EARLY SERVICES
CHURCHES

Before the construction of local church buildings, church services and Sunday School classes were held in the homes of local residents. The Presbyterians also held services in the original Orange Hall and the Mt. Pleasant Hall while the Lutherans held services in the Laceys Creek Hall.

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church was opened on 11 September 1898 on land donated by Rody Cruice. The builder was John Bond. Two days later, the *Brisbane Courier* recorded that "the opening of a new Roman Catholic Church at Upper North Pine ... In spite of the wet weather, the opening ceremony was performed on Sunday morning by the Rev. Father Ryan and other priests ... A goodly number assembled from all parts of the district." The church was extended in 1903. The early priests came from the Caboolture Parish.

Terrors Creek Presbyterian Church was opened in 1900/01. It was built on land to the north of the cemetery which was donated by William Nugent. The builder was John Bond. The *Brisbane Courier* of 4 March, 1899, reported that: A picnic was held at Upper North Pine on Tuesday last in connection with the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Berry kindly lent his paddock for the occasion, and about midday over 180 members of the congregation and friends assembled ... Mr. W. S. Laurie, who is in charge of the church ... referred to the necessity for a new place of worship ... before the gathering separated a gentleman present offered a block of land upon which to erect the church ...

In October, 1910, a fete held in the new Orange Hall raised the sum of £156 for the purchase of a house from Frederick Skerman for use as a manse. The church building was relocated to its present site in 1924. In 1951 the original

The opening of St. Xavier, 1898.

manse was sold and another purchased in McKenzie Street. A hall was added to the church building in 1961.

St. Aidan's Anglican Church was opened on 17 March 1911 on a site in Laceys Creek Road. The land was donated by Agnes Heathwood, with the builder being John Bond. The Minister rode a horse from Caboolture to conduct services on a monthly basis. Because of the long distance travelled, he stayed overnight in a curtained-off area in the vestry. This building was destroyed by a cyclone in 1929. The following year, with the assistance of a special grant, a new site was purchased in McKenzie Street from J. T. Delaney and the existing church built.

Our Saviours Lutheran Church was dedicated on 27 February, 1949. It was built in Cruice Street on land donated by Carl Enchelmaier. The builders were Bernie Kay and Norman Clegg.

Norman Clegg Jnr, building the Lutheran church, 1949.

The earlier St. Aidan's blew down in a cyclone – perhaps it shouldn't have been dedicated on St Patrick's Day.

The Presbyterian Church after the move into town.