

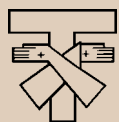
Franciscan News

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(Picture of Francis at the crib): The friars of the Province wish you the peace and joy that Francis found at the crib in Greccio

Top right: Bishop Ignatius Doggett ofm at Star of the Sea friary, Waverley



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Oldest Friar of the Province Dies

On the feast of the Stigmata of St Francis, 96 year old Bishop Ignatius John Doggett ofm died in Blacktown Hospital after a second fall in less than five months. His association with the Order spans more than eighty years, and he had begun his days in an area where friar Francis Peter O'Farrell

ofm had ministered some forty years before.

They were railway people the Doggetts. When Grandpar William at the age of 20, arrived in Sydney in September 1853 from Cambridgeshire, England, he gained employment as a bricklayer for the railways on the

construction from Redfern to Parramatta. The family settled down at Rydal, NSW, which was a railway terminal involving a lot of activity as goods such as wool and wheat were brought there to be transported to Sydney. John Doggett's parents, Jim and Sarah, were both employed by the Railways, and the five boys and two girls often opened the railway gates for Sarah. As a small boy, Jack

sometimes got a ride on the locomotive during the shunting, and was allowed to 'drive the train'. The actual driver was Ben Chiefley, Labor Prime Minister of Australia from 1945-49.

It was an incident during a train trip

that was to alter Jack's life and bring him to the friars. He was travelling home from high school in Lithgow one afternoon when a group of railway workers began a brawl on the train. Present

there was Friar Solanus McNamara who was president of the Seraphic College (franciscan juniorate) which happened to be at Rydal. Solanus did not like the idea of this boy having to witness this sort of thing, so offered to take Jack as a day boy at the juniorate. The invitation was accepted and Jack stayed on to become a friar. The Rydal college closed in 1925, and three of the lads completed their schooling with the Patrician Brothers at Holy Cross College, Ryde. Later, as Bishop Ignatius of Aitape, invited the Patrician

Brothers to PNG. They later made him an honorary member of the Order.

He with Frank Quinn from Paddington went to Killarney, Ireland, for their novitiate in 1927. Frank took the name of Xavier after the Patron Saint of Australia, so Jack took Ignatius because he was a friend of St Francis Xavier. Brother Ignatius studied in Rome and Belgium. He was not an academic but he got there. Even as a Bishop,

and he was the last of the Australian Bishops to have attended the 2nd Vatican Council, he had a simple and devout faith that did not readily favour the post-Conciliar changes.

Ordained in Rome 2nd July 1933, he returned the following year to be "Master





The fourth Bishop of Aitape - PNG, Austin Crapp ofm, sprinkles the coffin of Aitape's first Bishop, Ignatius Doggett ofm, during his burial in the Poor Clare cemetery, Campbelltown, NSW. Bishop William Ingham of Wollongong also participated.

of Students" at St Paschal's College, Box Hill. He took the assignment seriously, but not all the students did, as he was younger than one of them and had less experience of life than some of the others. From the start until his resignation as Bishop of Aitape, Ignatius had positions of responsibility, and learnt quickly to be a leader among men - Guardian of *Maryfields* Novitiate, Director of *Morning Star*, one of the first definitors of the newly created Province, before leading the first group of Franciscan Missionaries to Aitape, New Guinea.

One of his proudest achievements was as Director of *Morning Star Boys' Home* in Mornington, when he got the place out of debt through the almost accidental formation of an excellent committee. A Melbourne business man saw a priest waiting for a tram in Kew and offered him a ride to the City. When Ignatius said he was going to buy some linoleum for the dining room at *Morning Star*, and explained that the "Star" was a reformatory, Mr John Davis, owner of a large furniture store, gave the linoleum and introduced Ignatius to some of his influential friends who formed a great committee. These men remained always dear friends of Ignatius Doggett.

Ignatius led the group of six Australians and one New Zealander to the war-ravaged region of the Sepic on the north west coast of New Guinea, and into the hinterland of the Torricelli Mountains. Spreading the Gospel was hard work, much of which was walking, building,

creating air strips and roads, giving medical assistance and teaching. These young men had the courage and determination of the Aussie soldiers who had so recently preceded them.

In brief, Ignatius was appointed Prefect Apostolic in 1952, then Vicar Apostolic and ordained Bishop in 1957 and finally appointed the first Bishop of Aitape in 1966. Time took its toll, and Bishop Ignatius retired back to Australia in 1969, spending the next 25 years at *Maryfields* where he must have recalled the family farm at Rydal while growing his delicious tomatoes. Over his final ten years at *Star of the Sea* Waverley, Friar Mario Ferlazzo and former friar, Michael Ford, especially, gave him great care and attention. During the Requiem Mass in Mary Immaculate Church Waverley, where he had been ordained Bishop 47 years previously, two of his three successors were present - Brian Barnes ofm, Archbishop of Port Moresby, and Austen Crapp ofm, present Bishop of Aitape, who also preached the homily. A large body of clergy concelebrated, including seven Bishops, with Bishop David Cremin representing Cardinal Pell. In response to his very strong desire, Bishop Ignatius was buried at Campbelltown, in the cemetery of the Poor Clares. May our brother Ignatius Doggett rest in God's love forever.

Assessing the Past - Planning the Future

St Francis, as his Rule testifies, kept in touch with his brothers personally by visiting them, to encourage and challenge them in their living of the Gospel Life in Fraternity. These days, as provinces and friaries are spread so widely around the globe, the General Minister in Rome sends a representative as General Visitator to each province on his behalf, and usually at the time of a provincial chapter when a provincial minister and his vicar are to be elected. This year was such a year for the Province of the Holy Spirit, based in Australia but including New Zealand, Singapore and Sarawak. The General Minister, Br José Rodriguez Carballo ofm, the 119th successor of St Francis, sent us Gerry Raffry ofm, from Ireland, our parent Province.

Friar Gerry's mandate included visiting each friar and friary and presiding



Irish Friar Gerry Rafferty ofm - Visitor General (left), and re-elected Vicar Provincial, Paul Smith ofm, during the Provincial Chapter held in September at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney. Paul is also Secretary of the Province, of whom Gerry wrote; "I, like so many friars of the Province, am very grateful to Paul for his efficiency and his easy manner of working" (Visitor's Report).

at the Provincial Chapter, encouraging us all to espouse ever more vehemently the 5 priorities of the Order, articulated at the last general Chapter in Assisi last year. They are: 1. Prayerfulness, 2. Living as Brothers, 3. Living poorly with the poor, 4. Spreading the Gospel by life and word and 5. Helping all friars, newly and solemnly professed, to continually grow in the Franciscan life, preparing appropriately for whatever their ministry might be.

Before his arrival our Visitor wrote to us: *"I see myself going to you primarily as a brother, as a friar on the Gospel pilgrimage. I look forward to being able to listen to you, to reflect with you on what it means to be a friar in your Province today, to encourage you as a brother, to plan the future of your life and ministry, to pray with you and to be evangelized by you"* (Dec 12, 2003).

With a charm that belongs to the genial Irish, Gerry was a welcome guest wherever he went, showing interest in each friar and his interests. He is originally from Galway (where our first Campbelltown Clares came from). He joined the Order at Killarny in 1967, and has filled numerous important roles such as pastoral Director at a Theological Institute, a Formator helping young friars learn the life. From 1990 till 2002, he was Secretary of Ongoing Formation - helping Solemnly Professed friars continue in their Franciscan development. He was involved in establishing a program for drug addicts and homeless people that the friars have going in Merchants Quay in Dublin. He was Guardian of the Merchants Quay friary for six of his twelve

years there and he is presently a Definitor of the Irish Province.

Friar Gerry's Report to the Chapter was a thorough one, commending the past and challenging us to adapt to the needs of the future. The Chapter was held at MacKillop Place, the Josephite Centre at North Sydney, from 27th September till 1st October. Thirty friars attended, consisting of the administration and delegates elected by the Province. A wide range of topics was discussed, and elections took place. Friar Stephen Bliss was re-elected as Provincial Minister, as was Friar Paul Smith as Provincial Vicar. Friars Peter Clifford and John Boyd-Boland were also re-elected as Definitors. Friar Peter Cantwell and Matthew Beckmann are two new members, although Peter has had three previous terms as a Definitor. We would ask our friends and well-wishers to pay for us as we face the challenges of the future.

A Profile of a Friar

Friar Michael Brown in WA obliges us with a few words about himself. Michael writes: The well worn cliché "God writes straight with crooked lines" is an evergreen saying. As a callow sixteen year old I spent a year at CSsR College, Galong NSW. That was a real all round experience spiritually and culturally. I just knew and wanted to be a better person especially towards my parents. Galong was an all round rude awakening. My return to Perth WA in early December 1939 was an enjoyable welcome home. This was shattered a couple of weeks later when a telegram arrived with the message "Father Director and community think it better that you do not return. Letter following." No letter arrived.

Therefore it was necessary to set about getting employment. Eventually I got a job as a shop assistant at Boans (now Myer) department store in Perth. Talk about being callow and inexperienced in the ways of the world! That was to change when I enlisted in the RAAF October 1940, and served in the signals office (being unfit for aircrew) until discharged in January 1946.

The idea of priestly life never really left me during my RAAF days. So in 1945, after talking to the airforce Chaplain in Darwin, Fr Tom McCall, I applied to Mons (later Bishop) Goody, to enter St Charles diocesan seminary, Guildford, WA. I was advised to get a

letter of recommendation from CSsR so the expected letter of 1939 eventually arrived to say that the Reds thought I would not settle into their type of community. Mons Goody after reading that letter and considering that I hadn't passed year twelve (Leaving) class in the classics of Greek and Latin (as he put it) and having consulted Archbishop Prendiville, decided to reject my application.

What to do! You should have heard Fr Tom's reaction to what he called these armchair apostles (his words). Discharged from the RAAF in January, 1946, there was only one thing to do - study for year twelve and head for university.

That year a friar Conrad Winston ofm, a long standing friend (formerly a Perth diocesan priest) visited CBC Leederville and spoke about vocations to Franciscan life. I decided to settle this priestly vocation business once and for all. I shared with Conrad my frustrated efforts to enter priestly life and concluded with "Father, I don't think I have a vocation." To my great delight Conrad said, "I don't think you have one either", but he then added, "But if you want to have another crack at it, we'll give you a go." A few days later I contacted Conrad and said that I would like to have another go at priestly life. The rest is history - Robertson Box Hill and Perth August 6th 1955 with Bishop Goody (Prendiville too sick) ordaining me at St Mary's Cathedral, Perth. The God of surprises has a great sense of humour. The last laugh must go to the bishop because I ended up serving

in his diocese and enjoyed his friendship. The crooked lines had straightened themselves out.

The years roll on and I find myself at Morning Star Boys' Home (Youth Training Centre) Mt Eliza, Victoria. This required switching from taking teenage boys at face value to having a somewhat suspicious attitude towards their stories and activities. Six months went by before I settled into this new ministry. I look upon the nine years at Morning Star as a privilege. There is one important lesson I learned from the "Star Boys" - accept yourself as you are. I've tried to live that lesson. But more easily said than done.

On returning to Midland parish WA in 1972 (my first appointment - '56 to '60 was Midland) I was introduced to the Charismatic Renewal. This experience or encounter with the Holy Spirit changed and deepened my Franciscan and priestly vocation. Francis says in his Testament that we friars are to read the Gospel "without gloss". I came now to understand that Francis meant for us to listen to what the Word is saying to me personally, what inspiration does it have for my Franciscan living? Like Francis I've come to see that my vowed life is primarily the way I am to relate to Jesus and secondarily for the expansion of the Kingdom. Like many others I've come to rely on the Holy Spirit for preaching the Word and dispensing the Sacraments. But through the Charismatic Renewal I've experienced more powerfully this guidance of the Holy Spirit: God does wonderful things in us and through us, not because we are good but because He is Good.

There is much I have to thank our Province for - sabbatical at Steubenville, Ohio USA centering on Scripture and Vatican II; Challenge Programme in St Isidore, Rome with its superb insights into Franciscan life; pastoral year (2000) in the Holy Land where I spent many hours in the Confessional; pilgrimages to Lourdes, Ars, Chartres and Medjugorje; twelve years in WA where I have ministered to my family by way of baptisms, marriages and funerals.

Our new residence, situated in Maylands, an inner suburb of Perth, just happens to be in the same parish where I did my primary schooling, served on the

*Opposite page:
Steve McLeod and
Tom Byrnes in the
dining room at
Ranclagh during the
Roberson Reunion*

altar and made my first foray into the priestly journey that took me to the Redemptorists. We live in two of the three units and are settling in OK. Come West and enjoy the best.

Robertson Reunion

It had been suggested light-heartedly in conversations from time to time that there be a reunion of 'old boys of Robbo' - friars and former friars, at Ranelagh Hotel Robertson, which from 1946 till 1960 was St Anthony's Franciscan Juniorate and for six years after that our House of Philosophy.



This year four interested persons got together and organised with the management of Ranelagh for such a reunion to take place on the weekend 24 -25th April. Friar Dan Neylon and former friars Tom Byrnes, John Madden and Ken Healey are responsible for this successful venture. Not too heavily structured, the time passed with ease and conviviality. Fifty-nine attended, coming from Queensland, NSW, Victoria, ACT, WA and New Zealand, and included sixteen wives, a daughter and a son. The timing was particularly right for Dan Neylon: fifty years since he was appointed to teach at St Anthony's College, Robertson. Congenial memories of our youth reinforce our gratitude for the gift of life.

Three Quarters of a Century

This year, the 13th June was the Feast of Corpus Christi, the Feast of St Anthony and the 75th Anniversary of the Friars coming to Kedron in Queensland. St Anthony's Primary School, Padua College and Mt Alvernia College students were involved in preparing a Jubilee Eucharist attended by about 700 people including the Archbishop, John Bathersby, the Provincial Minister, Stephen Bliss, the Franciscan Parish Priest, John Boyd Boland, three former Parish Priests - Friars Giles Setter, Peter Clifford

and Robert Matthews, the Franciscan Visitor General, Gerry Raftery, the local Friars and Franciscan Sisters, the Federal Member for Lilley, Wayne Swan, the State Member for Stafford, Terry Sullivan, plus Parishioners and other friends of the Franciscans. The Archbishop planted an anniversary tree, and appropriately, the Visitor General, Friar Gerry Raftery, is an Irishman, as were the first Friars who come to Australia as a community in 1879, and to Kedron fifty years later.

Within less than two months of the friars arriving in Queensland in 1929, the Franciscan Order Secular was initiated, and so they also celebrated their anniversary this year. Friar Joachim O'Brien ofm has given us some details of this event with the following:

St Thérèse Franciscan Parish Church Kedron was the occasion for the 75th anniversary of the Secular Franciscan Order, Holy Spirit Fraternity, on Sunday 18th July this year. The Secular Order was established by Friar Fidelis Griffin ofm on 29th July 1929. The first fraternity in Australia was commenced in Waverley, Sydney on 18th July 1879 and quickly spread through the Eastern Suburbs.

The present Regional Spiritual Assistant, Friar Norbert Pittorino ofm, with the Regional President, Joan Jowett, and their helpers made excellent preparations for the day, with over two hundred fraternity members and friends present at the Mass, plus Bishop Joseph Oudeman ofm Capuchin, a long time Spiritual Assistant to the SFO. Friar Norbert in his homily traced the history of the Secular Order from St Francis up to the present Rule approved by Pope Paul VI in 1978, drawing particular attention to the changes that have taken place since the Rule approved by Pope Leo XIII in 1884. These changes are mainly due to the influence of the Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity of the Second Vatican Council, November 18th, 1965, and the revision of the Third Order (as it was called) in 1967. The Secular Franciscans now have a new unity that they had never achieved before in their entire history, as the new Rule has made them a single autonomous Order, international and ruling in their own right.



Friar Joachim O'Brien ofm giving an address during the 75th Anniversary of the SFO in the Little Flower Church, Kedron, 18th July 2004.



Friar Pat Henigan speaking at the unveiling of the plaque to Kenny Sellars

A truly Franciscan spirit was obvious among all present, which included representatives of other fraternities, Friars, Franciscan Sisters and many friends. Friar Joachim O'Brien, a former Spiritual Assistant to the Kedron fraternity, spoke of the New Evangelization that Pope John Paul calls the laity to in the new millennium, and for which the Secular Order is well fitted by its tradition, its new Rule and its leadership. With its three quarters of a century tradition behind it, the Kedron fraternity confidently faces the future.

Near and far

In August, *The Provincial Parish Committee* farewelled Mrs Val Mooney who stepped down from membership as a parishioner representative (Box Hill) after seven years of very valuable service. Two new members were welcomed to the Committee: Mrs Marie Dunphy of West Tamar Parish, Launceston, who is a retired secondary school teacher with a Diploma of Pastoral Ministry, and Mrs Mary Ellen Pattinson of St Anthony's Parish, Deeragun and Rolingstone, Townsville, Queensland, who is a school consultant with the Catholic Education Office.

On 25 October, Provincial Minister, Stephen Bliss ofm, installed Friar Michael D'Cruz as Custos of the Custody of Singapore, Malaysia and Brunei. The

Councillors are Friars Clifford Augustine, Joseph Goh, Martin Low and Joseph Nasanathan. A custody is an entity belonging to a province but which is on the way to becoming itself an independent province.

The newly rebuilt Church of St Mary of the Angels in Singapore, opened 2nd February, has collected a number of prestigious awards from the Singapore Institute of Architects, for design and colour. The Pastor, Friar Phillip Miscamble, was included by the Associazione Liberi Architetti, in Vicenza, in the number of candidates deserving international acclaim for commissioning buildings of excellence.

The General Chapter last year in Assisi emphasised the international nature of the Brotherhood, and in response to this our Province has made firm fraternal contact with friars in Indonesia and in

East Timor which is served by Indonesian Friars. In March, Friar Stephen Bliss, Provincial Minister, with Julie Morgan - Promoter of our Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Commission, and Val Mooney of the Province's Parish Committee, joined the Provincial Minister of Indonesia, Paschalis Syukur ofm, on one of his regular visits to East Timor, with the possibility of Franciscan Parishes in Australia and New Zealand 'twinning' with Franciscan parishes in East Timor. In August, Friars Paul Smith, Provincial Vicar and Secretary of the Province, and Iose Ale, Chaplain of Padua College, also made a visit, as the Rector and Staff of Padua Colloège are open to collaboration between Padua and St Francis High School in East Timor. In early October, Australian Friars Angelo O'Hagan and Paul Ghanem attended the 75th Anniversary Celebration in Jakarta of the St Michael Archangel Province

Last year Friar Pat Henigan attended the Funeral Mass of a simple and much loved identity of Fitzroy in Melbourne, Kenny Sellars, who was something of a derelict, permanently affected by alcohol and drugs, but who was still a gentleman to all whom he met. Pat rose to say a few words about Kenny and suggested that a plaque be placed in his memory at The Turning Point - a detox centre, where Kenny often sat, on the corner of Fitzroy and Gertrude Streets in Fitzroy. In due course it was, and Pat was asked to speak at the unveiling of the plaque.

On Thursday 9th September, Friar Jivan Daniel was Solemnly Professed by the Provincial Minister, Stephen Bliss, in the Church of St Joseph, Jalan Sentul, Kuala Lumpur.

Former friar Bernard Hickey after leaving us taught in Queensland before studying in England and Italy, to become a Professor of English Literature in the Foreign Language Department of the Italian University of Lecce. He specializes in Australian literature, particularly Patrick White, for Italian students studying English literature. He is a life member of the European Association for Studies on Australia, and was made a Member of the Order of Australia in 1987. On 2nd September this year, Professor Hickey was awarded the Australian Catholic



Friar Jivan Daniel Louis ofm, Solemnly Professed at Kuala Lumpur

University's highest honour - Doctor of the University *honoris causa*, on which occasion Bernard delivered the Occasional Address. He is retiring from the University of Lecce, but at present is still in Italy.

A Catcall from Kuching

After a relatively short but successful appointment to Kuching, Sarawak, Alban Mitchell ofm is about to return to Australia, but before doing so, gives us some idea of the wonderful people and places he experienced there. Alban writes;

What is it that Kuching, Moscow, Egypt and Switzerland have in common. Cuckoo Clocks? No. Cat Museum? Yes, one of the only four in the world, and Kuching's is the only one in Asia. Kuching means cat in Malay, so Kuching City is 'Cat City'. No one knows exactly why. Is it after the local Mata Kuching or 'Cat's eye' trees, or the local kink-tailed cats, unique to the City? It's part of Sarawak lore, one of SE Asia's mysteries, an incitement to explore.

Some of this you will pick up at Kuching's Cat Museum, plus a view over the city, and the broad Sarawak River. This



is the same river that enticed the English entrepreneur James Brooke to start trade from Singapore in 1839. Allied to the Rajah of Brunei, Brooke helped put down local pirates, and as a reward was made a rajah himself; hence the reign of the Brookes as the White Rajahs of Sarawak. The Japanese War and the coming of independence put an end to this slice of British history as the Brooke dynasty

ceded Sarawak to Britain as a Crown Colony in 1946. Full independence came 1963 as Sarawak and Sabah joined Peninsula Malaysia, but retained control of their own immigration to protect Borneo people from being swamped by Peninsular (West) Malaysia.

One thing the British did was to end the local sport of headhunting. You may still see the odd skull hanging from the ceiling in the Long Houses, now more or less tourist attractions. 'Keep your head' had an ominous meaning in 19th century Sarawak. At Sarawak Museum, and its offshoot, the Cat Museum, you will learn something of this colourful history. There are photos including one of Iban chieftains in the late 1800s, whom you wouldn't want to meet in a dark alley, or any alley.

However, their descendants are a cultured and delightful people, of many Borneo tribes, Chinese, Malays and mixtures thereof. You will get the feel of this colourful people at the Santubong Cultural Village, and hour or so from us. Around the friary and St Anne's Church at '10 Mile' the locals are mainly Bidayus, and some Ibans. You must meet the people of the 48 kampongs (villages) that the

friars serve here - generous, smiling, open-hearted people, who owe much to the Mill Hill Fathers who were the early missionaries here. Be prepared for a 'spine massage' over some rough side roads at high speed through forests, past rice paddies, banana plantations, pepper shrubs, papaya trees and around mountain tracks to the kampong chapel. And can they sing! Drums and guitars are a speciality. The friars constantly on the road owe so much to the Franciscan Sisters of Sarawak and the catechists for the ebullient Faith these people profess. It is an uplifting experience, and a contrast to the world weary Catholicism of the West.

It is not well known that Christians are in the majority in Sarawak and Sabah - the opposite to the situation in West Malaysia. There is a genuine, pleasant relationship of mutual respect between Christians and Muslims.

You might like to experience Mt Singai Catholic Memorial and Pilgrimage

Friars Joseph Goh (originally from Kuching) and Alban Mitchell, celebrating Mass with Archbishop John Ha Tiong Hock on the Feast of St Ann in the Parish of St Ann, where the friars serve in Kuching.



Friars Albert Williams from New Zealand, Benignus Clowes from St Francis Xavier Parish, Box Hill, Cassian Double - chaplain to the Mater Hospital, and Angelo O'Hagan of St Paschal's College, Box Hill. celebrating their Fifty Years of Priesthood

Centre, with the Stations of the Cross on the way up. How the local people built the splendid retreat centre up such a steep track on the mountain side staggers the imagination

Not far from us are reminders of the friar chaplains of World War 2, Brendan Rogers ofm and Aloysius O'Donovan ofm, both imprisoned by the Japanese at Batu Lintang. We are here now as an outreach of the Custody of Singapore, and the fruit of a decision put to the 1983 Chapter that the Initial Formation of friars from Singapore Malaysia and Brunei take place in Singapore (rather than Australia). This began officially in 1984 and has born fruition here with two friars of our present community hailing from Sarawak.

Speaking of fruition, you might enjoy our garden. We've planted heliconias. Ixora and Allamanda cuttings, cannas and Candle shrubs. Volunteer parishioners planted a double row of palms along the entrance road, which we hope will be an avenue of Peace and Reconciliation as well as a place to welcome you should you visit the friars at St Francis Friary, St Ann's Parish Kota Padawan, Kuching.

Hill, had already celebrated in great style for Friar Benignus on 24th July, at which Friar Angelo O'Hagan was also present, having been ordained with Ben in St Stephen's Cathedral, Brisbane, on 28th July 1954.

The Franciscan Press closing down

The Franciscan Press will close down in December 2004.

The Franciscan Press has been operating as an apostolate of the Franciscans for fifty four years having been set up officially in October 1950. The aim of the press was for educational purposes, dissemination of Christian ideals, to promote the Order and to raise money – and over the years these aims have been achieved with varying emphasis at different times. Lately it has been a Christian presence in a rather secular industry.

Nearly all the friars in the press are well passed retirement age and have many other commitments on their time during the work day. So we have decided that we should close down rather than just die out.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank and remember all those friars who have worked in The Franciscan Press over nearly 55 years, and all the people who have helped and encouraged us.



The Franciscan Press



Fifty years of Priesthood

On Sunday evening, 19th September, four friar-priests celebrated their Golden Jubilee of Ordination at the Friary in Adele St, Kedron, with the Provincial Vicar, Friar Paul Smith as principal celebrant. They are Friars Albert Williams, Benignus Clowes, Cassian Double and Angelo O'Hagan. Originally there were seven in the ordination year of 1954, but Missionaries Gerald Walsh and Bishop William Rowell are deceased and Friar Godfrey Ainsworth of Star of the Sea Friary, Waverley, was not well enough to attend. The Parish of St Francis Xavier, Box

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