEEK:
St Patrick's,
Nyngan

St Joseph's Parish, Oatley



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7. **Masses other than English:** *None.*
8. **Parish school numbers:** 206.
9. **Parish groups:** *Liturgical Ministries, Acolytes, Special Ministers of the Eucharist, Lectors, Catholic Women's League, Choir, Music Ministries, St Vincent de Paul Conference, Finance Committee, Parents and Friends, Catechists, Altar Society, Wardens, Church Carers, Counters and Maintenance Groups and Advisory Committees.*
10. **Special parish features:** *St Joseph's is a parish*

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11. **Parish milestones:** *Last February the parish family celebrated Oatley's 40 years. It began with a joyful celebration of Australia Day with a Mass Thanksgiving, a bush dance and our special guest was Father Basil Jansen who was the first parish priest of Oatley serving the people of Oatley for 29 years. In preparation for the 40 years of the parish, stained glass windows were installed at St Joseph's. Facing east, they present a spectacular scene as the sun rises depicting the Annuncia-*

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Enrol
a friend
living or dead
in the



GOLDEN BOOK at the Shrine of St John Bosco

A card bearing the name of the person enrolled will be sent to you from

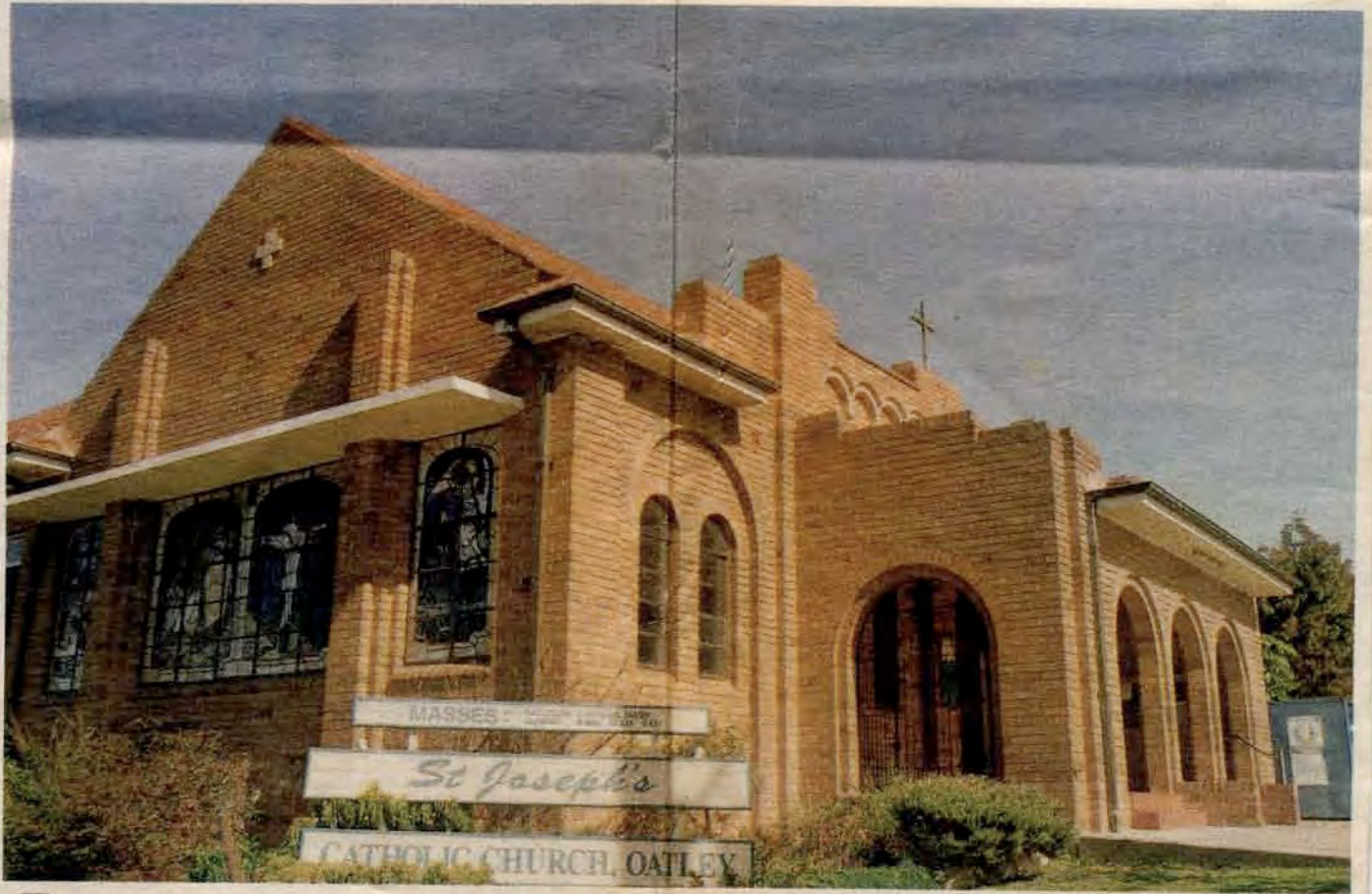
The Parish Priest, P.O. Box 202, Engadine, NSW 2233

(A suggested donation to the maintenance of the Shrine - \$5.00 per enrolment)

Thinkspot

The whole science of the saints consists in knowing and following the will of God.

ISIDORE OF SEVILLE



- St Joseph's Church in Oatley, which has unique historical links with Australia's colonial beginnings.

The Children's Page

WHAT IF?

What if there was a flood in the ACT and it went into Parliament House?

What if the Prime Minister and Neville Wran were too busy having an argument and didn't see the flood?

What if the flood went into the kitchen and started a fire?

What if the flood and fire started a hurricane?

What if the flood, fire and hurricane headed towards the boardroom?

What if the hurricane unfastened the lock of the boardroom?

What if the fire burnt down the door?

What if the flood pushed open the door?

What if the Prime Minister and Neville Wran didn't notice anything and continued to argue?

What if all servants and maids came out of Parliament House like a stampede of elephants?

What if they were still arguing and didn't notice anything?

What if the fire burnt the desk they were sitting at?

What if the Prime Minister and Neville Wran noticed the fire, flood and hurricane and fled out of the door like ten stampedes of elephants?

What if the servants, maids, Prime Minister and Neville Wran all sat and watched the Australian flag burn down and watched Parliament House burn down to ashes?

MARK WILSON (Year 4)

Below are some answers to school examination questions by some American children.

Q: Where did Columbus first sight land?

A: Columbus first sighted land on page 22.

Q: Explain briefly the difference between tigers and leopards?

A: Tigers have stripes but leopards have spots.

Q: What does the word "mumbo jumbo" mean?

A: A mumbo jumbo is an elephant who can talk.

Q: What mistake did I make in the sentence: "He was one who volunteered to work for him."?

A: You should never volunteer.

Q: What is the main use of oil today?

A: The main use of oil today is to get people rich.

Q: When a glass is dropped, what causes it to break?

A: Carelessness.

Q: What is an apiary?

A: An apiary is a place where they grow apes.

Q: In what channel was the Spanish Armada defeated?

A: I think it was channel 9.

Acknowledgements to "A Child's Garden of Misinformation".

ERIC LINKLATER

St Joseph's OATLEY

(Presbytery 57 1864)

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Masses

SATURDAY Vigil Mass 6 p.m.

SUNDAY 7 a.m.

SUNDAY 8.30 a.m.

SUNDAY 10 a.m.

Baptisms }
Marriages } By appointment

You are always welcome
at St. Joseph's



Celebrating our first 30 years

In February 1983 the Parish will be 30 years old. Decades are valuable occasions on which to rejoice and to assess and plan for the future.

There was the time when the Catholics of Oatley were served from the parent parish of Penshurst, and Mass was celebrated in the local hall. Many members of our parish family remember this well. They were a very vital part of the project to have their own church here in Oatley.

Monsignor Collender laid the foundation stone of the new Church on Sunday, October 8, 1950. The new Parish Priest was appointed to Oatley and began duties on February 1, 1953. He was, of course, Father Basil Jansen.

The first Baptisms recorded in the new parish were for —

Kerry Anne Hickey, Frederick Street, Oatley, 15/2/53;

Anne Shirley O'Sullivan, Windsor Road, Padstow, 15/2/53;

Ian Malcolm Joseph Hoskins, Mimosa Street, Oatley, 22/2/53.

The first marriage was celebrated between Frederick Armson and Patricia Harris on April 11, 1953. It was then nearly 12 months before the next marriage. Two took place in April 1954 — between William Roelanots and Marie Lenehan on January 2, and between Kevin McGrath and Patricia Holdsworth on April 24.

Those who went to their eternal reward at that time were John Ryan 16/4/53, James Young 6/7/53, and William Murphy, who died in Holland on February 18, 1953.

On being at home in the Parish

The life of the parish family continued under the paternal eye of Father Jansen and now 30 years have slipped by. God alone would know the Graces received and nourished to blossom into devout lives. He alone would know how many have found their place in Heaven or at least are securing their place there through the love, prayers and life of the Oatley parish family. However, we can be certain that over these years, many have had a part to play.

The feeling of being "at home", of being welcome in a parish depends on so many factors: the priests serving a parish

and especially in the celebration of Mass and in the giving of the Sacraments, all have a profound influence. The catechists play an important role. The teachers in the parish school, those who care for the altar, the wardens who assist in the smooth running of the church, the lectors, all affect the tone of parish life. It is so important, I believe, for every parishioner to see the influence he or she has for good or ill on the lives of others. St Paul in his letter to the Romans reminds us that "the life and death of each of us has its influence on others".

It is fitting then that we mark the 30 years of our parish. In a scriptural sense we have come of age. Our Lord followed the tradition of his day, waiting until he was 30 before going out to teach.

The three themes: thanks, renewal, joy

The first theme for 1983 should be one of thanksgiving. We offer prayerful thanks for all those who planned our church and gave such a good start to its life. We thank God for the devoted work of that Parish Priest who, for almost 30 years, applied himself to the building up of the family of God; and we thank the Priests who passed through at varying times, the Sisters and the generous lay people who financed the continual progress of the parish and its needs.

Renewal should be another theme. Life means growth. The celebration of 30 years gives us a chance to see where we stand in relation to God. Are we co-operating as well as we might with the Graces God gives us. Perhaps there is a spiritual tune-up needed. Perhaps, too, we can all benefit from a lift in our spiritual insights, a clearer knowledge of our Faith and a deepening of our devotion and response to the love of God. A programme of discussion groups around the parish would be valuable: a special Mass, prepared for by a series of Community Masses should highlight the Anniversary.

The note of joy in the celebration can be shown in many ways. There are those who would like a Parish Ball. Maybe you, gentle reader, can suggest a suitable place, and think about having debutantes or other features to enhance the function.

A series of parish dinners would increase the opportunity of people getting to know each other better.

It would be good to think that all the members of our parish family gave some thought on how we celebrate our 30 years. A committee of interested and imaginative parishioners could do so much to make 1983 a memorable experience. Pray about it, think about it and apply your skills, please. Let us glorify God for his goodness to us while we combine our energies to provide for enthusiastic years ahead.

M. McCarthy

OUR LADY OF HELP

The new Icon of Our Lady was blessed on the Feast of Our Lady's birthday, September 8. Many of our parishioners have been praying for some time that the church could have an image of Our Lady under one of her best-known titles.

The picture itself came from Mount Athos, about the 13th century, and found its way to Rome. The Icon we now have based on the original, was painted by Sister Joy Reynolds, a member of the Benedictine Order.

The face, in the Icon tradition, is not a photographic image but is rather intended to indicate the serenity of vision into eternity. Our Lady is seen to be looking out of the picture in this particular Icon. The eyes are very expressive.

The Child is looking back to the instruments of the Passion, indicating the idea that the Passion was always before Our Lord. The sandal falling from the foot may indicate a natural sense of fright. The hands are clinging to the Mother.

The two Archangels holding the spear and the cross are Michael and Gabriel, the letters representing their names being in Greek.

The Stations of the Cross have been moved back one place in the church so that the Icon can be mounted in a special moulding at a 45 degree angle above where the lectern is now. The placing of it there is to complete what we hope will emerge in time of the mystery of Salvation's story in our church.

We hope that the Baptismal font will have a picture of the Resurrection close by

— completing the 14 Stations and giving further meaning to the Sacrament of Baptism.

The lectern is to be placed in front of the pillar of the arch — the place where we hear God's Word after Baptism. We celebrate God's Word at the Altar, which is to be raised higher but still close to the people so that the faithful may gather round their Father's table to offer thanksgiving and sacrifice.

The Word of the Lord is our permanent guest to be housed on a suitably noble pillar in front of the other support of the arch. Finally, the Icon of Our Lady carries our vision to the hereafter through her who is the Mother of the Church, the Mother of us all. We pray that our new Icon will increase our devotion to our Mother and be, for the parish, a source of many blessings.

M. McCarthy

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*If thou shouldst never see my face again
Pray for my soul. More things are wrought
by prayer*

*Than this world dreams of. Wherefore let
thy voice*

Rise like a fountain for me night and day.

*For what are men better than sheep or
goats*

*That nourish a blind life within the brain
If, knowing God, they lift not hands of
prayer*

*Both for themselves and those who call
them friend.*

*For so the whole round earth is every way
Bound by gold chains about the feet of
God.*

ALFRED, LORD TENNYSON

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*The first thing in life is water
and bread and clothing*

And a house for the sake of privacy.

*Better a poor man under a roof of planks
than lavish figure in the house of
another.*

Ecclesiasticus 21.23

How we celebrated Fr. Kevin Muldoon's 30 years as a priest

Tuesday, August 3, saw an excellent gathering of some 130 members of the Parish Family to celebrate with Father Muldoon his 30 years of priesthood. The celebration took the form of a supper dance in the parish hall; it was given added impetus by the excellent performance of John Saunderson's dance band, comprising John Saunderson (piano), Harry Robinson (double bass) and George Fitzgerald (drums).

It was obvious from the start that the evening was not going to be dull. As each table-of-ten started to fill up a steady hum of conversation began, increasing in intensity until little could be heard above it. "Silence, please!" urged the compere when it was time for Father McCarthy to speak. No one heard him. "SILENCE, PLEASE!" he crescendoed. It took a loud roll of drums finally to bring the supper-eaters to attention.

"In giving you all a very warm welcome," said Father McCarthy, "I also thank you for the invigorating warmth of friendship you have engendered here tonight, heightened, no doubt, by the fact that we are celebrating Father Muldoon's 30 years as a priest. I must say it is wonderful to see how full the hall is, marking, I am sure a universal appreciation of all the goodness Father Muldoon has shown throughout his priesthood."

Ted Bleakley, on behalf of the Illawarra Catholic Club, presented Father Muldoon with a cheque for \$200, which, together with the gift from the parish, brought the amount to \$1000.

"Many members of the Illawarra Catholic Club knew Father Muldoon," Ted pointed out. "One remarked to me: 'Yes, I know him, he is that humble priest who goes to Oatley every Sunday and tells funny stories.' Many of us have known Father Muldoon for a long time. We have come to love him for the person he is — a walking sermon. We wish him the very best; that his work here will continue for a long time to come, and that he will experience great happiness."

In his reply, Father Muldoon said: "I just

wish to thank everybody. Father McCarthy invited me here tonight to mark these 30 years. I have been coming to Oatley for over eight of them, and I must say that I enjoy coming very much. My priesthood has been a very happy time; it has become so largely through knowing other priests. I was greatly inspired by Father Jansen; also by the late Father Ray Marsden during the years he was here. Father McCarthy has inspired me by the wonderful charity he has shown in his work for migrants, for the boat people, and towards the Vietnamese boys he fathers. All this has inspired me. The only worries I have are financial worries regarding the care of the Asian students at St Michael's College. Now, here tonight, has come this very generous gift."

After supper came the dancing. It started with a barn dance, a very tentative affair at the beginning — perhaps people were loath to finish the table conversation — then it started to pick up as the message got through and more and more dancers joined in. It set the tone for the rest of the evening. At 10.30 p.m. (the scheduled time for the evening to finish) those concerned about baby sitters and those who had to get up early the next morning started to trickle away. The rest stayed on to dance. And rightly so: it was such a good band to dance to!

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Father Muldoon was ordained to the priesthood at Cronulla by Bishop Fox in 1952. He spent some time at Broken Hill and about a year in Hong Kong before joining St Michael's College, Darlinghurst, in 1971. In 1978 he was appointed Rector of the College and has held the post ever since.

We, of course, regard Father Muldoon as part of our Parish Family. We wish him every happiness in the continuing years of his priesthood.

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In the beginning was the Word; behold Him to whom Mary listened. And the Word was made flesh; behold Him whom Martha served.

ST. AUGUSTINE

St Vincent de Paul's Rosary Evening

The Rosary is recited in the church each Monday evening at 7.30 p.m. These prayers are offered to assist the cause for Beatification of Frederic Ozanam (Founder of the Society of St Vincent de Paul) and, through his intercession, to restore to full health one of our parishioners, Carl Devine.

You are most welcome to join us each week.

TERRY O'CONNOR

OUR RED CROSS VISITORS

More than 20 members of the Oatley Branch of the Red Cross joined St Joseph's parishioners at the 10 a.m. Mass on Monday, August 15 — the Feast of the Assumption.

Our visitors were greeted on their arrival by members of the Catholic Women's League and were formally welcomed by Father McCarthy during his homily. He paid tribute to the generous spirit of sacrifice which the Red Cross embodies in its worldwide work to relieve human suffering — regardless of race or creed.

Mass was followed by morning tea in the Presbytery, which provided an ideal opportunity for renewing old friendships and making new ones. Mrs Jean Brightwell, Red Cross President, thanked Father McCarthy for the warm hospitality her members received at St Joseph's. She also expressed the hope that the happy, friendly atmosphere generated at this gathering would continue to flourish.

Thank you to everyone associated with making this visit to our parish family such a joyous occasion.

MARGARET ROSS

From the Funeral Oration of Pericles, 431 BC

"Our form of government does not enter rivalry with the institutions of others. We do not copy our neighbours, but are an example to them.

"... When a citizen is in any way distinguished he is preferred to the public service, not as a matter of privilege, but as the reward of merit. There is no exclusiveness in our public life. We are not suspicious of one another, nor angry with our neighbour if he does what he likes; we do not put on sour looks at him which, though harmless, are not pleasant. . . . We are lovers of the beautiful, yet simple in our tastes, and we cultivate the mind without loss of manliness. . . . Wealth we employ, not for talk and ostentation, but when there is a real use for it. . . . We alone regard a man who takes no interest in public affairs, not as a harmless, but as a useless character; and if few of us are originators, we are all sound judges of a policy. The great impediment to action is, in our opinion, not discussion, but the want of that knowledge which is gained by discussion preparatory to action. For we have a peculiar power of thinking before we act and of acting, too, whereas other men are courageous from ignorance but hesitate upon reflection. . . .

"To sum up . . . such is the city for which these men nobly fought and died; they could not bear the thought that she might be taken from them, and every one of us who survives should gladly toil on her behalf. . . . I would have you day by day fix your eyes upon the greatness of Athens until you become filled with love of her . . . and reflect that this empire has been acquired by men who knew their duty and had the courage to do it. . . . For the whole earth is the sepulchre of famous men; not only are they commemorated by columns and inscriptions in their own country, but in foreign lands there dwells also an unwritten memorial of them, graven not on stone, but in the hearts of men. Make them your examples."

The Catholic Women's League News

Two Happy Meetings

Since our last report we have had two meetings. The one in August was at the home of Mrs Moyia Kowron, at which 19 members were present. The meeting on September 15, at the home of Mrs Candy Lindner, was also a very happy evening.

Father Muldoon's 30th Anniversary

The Supper-Dance held in the Church Hall on August 3 to mark the 30th Anniversary of Father Muldoon's priesthood was a really wonderful evening, enjoyed by all. Everyone played a part in making it so.

A Happy Housie Afternoon

How our members enjoyed the Housie afternoon put on by Father McCarthy in the Church Hall on August 30. Father is a real professional at calling the numbers! It was disappointing that more parishioners did not come along to swell the numbers.

Pro-Parish Council Meeting

Monica Bailey represented the CWL at the August meeting of the Pro-Parish Council, our President and Secretary being unable to attend.

St Joseph's Auxiliary

The past two meetings have been at the home of Mrs Min Jones who, incidentally, delights in having us at her place. Mrs Peg Jones organises these get-togethers. We missed her at the September meeting, as she was holidaying at the Entrance.

CWL Town Meeting

Nance Lalor and Beryl Gardiner were delegates to the town meeting of the CWL at Polding House on September 14.

A Ploughman's Luncheon

Monday, September 13, was the day of the Ploughman's Luncheon and Dutch Auction held at the home of Mrs Marcia Smith. It was a really good day.

Our Day of Recollection

On September 20 we had a bus trip to Mount Schoenstatt for our Day of Recollection. The Kingsgrove CWL members joined with us to fill the bus. The service was

conducted by the Penrith Branch of the CWL.

Kingsgrove Annual Mass

The Kingsgrove Annual Mass will be held at 11 o'clock on October 13, followed by lunch at the Illawarra Catholic Club. If you wish to attend, please ring our Secretary, Mrs Marcia Smith, 579 2174.

A Travel Talk and Films

Our monthly meeting on October 20 will be at 7.30 p.m. After the meeting there will be a travel talk and films to be shown in the Church Hall.

Our Xmas Party

This year's Xmas party will be held at the Illawarra Catholic Club on Wednesday, December 8. If you wish to come along, please get in touch with Mrs Marcia Smith (579 2174).

The Serra Club

Our members are happy cooking for the dinners of the Serra Club, which holds its meeting following the monthly 6.30 p.m. Mass.

Arthritis Week

From September 19-25, Arthritis Week was held. On Thursday, September 23, there was a very interesting talk by a Rheumatologist and a Physiotherapist at St George Hospital. Many of the St George members of the ARC come from Oatley.

Anyone wishing to join the Catholic Women's League should speak to one of our members or ring the Secretary, Mrs Marcia Smith (579 2174). Our meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 8 p.m. If you need transport, we can arrange it for you. The Catholic Women's League meets a social need for women in the parish to get to know each other better.

MONICA BAILEY, Publicity Officer

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In this life there is not purgatory, but only heaven or hell; for he who bears afflictions with patience has paradise, and he who does not has hell.

ST PHILIP NERI

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I shall light a candle of understanding in thine heart

Which shall not be put out.

2 Esdras X14.25

THE GOOD THIEF

One of the most consoling figures in human history must surely be the Good Thief, the man who was crucified with our Lord and to whom our Lord said as they hung in agony, "This day thou shalt be with me in paradise".

Some religious people might think it a contradiction in terms to speak of a good thief: if he thieves, if he is a sinner, how can he be good? Christianity sees deeper than that. Our Lord himself told the chief priests and ancients of the people that "the publicans and the harlots" would enter the kingdom before them . . . it is better to be a sinner but humble and capable of love than to be righteous and respectable but saturated with pride and self-love.

What we must infer is that even after a lifetime of wrong-doing it is possible to become worthy of paradise, and even worthy of immediate paradise. On the other hand we cannot use this story as an excuse for making no effort here and now to be good, relying on last-minute repentance: we cannot expect God to make something good out of us, though His power and His mercy might achieve even that. What we can say with certainty is that if we are trying our best we need not despair however unsuccessful our efforts may be. The fact that for so long we have been sinners does not prove that we shall never be saints.

Being good means doing or at least trying to do good things and avoid bad things, but again in the Christian view it means something deeper than that; essentially it means *learning God and Loving God*. It is possible to turn the moral life into an endless preoccupation with oneself, one's own soul; but that is not Christianity. There are times when the Christian must look into himself, must examine his own soul as he does, for instance, before confessing his sins; *but essentially his life consists in fixing his eyes not on himself but on God*.

The way to become like God is to love God; and to love one must learn, and to learn one must look — not just a fleeting glance, a partial awareness, but a long and deep concentration of awareness.

From "THE SON'S COURSE"
by Fr. Gerald Vann, OP

A great deal of talent is lost in the world for want of a little courage. Every day sends to their graves obscure men whom timidity prevented from making a first effort; who, if they could have been induced to begin, would in all probability have gone great lengths in the career of fame. The fact is that to do anything in the world worth doing we must not stand back shivering and thinking of the cold and the danger, but jump in and scramble through as well as we can.

RICHARD CARDINAL CUSHING
(Submitted by Beryl Gardiner)

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In the world, when people call anyone simple, they generally mean a foolish, ignorant, credulous person. But real simplicity so far from being foolish, is almost sublime. All good men like and admire it, are conscious of sinning against it, observe it in others and know what it involves and yet they could not precisely define it. I should say that simplicity is an uprightness of soul which prevents self-consciousness.

FENELON

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HUMOUR FROM PAKISTAN

(Extracts of letters from parents to Fr M. Donnelly, SM, Principal of the Marist school in Lahore.)

"My son Tahir is being meddled with by a boy who sits beside him in Class 2. It is not out of place to mention that only yesterday this boy beat my son mercilessly with a pencil. Please investigate this ugly incident."

"I have to draw the attention of your honour to the fact that I am a poor man with a multitude of mouths to feed and few beds to lay them on."

"I humbly request that my son Haqsood of Class 3A be placed beside the most outstanding and brilliant student in the Class so that he may not be inconvenienced when not knowing the answer."

"At present I am putting up with my husband in Lahore."

With acknowledgements to the Marist Newsletter.

The Minister and members of the Trust Committee of the

OATLEY METHODIST CHURCH

request the pleasure of the company of

Mr & Mrs R. Gibbs and friends

at the opening of the

J. W. BAYLEY MEMORIAL HALL

by

William A. Bayley F. R. A. H. S.

and its dedication by

The Rev. Keith L. Doust L. Th. (President of N. S. W. Conference)

on SUNDAY, 29th. OCTOBER, 1972 at 3 p. m.

At the conclusion of the above, a family tea will be held in the new hall, to be followed by evening service in the Church commencing at 6. 30 p. m. at which the President of Conference will be the preacher.

INVITATION

At the conclusion of the service of dedication a family tea will follow.
An opportunity will thus be provided for conversation
between friends, and the renewal of friendships of yesteryear.

Foundation Stone:

The foundation stone of the original Church hall bearing the inscription "This stone was set by Ald. Hugh Patrick Esq. J.P. 3rd November 1917." has been incorporated in the wall in the main entrance.

Dedication Plaque :

J.W. BAYLEY MEMORIAL HALL:

Opened by his son William A. Bayley, F.R.A.H.S.

Dedicated by The Rev. Keith L. Doust, L.Th.

President of the N.S.W. Conference

29th October, 1972

Architect: Clive Stevens A.R.A.I.A.

Builders: Rex Roberts Constructions Pty. Ltd.

Superintendent Minister: Rev. James L. Secomb.

Acknowledgements :

The Quiet Room was provided without cost to the Trust Committee by the gifts of people with a conviction that in the church buildings there should be a place open at all times for devotion and prayer. In terms of the gift, the Quiet Room will not be used by organisations or for meetings of any kind.

A substantial donation from the Indoor Bowls Club assisted in providing the appointments of the kitchen.

Rex Roberts Constructions Pty. Ltd. whose favourable contract price represents a substantial gift.

The Ladies Church Aid for substantial donations over several years to the Memorial Hall Fund.

Stage and proscenium presented by Mr. A.M. Small and family as a memorial to Leila Harriett Small.

Exterior standard light donated by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Campbell.

Lectern provided from funds of Youth Club of 1959.

A great amount of work has been done in a voluntary capacity by members of the Trust Committee and Church, especially by Mr. John Patton who supervised the construction of the building. The Trust Committee wishes to express its appreciation of this work done so willingly and so well.

Members of Trust Committee:

Rev. James L. Secomb (Chairman), Rev. Albert Coleman

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OATLEY METHODIST CHURCH

OPENING AND DEDICATION

of the

J. W. BAYLEY MEMORIAL HALL

SUNDAY 29th OCTOBER, 1972

at 3 p.m.

OPENED BY: WILLIAM A. BAYLEY, F.R.A.H.S.

DEDICATED BY: THE REV. KEITH L. DOUST, L.Th.
President N.S.W. Methodist Conference

In the Presence of :

REV. ALLAN D. BRAND, L.Th., Dip. Soc. Sci., Dip. R.E.
Chairman Sydney South District

REV. ROY M.E. GLOVER, L.Th., Dip. R.E., F.C.I.S., A.A.S.A.
Property Secretary

CIRCUIT MINISTERS:

Rev. James L. Secomb (Superintendent)

Rev. Albert Coleman

Rev. Norman Tong

ARCHITECT :

Clive Stevens, A.R.A.I.A.

BUILDER :

Rex Roberts

And distinguished clergy, civic leaders, church members and friends.

ORDER OF SERVICE

The people attending will enter the hall by the side doors and take their seats before the opening ceremony commences.

The opening proceedings will take place adjacent to the main entrance, and will be relayed by amplifier to the hall.

PRESENTATION OF KEY:

The Builder will hand the key to the architect and say:

"This building having been completed to your plans and specifications, I hand the key to you, and express my pleasure and that of my workmen in being entrusted with the work."

The Architect will say:

"Mr. Bayley, I deliver to you the key of this building that it may be opened and dedicated to the glory of God and the service of His people."

OPENING BY MR. BAYLEY:

"To the Glory of God, I open this hall. May those who gather here receive and nurture the words and wisdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to the end that they may receive His salvation and enjoy His grace, mercy and peace throughout their lives."

The Official Party will then proceed to seats allocated for them.

WELCOME:

The Rev. J.L. Secomb will welcome the President of the New South Wales Conference, other clergy, official guests, visitors and congregation.

PRAYER: Rev. Allan D. Brand

HYMN: No. 685 (Tune "St. George" M.H.B.248)

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| 1. <i>STAND up and bless the Lord,
Ye people of His choice;
Stand up and bless the Lord your God,
With heart and soul and voice.</i> | 3. <i>God is our strength and song,
And His salvation ours;
Then be His love in Christ proclaimed
With all our ransomed powers.</i> |
| 2. <i>Though high above all praise,
Above all blessing high,
Who would not fear His holy name,
And laud and magnify?</i> | 4. <i>Stand up and bless the Lord,
The Lord your God adore;
Stand up and bless His glorious name
Henceforth for evermore.</i> |

OPENING ADDRESS: William A. Bayley, F.R.A.H.S.
Eldest son of the late J.W. Bayley who established the Methodist Church in Oatley, whose work and memory are honoured by this hall.

SCRIPTURE LESSON: The Rev. Roy M.E. Glover

PRESENTATION OF BUILDING AND GIFTS:

The Secretary of the Trust Committee (Mr. Len Watson) shall say to the President...
"Sir, in the name of the members of the Trust Committee and all others connected with the erection of this building, and those whose gifts are gratefully acknowledged, I request that you will on behalf of the Methodist Church of Australasia accept these facilities, to be dedicated to the glory of Almighty God and the extension of His Kingdom"

DEDICATION

The President shall say: "By what name shall this building be known?"

The Trust Committee Secretary shall say: "It shall be called 'The J.W. Bayley Memorial Hall'".

The President shall say: "Dear friends, we rejoice that God has put it into the hearts of His people to build this hall to the glory of His name. On behalf of the Methodist Church of Australasia I now accept this building - to be known as the J.W. Bayley Memorial Hall - and the gifts and facilities in it, that we may dedicate them, and set them apart for the worship of Almighty God and the service of men. As this dedication is vain without the solemn consecration of those whose gifts and labours it represents, let us now give ourselves anew to the service of God: our souls, that they may be renewed after the image of Christ; our bodies, that they may be fit temples for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit; and our labours and business, that they may be according to God's holy will, and that their fruit may tend to the glory of His name and the advancement of His Kingdom.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, we dedicate this building and its appointments to the worship of God:

to the purpose of Christian education;

to Christian fellowship and to recreation of mind and body;

to those tasks and aims in which the Christian serves his place and time;

to the cause of Christian citizenship, and the broad field of social relations.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION: The President.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CHOIR:

GREETINGS: The Mayor of Kogarah (Alderman F.J. Baker J.P.) on behalf of the local community and visitors.

FINANCE: Mr. J. Nicholson (Hon. Treasurer of the Trust Committee) will present the financial statement.

OFFERTORY:

DEDICATION OF OFFERTORY: Rev. Albert Coleman.

HYMN No. 984

(Tune "Ellacombe" M.H.B. 836)

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| 1. <i>Thou whose hand hath brought us
Unto this joyful day,
Accept our glad thanksgiving,
And listen as we pray;
And may our preparation
For this day's service be
With one accord to offer
Ourselves, O Lord, to Thee.</i> | 3. <i>And oft as here we gather,
And hearts in worship blend,
May truth reveal its power,
And fervent prayer ascend;
Here may the busy toiler
Rise to the things above,
The young, the old, be strengthened,
And all men learn Thy love.</i> |
| 2. <i>For this new house we praise Thee,
Reared at Thine own command,
For every generous bosom,
And every willing hand;
And now within Thy temple
Thy glory let us see,
For all its strength and beauty
Are nothing without Thee.</i> | 4. <i>And as the years roll onward,
And strong affections twine,
And tender memories gather
About this sacred shrine,
May this its chiefest honour,
Its glory, ever be,
That multitudes within it
Have found their way to Thee.</i> |

DEDICATORY ADDRESS: The Rev. Keith L. Doust
President of N.S.W. Conference

MUSICAL ITEM BY "THE DEBS"

BENEDICTION: The Rev. Keith L. Doust

J. W. BAYLEY MEMORIAL HALL – TREASURER'S REPORT

The J.W. Bayley Memorial Hall Fund was launched during the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of Oatley Methodist Church in September 1963. At that time there were debts of some \$2,000 remaining on the New Church and Kindergarten Hall, opened five years earlier at a total cost of almost \$29,000.

Early estimates for a new Hall were between \$25,000 and \$30,000, but soaring costs, including the doubling of Oatley's commitment to Circuit and Connexional Budget over ten years, made it impossible to build earlier.

Anticipated Cost of J.W. Bayley Memorial Hall including build-in equipment, concrete paving, brick fence and exterior painting. Less \$132 from Roman Catholic Church.	\$46,544
Architects' Fees. (Supervision voluntary by Mr. J. Patton, A.S.T.C., M.I.E. Aust.)	1,727
Furniture and Fittings (including 150 new chairs)	1,075
Paving of Car Park area	2,022
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		\$51,368
Cash accumulated and in hand	\$21,172	
Legacies received 2,300	
Specific gifts received and promised including Memorials and Quiet Room 3,153	26,625
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		24,743
Loan from CBC Savings Bank Limited, repayable over 20 years	25,000
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Surplus prior to opening		\$ 257
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There are items of furniture (such as tables) and other fittings including stage curtains, which will allow for more effective use of the hall, but these have been deferred of necessity.

Those purchasing a home know only too well that the longer the term of a loan, the greater the interest. The repayment of the above loan is at a rate of \$605.82 per quarter (\$2,423.28 per year) making total repayments over twenty years \$48,465.60 – that is interest of \$23,465.60 on an initial loan of \$25,000. It is the aim of the Trust Committee to repay the debt over a shorter term to reduce the interest bill.

If you would care to assist by making a special Thanksgiving Gift for blessings received through the ministry and association of this Church and Sunday School, a letter to the Trust Treasurer, Mr. J. NICHOLSON, 17 ADA STREET, OATLEY 2223, enclosing your gift payable to the Oatley Methodist Church Trust Committee, will be gratefully acknowledged.

To all, but especially to those on fixed incomes, diminishing in purchasing power, we commend the following: –

Form of Bequest – when making or remaking a Will.

"I give and bequeath to the Oatley Methodist Church Trust Committee or its successors responsible for the Church property situation on the corner of Frederick and Letitia Streets Oatley in the State of New South Wales the sum of \$ _____ and direct that a receipt for this sum signed by _____