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GE 7
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Catholic priest jailed for 4 years

Homosexual acts with young boys

Bishop believes justice is done

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By GREG WENDT
Staff Reporter

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Church integrity: Bishop Michael Malone believes the Church took appropriate action under the circumstances.

Victims sickened by 'walk in park' sentence

By GREG WENDT

FOR years, disgraced priest Father Vincent Ryan hid the unthinkable behind the ecclesiastical shadows of the church he had taken vows to serve.

He lured boys, who had looked up to him for guidance, into illicit sex sessions.

Now Father Vincent Gerard Ryan, for 30 years well-known and regarded as a Catholic priest in the Newcastle-Maitland Diocese, is behind bars for his crimes against boys.

The judge told the court of references from fellow clergy and parishioners who described Father Ryan as a man of faith committed to his church work. They said that the charges Father Ryan pleaded guilty to were out of character with the

Picture by ANITA JONES