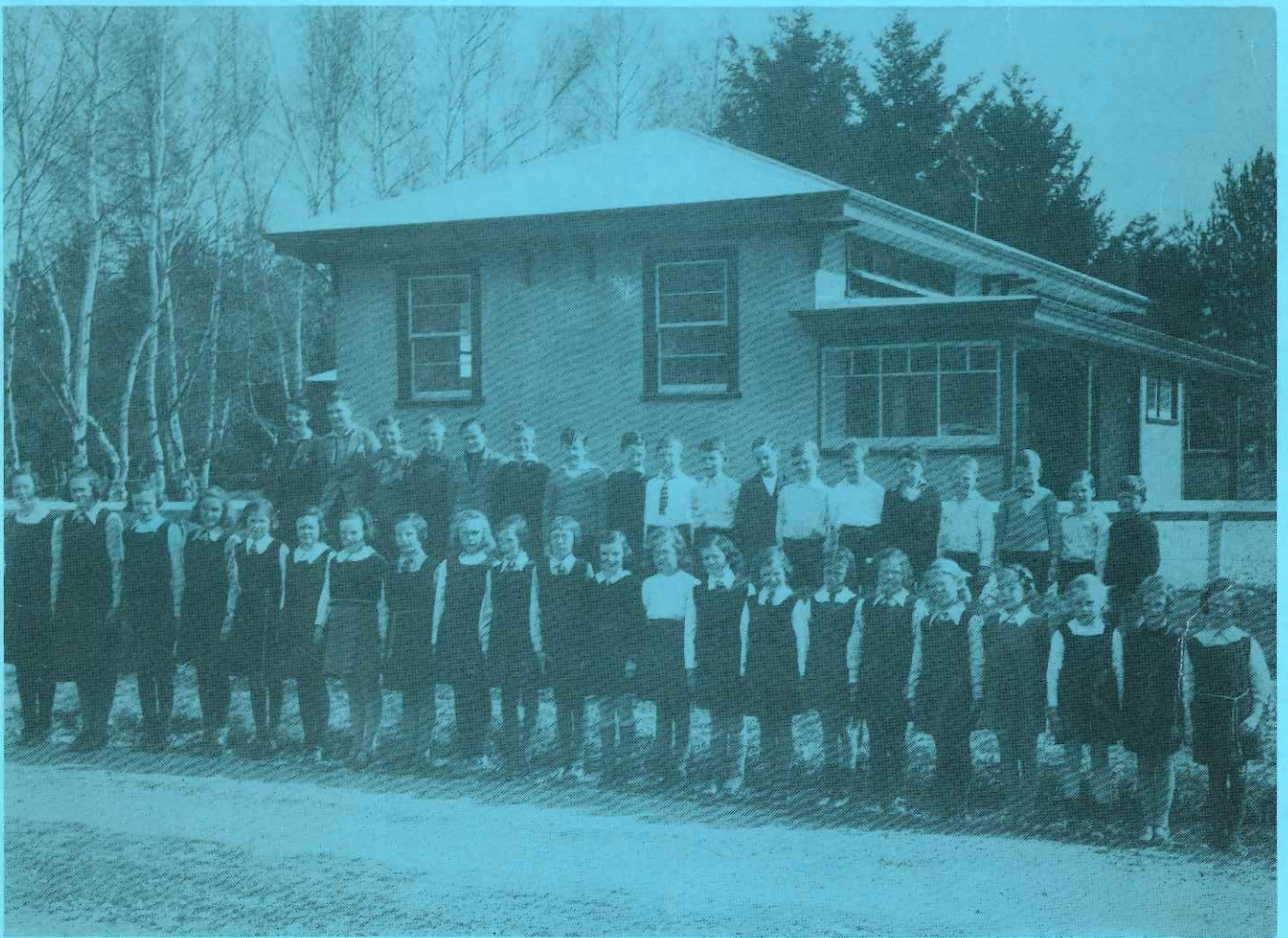


ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

50th JUBILEE



1939-1989

PROGRAMME

FRIDAY, 3rd FEBRUARY

7.00 - 8.00 pm Registrations at Rugby Club Rooms.
Social Get-together

SATURDAY, 4th FEBRUARY

9.00 - 10.15 am Registrations at St Joseph's School
10.30 am Jubilee Blessing Paraliturg
Roll Call — Decade Photographs
Inspection of School
Bar.B.Q. Lunch
6.30 pm Social Hour at Centennial Complex
8.00 pm Jubilee Dinner

SUNDAY, 5th FEBRUARY

10.30 am Jubilee Mass at Community Complex
Lunch

50th JUBILEE COMMITTEE

Chairman

Gary Kerr

Secretary

Mae Jones [nee Loomes]

Treasurer

Tim O'Connor

Committee

Mary Gibson [Edwards], Gwen Kane [Jones], Mary Calder [Parker], Bernadette Corder [Corbett]
Kevin O'Neill, Peter Siegert, Vince Jones, Marje Jones [Simmers].

FOREWORD

1939 was a great year of great achievement for the Catholic Community of Fairlie, for this was the year the doors of St Joseph's School were opened after tremendous amount of work and dedication from those pioneers of Catholic Education.

That dedication still applies today regardless of the changes that have taken place, so we can look back in gratitude to the foundation laid 50 years ago of honesty, integrity and respect for the Christian values taught.

Many may feel a twinge of regret that familiar landmarks are no longer in remembered places. With time many changes are necessary but these are mainly visible ones, the same loyalty for the school remains.

The Jubilee Committee have spent many hours preparing this weekend for you and it is our earnest wish that you spend an enjoyable time renewing old friendships and re-living memories.

We extend to you a very warm welcome home.

Marje Jones,
Magazine Editor

AN APPRECIATION

On behalf of the Committee I thank you for your registration and attendance at the celebrations of our school's 50th Jubilee.

The Jubilee Committee were overwhelmed with the large numbers of registrations received, so much so, that the original plans were extended to a three day event.

For those of you who travelled from outside the district, we hope that your visit to Fairlie has brought many pleasant memories and given you the opportunity of meeting old friends.

There have been many changes to St Joseph's School and its grounds, likewise to the township of Fairlie.

Our hardworking Jubilee Committee endeavoured to arrange a high standard, but low cost programme, that will be remembered for many years to come.

Finally, the Committee enjoyed meeting the 400 plus people who attended the Golden Jubilee, Waitangi Weekend, 1989.

Gary Kerr,
Jubilee Committee Chairman

Golden Jubilees are a high point in the history of a school. It is an occasion to celebrate joy and thanksgiving.

We recall with gratitude the dedication and loyalty of so many parents, staff and students who have made it a school to be proud of.

We especially give thanks to the order of the Sisters of St Joseph's for their commitment to educating our rural children in faith for so many years.

Rejoice in your jubilee. Be thankful for the past and learn from it. Be hopeful for the future and willing to contribute to it as people of faith.

Deborah O'Neill,
Acting Principal, 1988

SCHOOL COMMITTEE COMMENT

On behalf of the current School Committee, congratulations to St Joseph's, Fairlie, on reaching 50 years of age and welcome to all former pupils and teachers who have come to celebrate this Jubilee.

During my period of involvement with the school we have seen a marked decline in roll numbers, dropping from three teacher status to a marginal two teacher school. I believe the turning point is now behind us and we are again growing. To me as an outsider [not an old pupil] one thing is very apparent — if all former pupils, living locally, supported the school by sending their children to St Joseph's, it would continue to grow and still be here when the next Jubilee comes around. It's a great little school, let's keep it going and growing.

Once again congratulations and best wishes to all attending.

Dermot O'Sullivan,
Chairman St Joseph's School Committee

Congratulations on 50 years of teaching and learning to the Teachers and children, past and present. Our appreciation in the continued involvement of parents in the character of the School. Well done St Joseph's.

St Joseph's Home and School Committee, 1988

A BRIEF HISTORY OF ST JOSEPHS SCHOOL

Mother Mary McKillop first considered the possibility of opening a school in Fairlie as long ago as 1884 but as history shows many years were to pass before the consideration became reality,

The "Timaru Herald" reported on 26th January, 1939, on the new building in course of preparation. "Work on the new Fairlie Catholic School is nearing completion. It was intended to have the new building ready for occupation by the beginning of the school year, but a shortage of carpenters has made it necessary to delay the opening day a month.

The school is being built on the open-air principle, and two rooms will accommodate sixty pupils, the number expected to attend. At least half of the walls of the building will be of glass. . . . There is a fireplace in each room and special heaters are being installed. The construction material being used will give a rough-cast finish. Two ten foot verandahs on either side of the cloak room improve the frontage . . .

The Church authorities are fortunate in possessing ample land for the erection of a school alongside St Patrick's Church".

Sunday, 19th March, 1939, St Joseph's School in Fairlie was blessed by Bishop Brodie and officially opened for the arrival of the first 42 pupils to be given a formal Catholic Education. These pupils had commenced school a few weeks earlier at the Convent while the building of the school was completed.

Father Owen Gallagher was responsible for the building of the two classroomed school. Sister Serenus was the head teacher and Sister Agnes the first music teacher.

In 1967 a new classroom and corridor were added as the roll had increased to 86 and by 1969 St Joseph's had a roll of 107.



Fr. Owen Gallagher



Opening Day Ceremony 1939

A staffroom and sickbay were built in 1975.

1982 saw St Joseph's integrated into the State schooling system with major changes taking place as requested by the Act. A library and resource area had to be installed, so with a much smaller roll by now, use was made of the middle classroom to implement these changes.

The 1987 school year commenced with a roll of 20. There were now no Form 1-2 pupils, the parents having chosen to send their children to the Form 1-7 High School, although we are pleased to see a small but steady increase during the past two years.

Bus children are now delivered at the intersection of Gall and Hamilton Streets and collected from the school each afternoon.

With the announcement of Picot, one wonders what other changes are in store for St Joseph's but we do know for sure that it will always remain as quoted in a recent "Timaru Herald" publication "the School with a heart".

GLEANINGS

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However the school will continue to function as an integrated school under the Canterbury Education Board, with the emphasis still on the Catholic character of the school, under the guidance of a new lay teacher and the present teacher Mrs Deborah O'Neill . . .

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The first community at Fairlie in 1934

Left to Right: Sisters Rosalie Henry, Agnes Maria Bennett, Serenus Comeskey, John Francis Grace.



First Year Pupils

Back Row: Moira Waring, Vic Hanifan, Annette Whittlestone, Rita Jones, Patricia Fahey, Stella Jones, Gwendoline Jones, June Loomes, Vera Gardiner, Marie O'Neill, Mary Edwards, Peter Liddy, Bernadette Jones.
 2nd Row: Mary Stevenson, Deidre Tohill, Catherine Gibson, Cecily Edwards, Maureen Smith, Mary Gallagher, Patricia Gibson, Dawn Smith, Margaret Siegert, Winifred Jones, Joan Sullivan.
 3rd Row: Harold Cuthill, Brian Stevenson, John Sullivan, Ronald Cuthill, Vincent Jones, Ian Siegert, Edward Wall, Peter Siegert, John Kane, Ian Hand.
 Front Row: Robert Stevenson, Brian Hand, John Fahey, Charles Burgess, Rex Smith, Gordon Bryant.
 Absent: Ruth Bryant, Edward Hanifan, Colleen Jones, Sally O'Neill, Bernard Stevenson, James McDonnell, Marie Fahey, Lawrence Jones

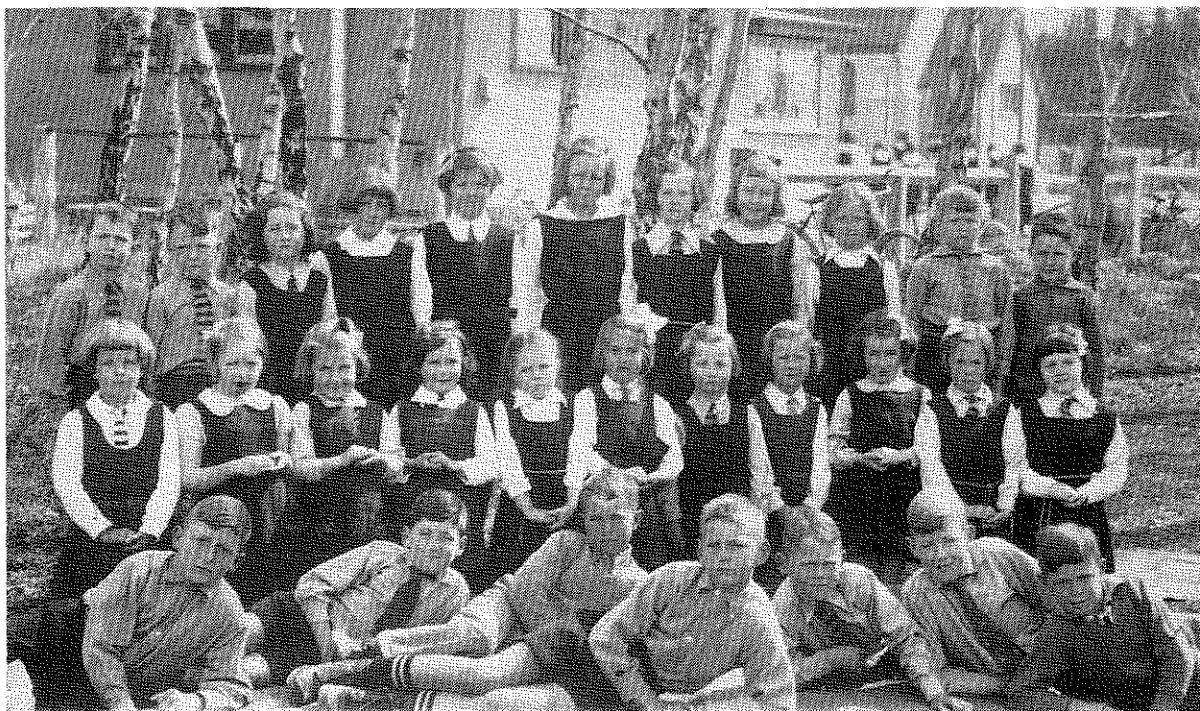


Senior Pupils, 1941

Back Row: Pauline Black, Marie O'Neill, June Loomes, Bernadett Jones, Stella Jones, Theresa Gallen, Mary Gallagher, Ronald Cuthill, Peter Siegert.

Middle Row: Annette Whittlestone, Mary Edwards, Rosaleen Hendren, Rita Jones, Moira Waring, John Kane, John Sullivan, Harold Cuthill.

Front Row: Margaret Siegert, Dawn Smith, Joan Sullivan, Sally O'Neill, Cecily Edwards, Ian Hand, Charles Burgess



Junior Pupils, 1941

Back Row: Gerald O'Neill, Dominic O'Sullivan, Frances Stevenson, Shirley Blackwell, Kathleen Hendren, Colleen Jones, Mary Stevenson, Winifred Jones, Patricia Blackwell, Brian Hendren, John Keenan.

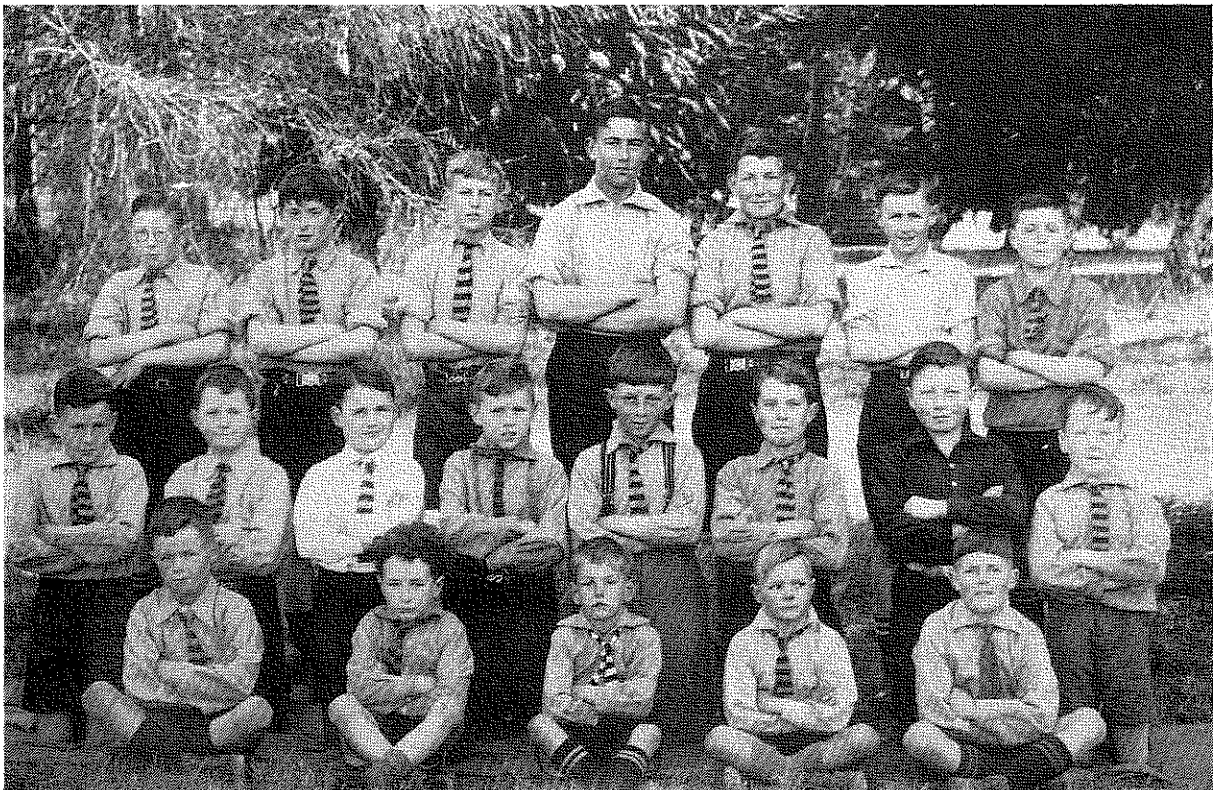
Middle Row: Margaret Lister, Doreen Blackwell, Anne Davis, Kathleen Edwards, Veronica Jones, Helen Black, Frances O'Neill, Maureen Sheehan, Clare Keenan, Barbara Hand, Madeline Stevenson.

Front Row: Maurice Blackwell, Robert Stevenson, Peter Black, Michael Lister, Brian Hand, Bernard Stevenson, Lawrence Jones.



Circa — 1942-43

Back Row: Nola Lister, Dawn Smith, Dorothy Whyte, Colleen Jones, Pauline Black, Maureen Smith, Mary Gallagher, Margaret Siegert, Winnie Jones, Kathleen Hendren, Carmelita Collins.
 Middle Row: Ethel Whyte, Kathleen Edwards, Madeline Stevenson, Patricia Blackwell, Clare Keenan, Marie O'Sullivan, Mary Stevenson, Deidre Tohill, Margaret Lister, Helen Black, Pauline Surridge, Ann Davis, Mae Loomes.
 Front Row: Colleen Sheehan, Patricia Stevenson, Mary Jones, Marie Flanagan, Frances O'Neill, Maureen Sheehan, Veronica Jones, Pauline Collins, Etaine Tohill, Theresa Forrester.



Circa — 1942-43

Back Row: Charlie Burgess, Rex Smith, Raymond Lister, Peter Siegert, John Kane, Harold Cuthill, Lawrence Jones.
 Middle Row: John Keenan, Gerald O'Neill, Ian McAteer, Brian Hendren, George Jones, Peter Black, Edward Hanifan, Dominic Sullivan.
 Front Row: Neil Campbell, Patrick Keenan, Michael Lister, Peter Leonard, Patrick Leonard.



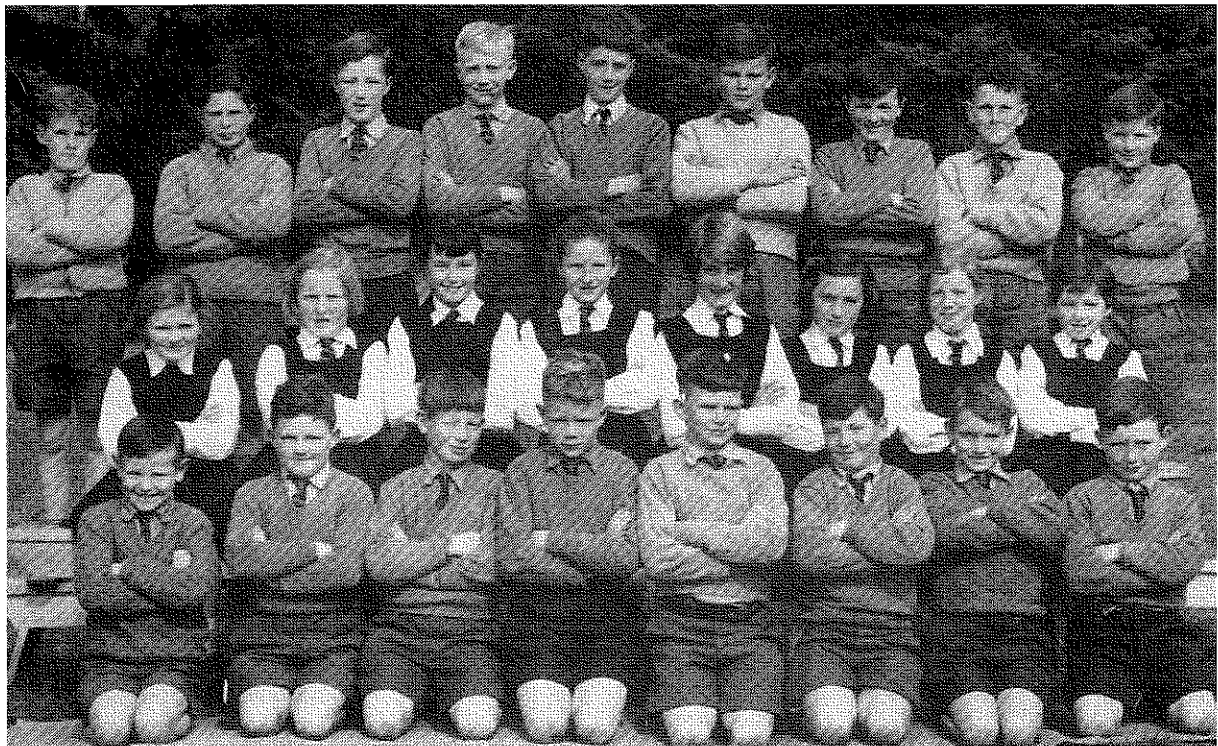
Circa 1953-54

Back Row: Robin Keenan, Owen Surridge, Kevin Keenan, Gary Kerr, Terry Smith, Bryan Campbell, Mervyn Forrester, John Corbett, Dennis Gardiner, Alan Voight, Malcolm Campbell.
 2nd Row: Maurice O'Neill, Norman Davis, Martin Murphy, Bernadette Murphy, Pauline Sheehan, Irene Jones, Elsie-Ann Smith, Margaret Creighton, Maureen Madden, Kathleen Gardiner, Shirley Conaghan, Colleen Keenan, Theresa Hyland, John Collins, Michael Casey.
 3rd Row: Huxley Smith, Philip Kerr, Tim O'Connor, Bryce Kerr, Farrel Cleary, John Dorgan, David Goulter, Trevor Davis, Paddy O'Neill, Tony Hyland, Peter O'Connor, Kevin O'Neill, Michael Ryder, Stephen Somers, Ray Keenan, Neil Keenan, Michael Somers, Paul Daniels, Dennis Cunneen.
 4th Row: Colleen Gardiner, Cathryn Gallen, Mary Daniels, Cushla Foley, Eileen Keenan, Judith Smith, Margaret Keenan, Colleen Foley, Maureen Gardiner, Mary Parker, Joan Parker, Kathleen O'Neill, Helen Surridge, Noeline O'Connor, Peter Robinson, Joe Murphy.
 Front Row: Brian O'Neill, Maurice Sheehan, Peter Parker, Terry O'Neill, Elizabeth O'Brien, Cushla O'Brien, Kerry Daniels, Diane Smith, Marie Keenan, Charlotte Adair, Aileen Robinson, Sally Daniels, Lois Lysaght, Janet Stevenson, Hilary Somers, Lester Keenan, Maurice Cuthill.



1960

Back Row: Gwenda Robinson, Valmai Kerr, Joanna Cleary, Kathryn Surridge, Carmelita O'Connor, Rosemary Dorgan, Linda Chapman.
 2nd Row: Warren Robinson, Christopher O'Connor, Kevin Gallagher, Julian O'Connor, Mark Cleary, Brian Keenan, Philip Ryder, Gordon Kane, Gerard O'Neill.
 3rd Row: Kathryn Bateman, Anne Kane, Janet Farrant, Irene Crowe, Robyn Gallen, Margaret Edwards, Jacqueline Liddy, Lynda Caughley, Wendy Robinson.
 Front Row: Christopher Gallagher, Paul Liddy, Mark O'Connor, Joyce Day, Ruth Caughley, Lydia Davis, James Holland, Michael Gallen, Diarmid Sommerville.

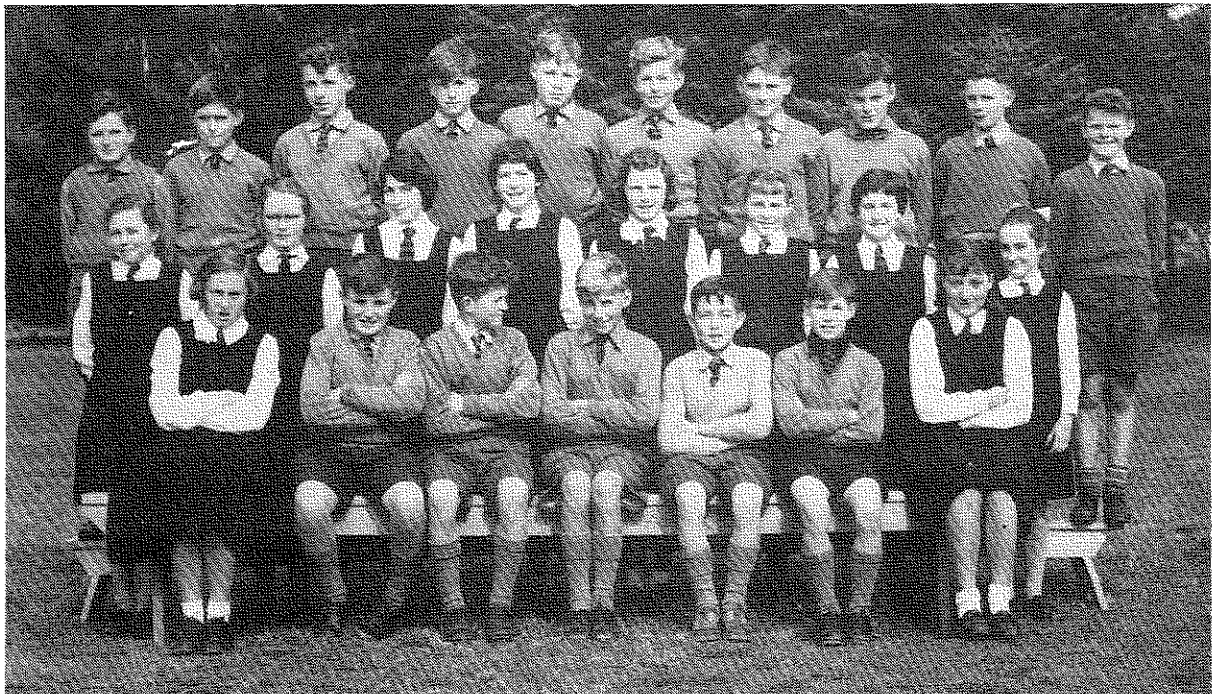


1960

Back Row: James Holland, Patrick Chapman, John Liddy, Brian Bateman, Terence Kane, Paul O'Connor, David Stevenson, John Gallagher.

Middle Row: Kathleen O'Connor, Marie Waring, Sally Liddy, Margaret Gallen, Brigid Cleary, Marlene Sheehan, Noeline Samson, Ann Gallen.

Front Row: Bruce Day, Kelvin Chapman, Michael Davis, Peter Kane, Maurice Kane, Peter Gallagher, William Patterson, Peter Davis.



1960

Back Row: Anthony Hyland, David Gault, Michael Ryder, Farrel Cleary, John Dorgan, Kevin O'Neill, Peter O'Connor, Paul O'Connor, Jim Kane, Shaughn O'Connor.

Middle Row: Dianne Keenan, Charlotte Adair, Janet Stevenson, Cathryn Gallen, Marie Kane, Mary Ryder, Carolyn Holland, Marie Keenan.

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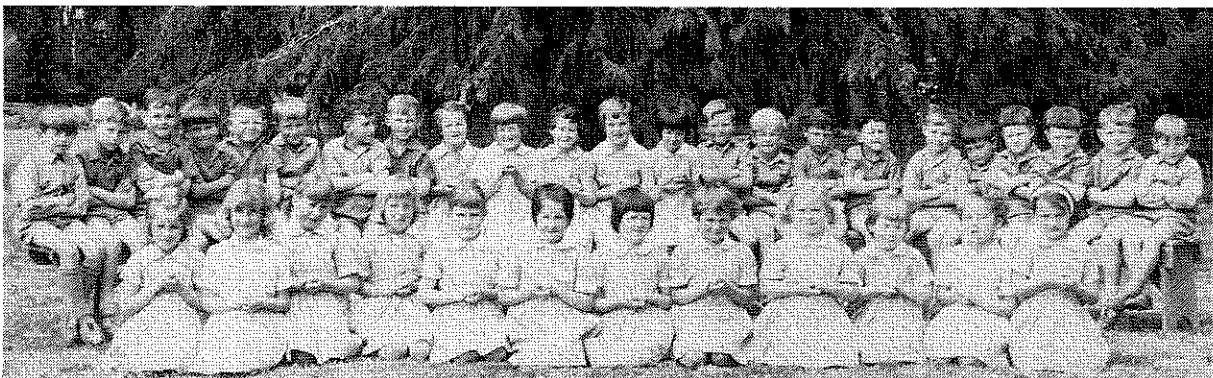
1969 — Forms 1 and 2

Back Row: Kerry Dwyer, Julie Gray, Maree Jones, Yvonne O'Neill, Sharon Gallagher, Theresa Hand, Jillian Whittaker, Helen Adair.
 Middle Row: Michael Gallagher, David Johnson, Michael Connell, Stephen Gallagher, Tony Hand, Ivan Patterson, Barry Dixon, Stephen Whittaker, Gerard Gallagher.
 Front Row: Christine Jones, Gerardine Jones, Maree Gibson, Josephine O'Boyle, Pauline Connell, Bernadette Corbett, Helen Dwyer.



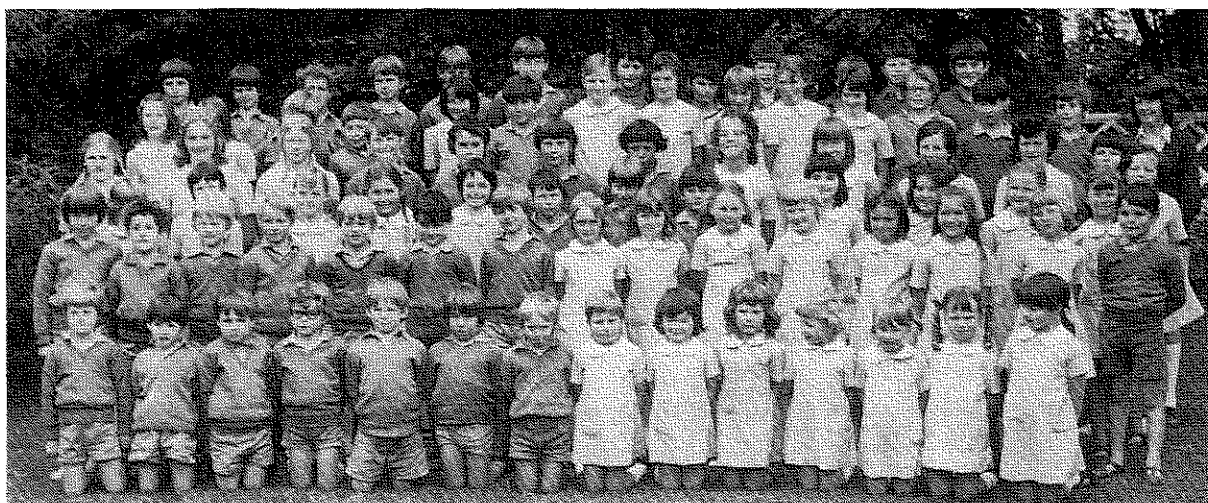
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 Front Row: Rachel Whittaker, Beverly Brien, Paula Dwyer, Maree Patterson, Joanne Siegert, Susan Gray, Mary-Ann O'Boyle, Maree Johnston, Judith McAteer, Stephanie Jones, Corrine Gallagher, Bernadette Walsh, Mary-Claire O'Connor, Louise Jones.



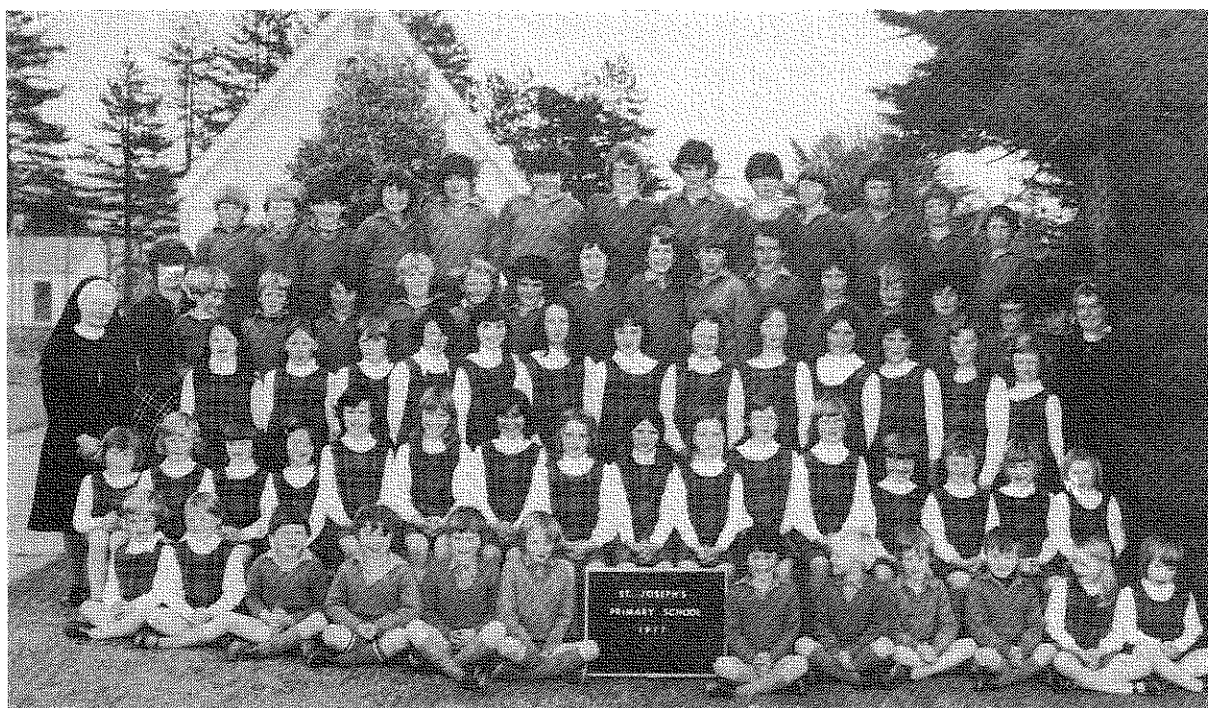
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 Front Row: Catherine Connell, Michelle Miles, Sally Jones, Irene Jones, Deidre Andrews, Rosemary Gallagher, Jane Gallagher, Mandy Jones, Suzanne Corbett, Patricia Jones, Patricia Dwyer, Glenys Robinson.



1975

Back Row: Robert Dixon, Stephen Hoare, Paul Miles, Peter Dobbs, Michael Jones, Darryl Brien, Stephen Brien, Paul Kelly, Paul Brien, ? [obscured], Peter Brien, Bernard Kelly.
 2nd Row: Bridget Adair, [Diane Jones & ? MacPherson obscured], Graham Jones, Sonia Gallagher, Julian Connell, Toni-Marie Gabites, Janine Rooney, Pamela Corbett, Tracy Miles, Wendy Gray, Donald Campbell, Kevin Brien, Michael Brosnan, Barbara Gallagher.
 3rd Row: Caroline Whittaker, Suzanne Corbett, Bernadine Jones, Barry Brien, Grant Gibson, Edward Jones, David Braddick, Paula Dwyer, Patricia Jones, Nicola Siegert, Ann-Marie Hoare, Paul O'Connor, Ann-Marie Brosnan.
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 Front Row: Stephen Dobbs, Andrew Brien, Michael Prosser, Glen Campbell, Richard Jones, Timothy Siegert, Jason Jones, Vicki Lea, Andrea O'Connor, Nicola Brosnan, Maree Kerr, Karyn Anderson, Joelle Calder, Sandra Anderson.



1977

Back Row: Richard Jones, Jason Calder, Chris Brien, Bruce Johnston, Julian Connell, Paul O'Connor, Donald Campbell, Paul Kelly, Kevin Brien, Mark Hoare, Mark Gabites, Kevin MacPherson, Stephen McMurtrie.
 2nd Row: Sr Anne, Mrs L. Neels, James O'Neill, Stuart McPherson, Timothy Siegert, James Whittaker, Paul Gallagher, Timothy Kelly, Graham Jones, Peter Dobbs, Michael Jones, Paul Miles, Daniel Moran, Stephen Dobbs, Karl Miles, Glen Campbell, Christopher Brien, Sr Winifred.
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 Front Row: Stacy McMurtrie, Beth Walsh, Jeremy Jones, Michael Sugrue, Brendan Farr, Jason Jones, Ross Campbell, John O'Neill, Mark Rooney, Craig Kerr, Karyn Anderson, Kelly Eason.



1983

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2nd Row: John O'Connor, Mark Rooney, Jeremy Jones, Craig Gallagher, Joelle Calder.
Front Row: Kelly Eason, Karen Anderson, Natasha Patton, Vicki Lea, Michaela Moran.

1985

Back Row: Sr Mary Gaines, Timothy O'Sullivan, Hamish Patton, Joshua Calder.
2nd Row: Daniel Van Wijk, Gregory Johnston, Brett O'Sullivan, Nathan Wilson, Adrian O'Grady.
Front Row: Lisa McClintock, Mathew O'Donohue, Kelly O'Neill, Louise Eason, Erin Thomson, Deane Wilson, Anna Scannell

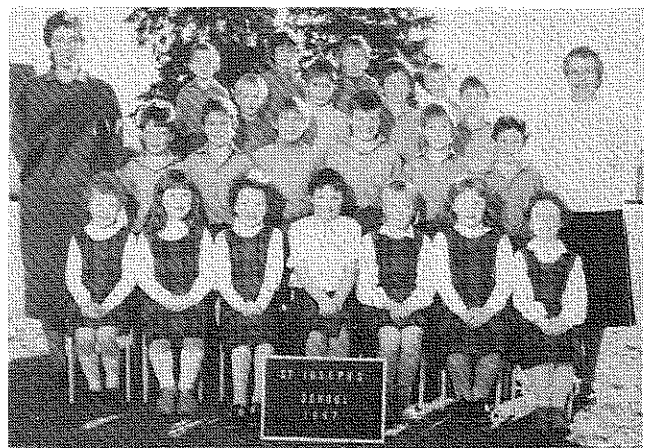


1985

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2nd Row: Mrs Deborah O'Neill, Mark Waugh, Simon Waugh, Paul Eason, Murray Harvey, Ryan O'Sullivan.
3rd Row: Scott Thomson, Jamie McKendry, Kieran Moran, Blair Campbell, Murray Dobbs, Kirsten Patton
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1987

Back Row: Mrs D. O'Neill, Dafydd Machin, Karl O'Connor, Michael Proctor, Frances O'Donohue.
2nd Row: Deane Willivan, Timothy O'Sullivan, Jaime Van Hassel, Mathew O'Donohue, Sr Roseleen Moloney.
3rd Row: Joshua Calder, Lain Hellmrich, Gregory Johnston, Mathew O'Sullivan, Nathan Wilson, Hamish Patton.
Front Row: Lucy Scannell, Gabrielle O'Grady, Anna Scannell, Erin Thomson, Kelly O'Neill, Jane Corder, Meri Machin.
Absent: Adrian O'Grady, Louise Eason, Lisa and Susan McClintock.





MARY MacKILLOP
Co-founder of the
Sisters of St Joseph

*Life
must be
lived
forwards
but*

*can
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backwards*

— Soren Kierkegaard



SR MARY OF THE CROSS
(Mary MacKillop)

Servant of God — by Decree
— Rome 1.2.1973

CENTENNIAL OF THE SISTERS OF ST JOSEPH

During Labour Weekend there will be celebrations in Temuka to commemorate the hundred years of service the Sisters of St Joseph have given to the people and children of South Canterbury.

Little is known by most people about the founder origin, growth and work of the Congregation of the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart.

Mary McKillop, who started the movement was born in Australia in 1842, of Highland Scots parents. Mary grew up with an acute awareness of the spiritual needs of the Catholic children of her native land. Australia was then growing and expanding and vast new territories were being opened up. People were experiencing hardship, poverty, and unemployment. In country areas children were totally unprovided for in the matter of Catholic Education. Mary MacKillop, under the guidance of Fr Julian Tenison Wood, flung herself heart and soul, bringing to the task a wealth of splendid faith and wonderful intellectual gifts. Other young Australian girls, with a vision like her own, were not slow to join her. They became the first member of a new Sisterhood, the Congregation of the Sister of St Joseph . . . The first school opened in an old barn in the small town of Penola in South Australia in 1866 . . . In 1881 they were invited to New Zealand by Archbishop Redwood at the request of Fr Louis Fauvel of Temuka who was interested in the story of this new Congregation and its aims for the cause of Catholic Education among the poor. Fr Fauvel wrote frequently to Sr Mary MacKillop mingling pleadings and almost threats. Some amusing extracts from his letters. "I am sending you this little statue of St Joseph to help you arrange all things for sending in due time a band of your missionaries to Temuka". Two years later on October 31st., 1883 he wrote; "At length my dear little St Joseph has returned from his long pilgrimage to South Australia. He must have been truly welcome there for he wasn't in a hurry to come back! Thanks be to God he has succeeded in overcoming difficulties and brought me three good Sisters".

From this time on the Sisters were asked by many Parish Priests to come and set up schools. So education of the country children and poor children became a special characteristic of the work of the Sisters in New Zealand . . .

. . . Now a hundred years later, the Sisters continue to live out Sr Mary MacKillop's motto of "Never See an Evil Without Trying to Remedy It". While Catholic Education still remains an important way to enrich the people of New Zealand, the Sisters find that in many ways they can now hand on this work of teaching to committed Catholic and Christians teachers . . . Some Sisters are still teaching in schools but others are responding to God's call in other ways such as working with migrant families, visiting the elderly and sick, co-ordinating or leading prayer groups, Motor Missions — God's work on wheels and even in the Mission field in Peru . . .

. . . On the 8th August 1909 Mary MacKillop died at the Mother House of the Sisters of St Joseph in North Sydney. Hundreds of people marched in her funeral procession. The hope is growing daily stronger that the Church in Australia and New Zealand needs an exemplar and intercessor, indigenous to the soil, and will canonise this heroic woman and declare her a saint.

Timaru Herald, October 1983 [Contributed by Sr Mary Gaines]

Mary MacKillop, Co-founder of the Sisters of St Joseph, died on August 8 1909. Let us join with the Sisters of St Joseph in prayer that she will soon be canonised.

PRAYER

God, our Father in Heaven, show your loving care for us by granting the favours we ask through your servant, Mary of the Cross.

May her powerful intercession with you cause her to be raised to the alters of your Church.

Through her prayers and example increase our knowledge and love of you, so that we may be united with her in the happiness of heaven. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

"In this spirit of unbounded generosity, we must give ourselves entirely to our work . . . in the care and instruction of the poor, suffering or otherwise neglected ones of the Church".

Mary MacKillop

FORMER PUPILS WHO ENTERED RELIGIOUS LIFE

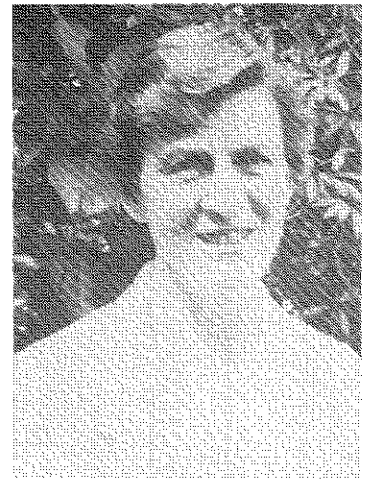


Sister Patricia



Sister Ursula

Daughters of Mr & Mrs F. Stevenson. All became Sisters of St Joseph.



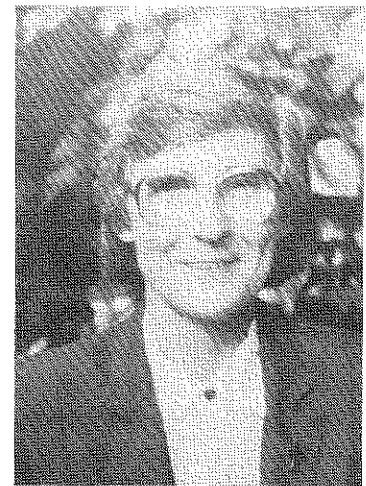
Sr Rosaleen Hendren
Sister of Mercy
Daughter of Mr & Mrs J. Hendren



Sister Leonie



Sister Mary



Sr Irene Jones
Sister of Mercy
Daughter of Mr & Mrs B. Jones



Sr M. Roseanne, Mary Gallagher
Home of Compassion Sister
Daughter of Mr & Mrs G. Gallagher



Sr Helen Caughley
Sister of St Joseph
Daughter of Mr & Mrs R. Caughley



Fr Patrick Keenan [R.I.P.]
Son of Mr & Mrs P. Keenan



Sr Mary Gerardine OP
Dominican Sr
Carmelita
Daughter of Mr & Mrs G. M. Collins



Fr John Collins
Son of Mr & Mrs G. M. Collins

FIRST PRIEST ORDAINED IN FAIRLIE DISTRICT

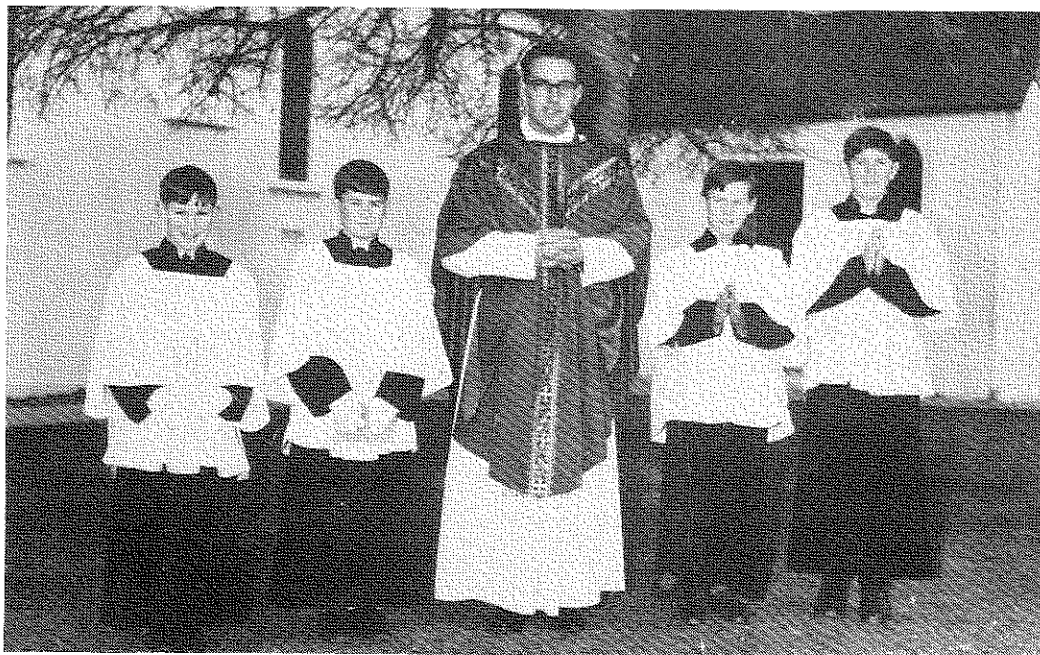
A large number of Catholics from various parts of New Zealand gathered at Fairlie for the ordination of Rev. Father John Collins. The ordination was unique in that it was the first in the Fairlie Parish of St Patrick's.

The ordination was taken by the Most Reverend B. P. Ashby, D. D. Bishop of the Christchurch Diocese, for which Father Collins was ordained.

Nearly 500 people watched a procession of 35 priests representing various parts of New Zealand file into the church and listened to a choir of 79 children. The organist and choirmistress was Sister Jude, of the St Joseph Convent.

A number of items were given at the social evening which followed with an attendance of 550 people. Father Collins was presented with a rug and a cheque on behalf of the parish.

Extracts from Timaru Herald, 4 July, 1969



Newly ordained Fr John Collins with altar servers Paul Casey,
Gerard Gallagher, Stephen Whittaker and Michael Connell.



1949 BASKETBALL TEAM: FORM 1 AND 2

Annette Robinson, Pauline Surridge, Mae Loomes, Maureen Sheehan [Captain], Veronica Jones, Frances O'Neill, Marie Cunneen, Josephine Somers, Pauline Collins.

CIRCA 1958/1959

The St Joseph's under 8st. Rugby team from Fairlie, winners of the Country Schools' seven-a-side tournament at Fraser Park, Timaru.

Back Row: Kevin O'Neill, Bryce Kerr, Mr Joe Keenan [Coach], Peter O'Connor, Michael Ryder
Front Row: Jim Kane, Farrell Cleary, David Goulter, Tim O'Connor.



1965

A total of 400 pupils from primary schools throughout the Mackenzie County held their Annual Winter Sports Tournament.

Schools from all parts of the district assembled in Fairlie for the competitions. We feature on this page, basketball teams taking part in the grades.



CONVENT A TEAM

J. Day [Captain], K. Bateman, A. Kane, L. Davis, Y. O'Neill, M. Jones, Sharon Gallagher



1959

Joan Parker, Helen Surridge, Catherine Gallen,
Colleen Gardiner,
Marie Kane, Patricia O'Connor, Diane Keenan.

Mary Macdonald, coach, with her two successful Netball teams of 1959 and 1960. The 1959 team were the winners of the B Grade Country Schools Competition, held at the Caroline Bay Courts and the 1960 team winners of the A Grade.

1960

Catherine Gallen, Marie Kane,
Janet Stevenson, Colleen Waring,
Mary Ryder, Colleen Gardner, Diane Keenan



CIRCA 1962-63

Fairlie and Pleasant Point St Joseph's Netball teams.

FAIRLIE:

Left back Row: Lynda Chapman, Valmai Kerr,
Rosemary Dorgan, Gwenda Robinson.
Left front Row: Kathleen O'Connor,
Marlene Sheehan, Ann Gallen.



CIRCA 1966-1967

JUNIOR NETBALL TEAM

Helen Dwyer, Maree Gibson, Christine Jones,
Helen Adair, Teresa Hand, Pauline Connell,
Jackie Davis



CIRCA 1962-1963

St Joseph's Fairlie and Pleasant Point Rugby teams, Fairlie being the winners this year.

1965

Michael Gallagher, Gerard Gallagher,
Stephen Wittaker, Barry Dixon,
Michael Connell, Stephen Gallagher,
Kevin O'Boyle, Terry Ryder [Captain]





1973 A NETBALL TEAM

Corrine Gallagher, Bernadette O'Connor, Laurette Jones,
Joanne Siegert, Rosemary Gallagher, Paula Dwyer,
Sally Jones, Christine Kelly.



1973 B NETBALL TEAM

Kerry Gibson, Patricia Kelly, Jillian Andrews,
Catherine Connell, Irene Jones, Michelle Miles,
Jane Gallagher, Deidre Andrews.



Stephen Gray, Peter Hoare, Paul Braddick, Barry Brien,
Gregory Hand, Grant Gibson, Edward Jones, Bernard Kelly,
Kerry O'Brien, Stephen Brien, Basil O'Boyle.



Darryl Brien, Paul Brien, Paul Kelly, Peter Brien,
Paul O'Connor, Paul Miles, Michael Brosnan,
Stephen Hoare, Peter Dobbs, Michael Jones

1973 SENIOR, JUNIOR AND MIDGET RUGBY TEAMS Future All-blacks?

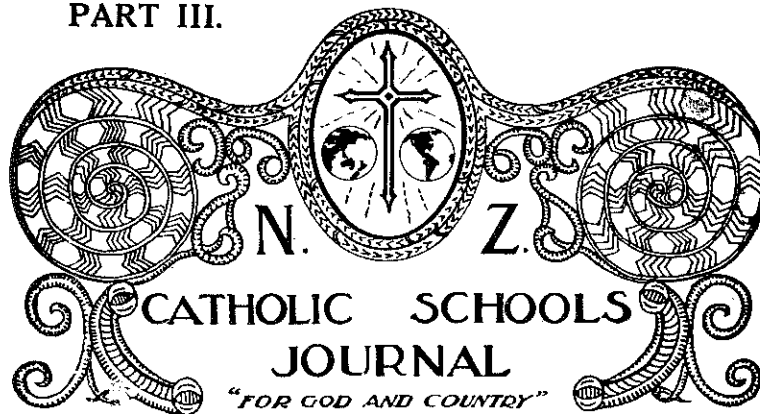


Kevin MacPherson, Peter Dobbs, Julian Connell, Mark Gabites,
Bruce Johnston, Kevin Brien, Donald Campbell.

DO YOU REMEMBER . . .

BOOKS I HAVE READ.		
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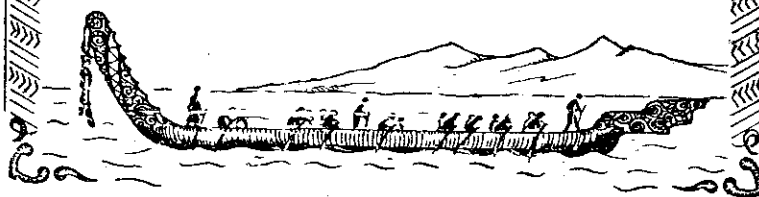
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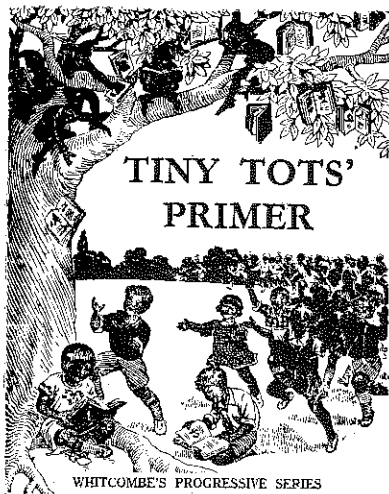
Even such is Time that takes in trust
 Our youth, our joys, our all we have,
 And pays us but with age and dust;
 Who in the dark and silent grave,
 When we have wandered all our ways,
 Shuts up the story of our days;
 But from this earth, this grave, this dust,
 My God shall raise me up, I trust!

—Written by SIR WALTER RALEIGH (1552-1618), the night before his death.


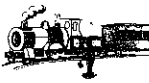




Front page of the first Catholic Schools Journal used at St Joseph's. The first day pupil who lent this for publication has the complete set of the 1939 Journals, still in their special folder, part of which can be seen attached. A real treasure.

DO YOU REMEMBER . . .



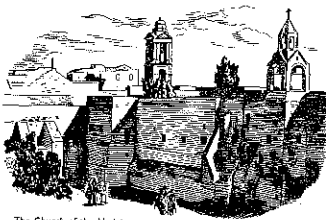
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The Church of the Nativity



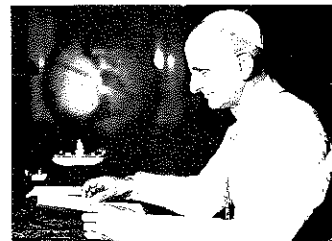
The Holy Catholic Church

Jesus Christ founded the holy Catholic Church. The apostles were the first bishops, and St Peter was the first Pope.

Today the Church teaches everything that Jesus taught while he was on earth. Pope Paul is now our Pope. The bishops take the place of the other apostles. With the Pope they rule the Catholic Church.

Some bishops have special names, such as "cardinal" and "archbishop." These bishops do work for the Church that is especially important.

Thousands of priests all over the world teach and preach to the people. They give the people the sacraments, and help good people to become more holy. They help sinners to come back to God.



Men, women, and children are part of the Church, too. They receive the sacraments, offer Holy Mass, and help to make the Church grow strong and holy.

Saint Paul tells us that all of us — Pope, bishops, priests, and people — are the living stones of the Church. He means that we have God's grace in our souls and that we are trying to be like Our Lord Jesus Christ. He says too that we are to help Jesus to save souls in the same way as your hand helps you, or your feet take you along. Jesus will put his love into your heart, and you will want to help him.

Third Term

1965

One hundred and four Popes were Romans, 103 were natives of other parts of Italy, 15 were French, nine were Greeks, seven were Germans, five were Asiatics, three were Africans, three were Spaniards, and two were Dalmatians. Palestine, Thrace, Holland, Portugal and Holland have each furnished one occupant of the Papal Chair.

N.Z. Catholic Schools Journal, April-May, 1939.

EXTRACTS FROM THE CHILDREN'S PAGE OF A CATHOLIC MAGAZINE, 1946

Annette Robinson's "very first letter".

I am now in Std 3. I have 1 sister and 2 brothers. Helen is in Std 5, John is in Primmer 2 and Peter is 2 years old and has lots of curls. I have a great-uncle a priest in Australia . . . We live on a farm at Winscombe. I have a pony called Nancy, she is brown. After school at night I milk the cow for Dad.

Another Std 3 is Gerald O'Neill

I am 11 years old now. I have 2 brothers staying home from school and one brother is going to school with my 2 sisters. I am the eldest in the family. The 2 little boys help Dad around the farm. Their names are Brian and Terence. My other brother is Maurice and the 3 girls are Frances, Eileen and Kathleen . . . Kathleen the little baby was born last month.

Doreen Blackwell writes:

I am 12 and in Std 4. I have 3 sisters and 2 brothers . . . We have about 30 hens and they are laying well. We have had no snow this year, but several earthquakes. My father and my eldest brother own a sawmill at Burkes Pass.

and Veronica Jones writes:

I am getting on well at school and in Std 3 now. I have 6 sisters and 3 brothers. The youngest is Irene. She was 4 on New Years Day and she is very funny . . . There are 5 of us going to school. We have 2 pet ferrets and lots of canaries at home. It is great fun playing with the ferrets. They run about making funny noises.



FIRST DAY PUPILS PRESENT AT ST JOSEPH'S 25th JUBILEE

Mary Gibson nee Edwards, Marie Page nee Fahey, June Loomes, Cecily Casey nee Edwards, Peter Siegert, Gwen Kane nee Jones, John Kane, Rita Maister nee Jones, Ron Cuthill, Marie O'Neill, Vince Jones, Winnie Jones, Moira Lipyeat nee Wareing, Sally Whittaker nee O'Neill.

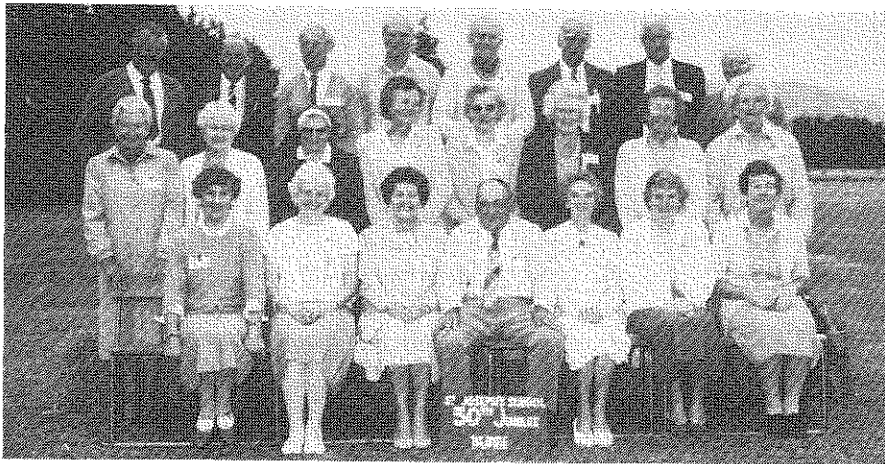
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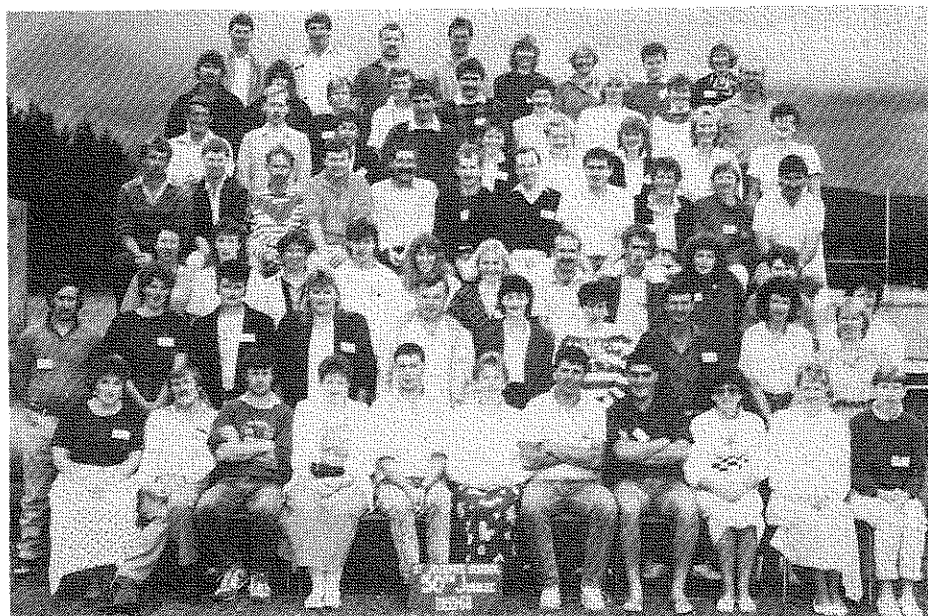


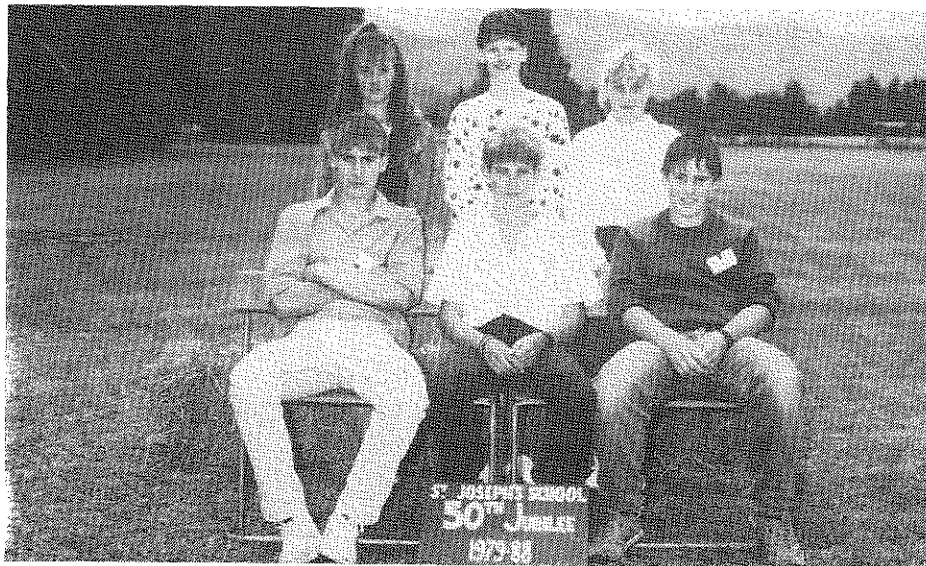
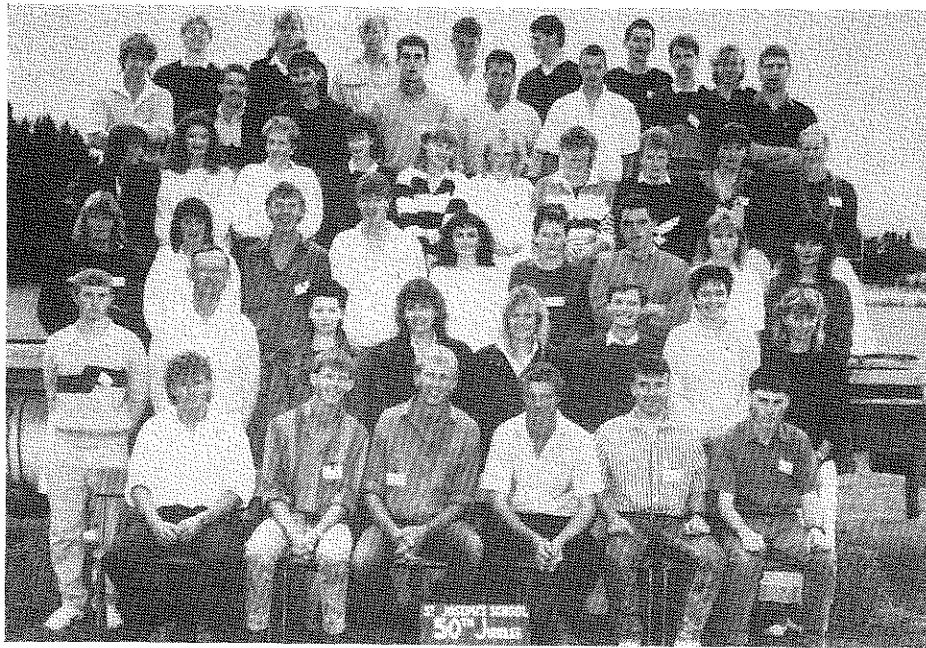
Planting the Tree
Youngest Pupil, Adam Wilson — Jubilee Chairman, Garry Kerr



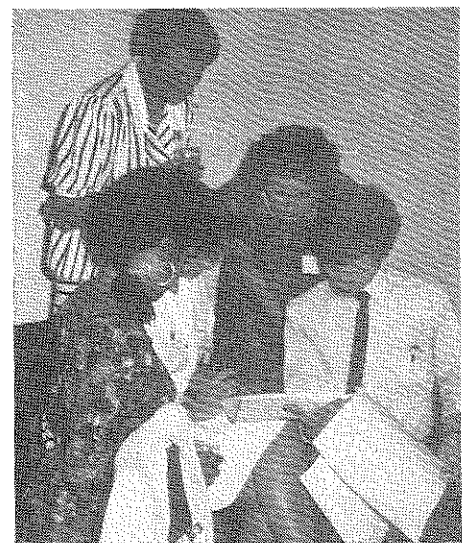
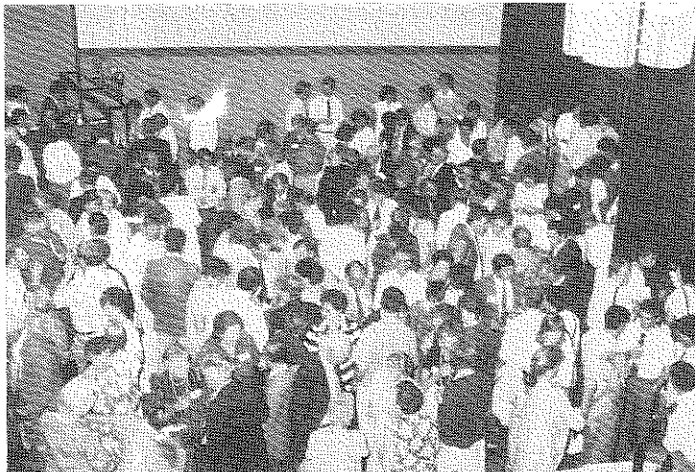
Cutting the Cake
First Day Pupils Patricia Martin, Gwen Kane







Jubilee Committee



Sr Rosalie
Staff 1939-40