



# FOPIA Newsletter

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## The Church Service of Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2017



Getting to Peel is very weather dependent but today was perfect and two vessels carried twenty people from the congregation at the Star of the Sea and friends from Cleveland across to Horseshoe Bay.

From there we hiked up to the Lazaret, an easy walk of some 30 minutes.

The bush greeted us with the scream of cicadas and the nip of a few biting midges.



Father Ashley Warbrooke presided at the intimate Mass. The weight of the years gone by and thoughts of the former leprosy patients who had attended the former Lazaret's Masses touched all who attended.

I gave a short talk about the Lazaret's history but, unfortunately, before we could have a stroll around the buildings, we received word that the winds were getting up and we had to return to Horseshoe Bay. Even so, it was a memorable day and I look forward to attending the next service in three months' time.

