

Catholic Diocese of Broome

1897? –

Other Names: • Parish of Broome

URL: <http://www.broomediocese.org>

Details

The Catholic Diocese of Broome is one of the key organisations of the Catholic Church in the Kimberley region of Western Australia. Missionary work began in 1884, the Parish of Broome was created in 1897 and became a Vicarate during World War One. In 1966, the Diocese of Broome was created. Throughout the years, the Diocese and its predecessors have had a relationship with Catholic Children's Homes, Missions, hostels and hospitals in the Kimberleys.

The Catholic Diocese of Broome has had a presence in the Kimberleys, Western Australia, since 1884. The Diocese covers more than 770,000 square kilometres. It began with missionary work by Father Nicholas Emo, a Trappist, in 1884 and became the Parish of Broome in 1897. During World War One, the parish became a Vicarate and in 1966 it became a Diocese. Throughout these years, the Catholic Diocese of Broome and its earlier parishes, have been involved in out of home care.

Generally, the role of the Diocese (parish or vicarate) has been as the administrator of a Mission or Home, with the day to day running being carried out by a Catholic Religious Order, such as the Trappists, Pallottines or the Sisters of St John of God. In this way, the Catholic Diocese of Broome has an historical relationship to Beagle Bay Mission, Kalumburu, Lombadina, Wirrumanu and the Maria Goretti Home.

More info

Related Entries

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- [Kalumburu Mission \(1931 - 1982\)](#)
Date: 1981 - 1982
- [Maria Goretti Home \(1968 - 1974\)](#)
- [Aboriginal Girls' Hostel \(1970 - 1975\)](#)

Related Organisations

- [Holy Child Orphanage \(1941 - 1962\)](#)
Holy Child Orphanage was part of the Catholic Diocese of Broome.
Date: 1941 - 1962
- [Lombadina \(1909 - 1975\)](#)
- [Wirrumanu \(1939 - 1975\)](#)
Wirrumanu was administered by the Catholic Diocese of Broome.
- [Pallottines \(Society of the Catholic Apostolates\) \(1901 - current\)](#)
The Pallottines (Society of the Catholic Apostolates) operated a Mission in the Catholic Diocese of Broome.

- [Orfelin Ecole \(Orphan School\), Broome \(1895? - 1898?\)](#)

The Catholic Diocese of Broome history shows that a school was established in 1897.

- [Cistercian Order of the Strict Observance \(Trappists\) \(1895 - current\)](#)

The Cistercian Order of the Strict Observance (Trappists) established Beagle Bay Mission within the parish which is now the Catholic Diocese of Broome. The first parish priest in Broome was a Trappist.

Date: 1895 -

- [Catholic Archdiocese of Perth \(1913 - current\)](#)

The Catholic Diocese of Broome is included in the Catholic Archdiocese of Perth.

Resources

- [The Catholic Encyclopedia](#), New Advent, 2009
- Gregory, Jenny and Gothard, Jan [editors], *Historical Encyclopedia of Western Australia*, 2009

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