

**NOTES****RE FR BAKER**

I spoke to Brian Cosgriff, Magistrate at Shepparton (REDACTED) and told him that I had spoken to Brendan Murphy. I asked him who had they made the complaint in respect of and he said it was BTO. He was not clear as to how it has come to him but it had certainly not come through the REDACTED family - either father, mother or BTO. He says BTO is a REDACTED in Western Australian having given up teaching because he couldn't get appropriate permission to discipline the Greeks.

What the complaint which was transmitted to Cosgriff who was then the president of the parish council was that Baker had taken BTO away for a weekend and had interfered with him in the shower. Cosgriff had been approached by a Mrs Colleen Peters whom he is not aware of being alive or not or living or whatever.

In any event he considered the matter so serious that he thought he should tell Baker's superiors. He did not converse with Baker at all about it. He took Brendon Murphy with him as corroborative or confirmatory proof and they met with Frank Little at Raheen. The reception was frosty and Frank constantly referred to the despicable allegations and suggested they were untrue. They did not get anywhere.

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However they thought it necessary to take the matter further and accordingly arranged a meeting at the Cathedral with Sir Frank and Monsignor Connors. It was a them versus us situation but reasonably courteous. Cosgriff places the time at about a month before the opening of the new church at Gladstone Park.

Little continued to exercise scepticism and sometime later he rang Cosgriff late at night and said that Baker denied the matter and he Little did not propose to do anything about it. Cosgriff told him that if he did not do anything about it he Cosgriff was going to approach the Assistant Commissioner Ron Hall to take action at police level. It was then that Baker was removed to Eltham.

Unfortunately this is a case where there is the clearest knowledge being imparted to the Arch and he is truly ignoring it or doing little about it. It is appropriate to look to the O'Donnell letters in this regard.

It seems to me that I should deal with those complaints in the manner I have and perhaps get Baker in here.

Cosgriff confirms that Baker is all but an alcoholic - perhaps he is.

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I rang the Gladstone Park parish and sought to ascertain the whereabouts of Colleen Peters but was informed by the housekeeper that she dies about two years ago.