

FLAG'S BIRTHDAY

On July 22, Fr Pat Flanagan celebrated his 80th birthday with his twin sister, Gay, in Sydney. On the previous weekend he had celebrated with the parishioners at St Joseph's Parish Red Cliffs where, having been here since 2005, he is now the "Priest in Residence".

A lovely layered cake had been made by Jana Njegovan and, in typical Flags fashion, he invited Lou Grivic, who was also celebrating 80 years, to help cut the cake.

Fr Pat was ordained two days after his birthday, on July 24 1960 and officially retired in 2011. He continues to reside and work in the parish.

Thank you, "Flags the Priest", for your presence and action among us.



Max Slatter



Fr Pat had contacted Djurdja in the Bishop's Office to arrange for a Papal Blessing for his sister, Gay for her 80th birthday. Djurdja, very thoughtfully arranged for a Papal Blessing for Fr Pat also. The Papal Blessing was presented to Fr Pat at the National Council of Priests Convention held in Melbourne in July. The Ballarat priests who attended the Convention are pictured with Fr Pat - Frs Eugene McKinnon, Barry Ryan, Paul Mercovich, Paddy Mugavin, Justin Driscoll, John Fitzgerald and Tom Brophy.