

Shares for all

There is a suggestion by Fr Luke Reed, Parish Priest of Birkdale, in his parish newsletter, that the kind of coverage Mary MacKillop parish events receive in *The Leader* suggests that the parish has shares in your archdiocesan paper.

Right on, Fr Luke! So do you. So does every parish. Not shares of the economy kind but the Church and community building kind.

Lots of parishes mail or fax their newsletters to me, some call in with bits of news and some send photos. Obviously, not every parish makes news every week, but often there's a good idea to be shared, a need to be met, a reason to celebrate, the serious stuff of Church — and sometimes a bit of a laugh with — not at — each other.

Birkdale is a parish whose newsletter arrives on my desk every Friday and a parish that always finds someone — usually their PP — to run messages for me. Like deliver photographs into our Catholic Centre office. You bet they've got shares!

If *The Leader* isn't high on your list of people who love to get an early copy of your parish newsletter, please put us



For the parish record — and also for *The Leader* — Birkdale parishioners keep a camera clicking at special occasions. This one was the turning of the first sod to start the foundations for a new presbytery, from left, parishioner John Webb, former farmer of the land, Ray Bandiera, his wife, Lena, obscured by Fr Luke Reed, Parish Priest, saying all the right words, and Ursuline Sr Dot Newberry.