

At the end of June, St Malachy's School Edenhope had a shared afternoon tea with students, teachers, Fr John Corrigan and parishioners to farewell Fr John and to unveil three paintings. With the recent closure of the Apsley Church, it was decided that our local artist Barb Bull be invited to paint each of the three churches in our local area that have closed over the years.



The Minimay Catholic Church closed twenty years ago, the Goroke Church ten years ago and more recently Apsley last year. Barb did an amazing job capturing the churches, while all different all are similar as well. Parishioners from Minimay, Goroke, Apsley and Edenhope were present at the unveiling as were the senior students from St Malachy's School.

The Year 5/6 students led the Liturgy with Fr John. Matthew's Gospel 16:18 about Peter building a Church on this rock was proclaimed.

Two students then unveiled the paintings and began to ask some *I wonderings* about them. I wonder how many people went to the Church the first time; I wonder who the first priest was and more.

Thank you to Barb who did an amazing job replicating the churches in water colours.

*Angela Kealy – Principal*



