**Administration Area- Polding Place**

John Bede Polding was educated by Benedictine Sisters and monks and then joined the Benedictine community in 1811. Throughout his life, Polding found the Rule of Benedict a source of rich Gospel-based wisdom. He is responsible for helping to establish the Sisters of the Good Samaritan here in Australia. He spoke out about injustices in society and gave a voice to those who had no voice—the poor, the convicts, the Aborigines and the women. Passion and compassion are two words which describe John Polding the man, the monk, and the missionary.

**Fr Tony O’ Keefe Library**

Fr Tony O’ Keefe was born in 1958 and went to heaven in 2007. He was our parish administrator in 1998 and became our Parish Priest of St Theresa’s from then until he passed away in 2007. Fr Tony was faithful to the church and taught faithfully what he believed. He celebrated both happy and sad times with us and at all times he made everyone feel very, very special. He made you feel that you were the most important person in the world. Fr Tony had the ability to draw out the very best in us and for that everyone who knew him, loved him. It is fitting that we call our new library after him and every time we go there we will think of the valuable contribution he made to Mater Dei.

**Multipurpose Hall- William Morris Centre**

Bishop Morris has been an important member of our diocese and has touched the lives of many people. Bishop Morris was a visionary leader and has a wealth of pastoral and administrative leadership. He has been a strong leader who has shown us the face of God on a daily basis. His motto is “Christ is my hope.” Whenever we enter the hall, we will be reminded of Bishop Morris who acted justly, loved tenderly and walked humbly with God. It is with great joy that we name this wonderful new facility the William Morris Centre.

**Holy Angels Early Years Centre**

In 1916 Father Dennis Fouhy saw the need for more schooling in the north east area of town due to an increase in population.

As the Sisters of Mercy were being stretched due to other commitments in the Toowoomba region, it was decided to invite the Sisters of the Good Samaritan to supervise the arrangements and teach at this new school. The foundation stone of the school was laid on September 9th 1917 by Archbishop Duhig which could hold roughly 120 children. This school was to be called Holy Angels.

With funding on hand, it did not take a long time to build the school and enrolments commenced in January 1918 with 60 students enrolled. By the end of the year the number of enrolments had grown to over 150 students with Holy Angels being particularly special due to it being the only Catholic school to have boys from Prep to Year 9 at the time.

We are renaming the Early Years Centre to the Holy Angels Early Years Centre to connect students both present and the future to the strong foundations of the past.