



“One quaint memory was the discovery in 1981 of several termite holes in a plank near the Herbert Street entrance to the church. Oh, no! Surely the building isn’t going to collapse! I asked Milton Blain to arrange for one of his structural engineers to come down from Rockhampton. *‘Would you like him to check the presbytery at the same time?’* asked Milton. *‘No thanks.*

*We’ll be OK.’* *‘Father, I rather think he should’* said Milton.

“Both buildings were duly inspected. The result: *‘Star of the Sea church: as sturdy as the day it was built. Minor termite activity detected near the Herbert St door. The presbytery: extensive termite damage throughout. If a cyclone comes the top of the building will disappear like a pack of cards!’* The rest is history.”