



# Pallottine Family (UAC)

NEWSLETTER

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## Mary Anne remembered at Millgrove farewell

Mary Anne Dooley, whose deep involvement at Pallotti College, Millgrove, lasted almost 50 years, was described as “a shining, glamorous gem”, “a woman of deep faith” and “an authentic person of great integrity” at her Funeral Mass there on 14 June.

Mary Anne and her late husband Bill Henderson were the first laypeople to have full managerial responsibility for the college but her own links to Millgrove went back to 1976 as a volunteer for weekend retreats and later as a member of the Mariana Community.

She and Bill married on 22 November 1998 and became administrators and managers of the college in 2012, working alongside Fr Dean Bradbury, the principal celebrant of her Funeral Mass. Fr Pat Jackson and Passionist priest Brendan Connell were concelebrants.

Mary Anne died on 2 June, her passing sudden despite ill health in recent years.

The picture that emerged of her was of a woman who had a full life with diverse interests – from devotion to family and friends as well as to the college, to teaching and travel, French cars and live theatre, good food and wine. And of course, to the North Melbourne Football Club. The Kangaroos’ first premiership cup, from 1975, stood near her casket.

Mary Anne’s cousin Lisa Fitzgerald read tributes from her family members.

Another cousin, Anne Maree Teasdale, said Mary Anne was born in Seymour to Nancy and Ray Dooley, a tiny baby and lucky to survive. She grew up in Reservoir, went to St Gabriel’s parish primary school there and to Santa Maria College in Northcote. Both cousins later went to Coburg Teachers College.



“Simultaneously with her teaching career, Mary Anne found her way to Pallotti, where her tireless and generous input continued for many years,” Anne Maree’s tribute said. “I know Pallotti became her cherished, much-loved home and I know that you, her Pallotti family, loved and valued her in return.”

Raquel Martin, Mary Anne’s goddaughter, said: “Thank you, Mary Anne, for showing me how to live with grace, faith and humility.”

James Teasdale, another cousin who travelled from Sweden for the funeral, recalled her and Bill visiting him there, while cousin Matthew Teasdale said: “Mary Anne was a shining, glamorous gem in every way.”

Lisa said that listening to her parents and Mary Anne talk politics “and other grown-up stuff” had been one of her favourite things to do when Mary Anne visited their home. “I can’t help but think that the power of those debates and the strength of those arguments well-made led to my own career as a lawyer.”

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In this magazine, we share news, views and reflections of the way the UAC (Union of Catholic Apostolate) lives the vision of St. Vincent Pallotti here in Australia.

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Mary Anne's friend Lois Elkin, a friend through Pallottine life and a fellow international traveller, was the other eulogist.

She described Mary Anne as "quiet, reflective, caring, capable" and "a woman of deep faith".

"During her time as a volunteer, Mary Anne became attracted to the life and commitment of those who were members of the Mariana Community. She made her consecration in 1984. Mary Anne has lived at the college since 1985, teaching at Wandin Yallock on weekdays, then working at Pallotti College whenever people were attending conferences, retreats on the weekends.

"On retirement from teaching, she continued working at the college and the rest is history."

Lois recalled the mystery of missing altar wine at Eucharist for one faith renewal weekend they were leading. As Lois searched for wine in locked cupboards in other parts of the college, Mary Anne and her fellow musicians extended the Offertory Song to repeated verses and choruses.

"Before I could return downstairs to the group and open the new bottle of altar wine, Mary Anne had led the group singing repeat number five," Lois recalled. "We never found out what happened to the wine into water! We've got our theory.

"Mary Anne, tomorrow is three years since your beloved Bill died. You have continued to live your commitment of love, yes through your pain and ill-health. You have been manager of Pallotti College and given your all. I praise you, I thank you, I bless you and I feel sure you and Bill are now together again enjoying good food and an excellent red."

Fr Brendan, who described himself as "one of the motley crew" who had passed through Pallotti College, said Mary Anne and Bill had been the core group, along with Fr Dean, who had welcomed so many people to Pallotti College for so many years.

He said faith, family and friends – all underpinned by love – had defined Mary Anne's life.

"I'd like to remind you that though we farewell Mary Anne, we don't farewell the gifts that she shared with each and every one of us in this life. They remain with us.

"She was a woman of quiet faith and quiet strength... When I talk about Mary Anne, I say there is an authentic person of great integrity."

Mary Anne was later laid to rest at Yarra Glen Cemetery beside her beloved Bill.

## TRIBUTES FOR

Throughout the many years we have known her, Mary Anne was very dear to us. She was a gentle and peaceful woman who exemplified the Pallotti vision of inclusiveness by her acceptance of all who came to the college, regardless of race, gender or creed. In early years Mary Anne shared her time working at the college and following her profession. She had a love for teaching and was highly regarded by her colleagues for her enthusiasm and commitment to the education of children in the Yarra Valley.

Bill arrived at the college some years after Mary Anne. An attraction grew and eventually love blossomed. Their marriage was a cause of great celebration. Their love permeated the atmosphere at the college. Between them they enhanced the role of the college in providing facilities for people to enrich their purpose in life and both worked tirelessly to enable this. Mary Anne was meticulous in her attention to detail, as noted by the numerous messages of appreciation and thanks they received.

Bill and Mary Anne joined us holidaying each January in Bright over a number of years and unsurprisingly our outings often included wine tastings at the local vineyards. Even while resting and relaxing they would be gracious in responding to the numerous phone calls they received from potential guests or those regarding problems which had arisen at the college. Following Bill's death Mary Anne was heartbroken but remained steadfast in her resolve to continue living her life in the service of others. She has a special place in our hearts.

***Paula and Jim Kinsella***

As locals, when we as a family first discovered Pallotti College, we also discovered Mary Anne. Along with Wally she was the heart of the Pallottine Community at Millgrove. Always welcoming, an extraordinary organiser of music, liturgy, menus and room allocations (to name a few)! She always went about everything in her quiet and efficient way.

Ever interested in our local families, she followed the progress of our kids throughout their lives, and even their kids, as they were added to growing families.

In effect, Mary Anne was an extraordinary person - missed now, not just by locals, but all who knew or met her.

***Gavin Broderick***

# Mary Anne Dooley

In describing Mary Anne, a word that comes to mind is steadfast – in all things. In her faith, in her work, in gratitude and most of all, in her principles. Mary Anne had many great loves – Bill, all things Pallotti and, of course, her beloved Kangaroos! She and Bill spent many happy years at Milgrove, in response to a call of faith and service.

After Bill's death, Mary Anne carried on in her role, but with an added mission – to carry on Bill's work as well.

Mary Anne was shy and retiring in many aspect, but her smile would welcome all into her space and help people feel at ease.

**Kath**

MaryAnne Dooley - Gentle, loyal, easy-going, sensitive, organised! These are the first attributes that come to mind as I reflect on my friendship with MaryAnne.

I first met MaryAnne through a mutual friend when they trained at Coburg Teachers' College to be Primary School Teachers. This led to a treasured friendship cemented through flatting together in Moonee Ponds, shared fun, tears, her experiences at Bethal PS in Meadow Heights and mine at local secondary schools and holidays together to Uluru, Europe, Queensland, Tasmania etc.

When we started as early Pallotti College Weekenders, it was a life changing experience that led to MaryAnne's long and dedicated stay at the College and her marriage to Bill. MaryAnne was an amazing woman who affected so many people so positively. Vale MaryAnne.

**Therese**

The Mary Anne I knew was passionate about Pallotti College, North Melbourne and her Religion. She was so knowledgeable and clever that when Bill died she took on and learnt his financial role.

What a multi-tasker. She could be in the office paying bills, answering enquiries, dealing with staff, cleaning windows then cooking the evening meal for 40 people.

Mary Anne loved her Bill and missed him every day, these last 3 years. An introvert at heart, she spent her life nurturing and listening to others. I hope her dreams for Pallotti College can be fulfilled.

Vale to a valiant and generous woman.

**Maria Mithen**



## FUNERAL NOTICE

*In Memory of  
Mary Anne Dooley*

Wednesday 14 June

10.30am Pallotti College

11.30am Light Refreshments

1pm Depart for  
Yarra Glen Cemetery

2pm Burial

WebCast Tobin Brothers  
tobin.5stream.com/webcast/109062



The funeral service of Mary Anne Dooley (Henderson) was held at Pallotti College, on Wednesday 14th June 2023.

The Funeral Service was Webcast live.

You can post on the Tobin Brothers Tribute Wall and watch a recording of the Webcast at:

[tobinbrothers.com.au/tribute/details/28755/Mary-Dooley/obituary.html](https://tobinbrothers.com.au/tribute/details/28755/Mary-Dooley/obituary.html)



Dear Everyone,

I think this is one of the hardest emails I have had to write. Mary Anne Dooley died unexpectedly in the early hours of Friday Morning.

I imagine the reunion she is having with her beloved Bill, and the many other Australian Pallottine family members that have preceded her into the Loving Presence of God.

Her quiet caring service over many years at Pallotti College has reached out to many far and wide.

Enjoy Your Rest now Mary Anne.

Rest in Peace.

Mary Anne -

A woman of quiet deep strength and determination that defied the odds.

A graceful dancer that reflected her immense love for her God.

A joyful woman that knew how to celebrate and live Life.

Thank you for being part of my life.

**Mary Whiting - UAC NCC President**

Even though our lives only connected occasionally, after my time working at Pallotti with Mary Anne .... I've been sitting here with her revealing what is on my heart. I shared with her that the woman, about whom we read in the Book of Proverbs 31:25-29 comes to mind:

*“A woman with strength and dignity - When she opens her mouth, she does so wisely - On her tongue, kindly instruction - Keeping watch on the conduct of her household - (her life's work at Pallotti) No bread of idleness for her - Her people (all of us) stand up and proclaim her blessed. (Now) She now is among many women who have done admirable things.”*

I praise and thank our Tender God for the privilege of being able to walk a few steps of my journey with you Mary Anne.

*“Our love for one another is the language of a passionate God. And in the love of one another we see that face - in the touch of each other's hands we feel God's presence”*  
**Anne Fleming**

I am always grateful for the input which brings variety to this little publication.

When I heard of Mary Anne's death, I knew, straightaway, that people from many aspects of her life would want to share how they remembered her. That turned out to be so very true.

I was uplifted and inspired by what was written, I was very glad to share them, seeing that was also a way for me to pay my tribute to a much loved and valued friend.

**Merle**

## Child Safety

Child Safety is of vital concern. The UAC has a child safety team working to ensure safety for all who have contact with our apostolates. If you have any concerns regarding the safety of children within our UAC/Pallottine Family, please contact our UAC Designated Persons for the protection of minors - Marita Dunphy via [maritadunphy@yahoo.com](mailto:maritadunphy@yahoo.com).

# NEWS FROM THE PALLOTTINE FAMILY

## Walter Silvester Memorial Lecture

We announce with deep regret that the Walter Silvester Memorial Lecture has been discontinued, effective immediately.

Early this year, information was received by the lecture's organising committee casting doubt upon some accounts of Fr Walter's time in the German Navy during World War II, including that he was a U-boat commander and some stories he told about his service.

Committee members since then have sought to confirm the veracity of the accounts as told by Fr Walter over many years and also published widely in the former official newspaper of the Archdiocese of Melbourne, *The Advocate*, in October 1958; in a front-page story in the *Herald* on 4 June 1966; and in an obituary written by committee member and then staff journalist at *The Age*, Mark Brolly, in April 2005, soon after Fr Walter's death.

Pallottine archives and German military records were also consulted, along with an Australian-based specialist in military history. Some stories could not be confirmed but others clearly were not true. Fr Walter did serve in the German Navy and did so honorably, according to military records.

More importantly, the reason his name has adorned the lecture since Archbishop Mark Coleridge, then of Canberra and Goulburn, delivered the inaugural oration in 2007 – namely, Fr Walter's outstanding priestly ministry in Melbourne from 1951 to 2005 – remains a fond and valued memory for many people in the Pallottine Family and beyond.

Letters are being sent to the 15 women and men in Australia and overseas who have given outstanding Walter Silvester Memorial Lectures on broad pastoral themes. We sincerely thank them.

We also thank those who made the lecture happen over the years: former committee members, notably Patricia Heywood (dec.) and Veronica Maloney; the St Patrick's Campus of Australian Catholic University in Fitzroy, especially Mr. Chris Sheargold and Dr John Ballard, for co-hosting the lecture from 2007-21 and to Catholic Theological College at the University of Divinity, particularly Rev Dr Kevin Lenehan, for co-hosting the 2022 lecture by Bishop Vincent Long last year.

The Society of the Catholic Apostolate in Australia, the Mariana Community and Pallotti College provided generous financial support for the venture, first proposed through the Local Coordination Council (Eastern Australia) of the Union of Catholic Apostolate (Pallottine Family).

We especially thank the people who attended the lectures, some online in recent years.

Most of all, we thank God for the blessing this lecture series has been in the life of the Pallottine Family and the wider church, even amid our sadness at its conclusion.

Mary Whiting, NCC President

Fr Dean Bradbury SAC, Ms. Anne Dowling, Ms. Fiona McKenna, Professor Gabrielle McMullen AM and Mark Brolly for the Walter Silvester Memorial Lecture committee.

Day	Date	Time	Event	Venue	Notes
Sat	22-Jul	7.30 pm	<b>Cenacle Prayer</b>	Ormond	Leader: Siby
Thu	10-Aug	2:00 pm	<b>LCC Meeting</b>	Ivanhoe	Prayer: Mary Whiting
Tue	22-Aug	7:30 pm	<b>Cenacle Prayer</b>	Clayton South	Leader: Joe Shibu
Fri-Sat	TBA		<b>NCC Meeting</b>	TBA	TBA
Fri	22-Sep	7:30pm	<b>Cenacle Prayer</b>	Holy Saviour	Leader: Justin
Sat	28-Sep	10:30am - 3:00pm	<b>Retreat Day with Renewal of Act Apostolic Commitment</b>	Glen Huntley Parish	All members of the UAC throughout the world are expected to renew their Act of Apostolic Commitment about this time
Wed	22-Nov	7:30pm	<b>Cenacle Prayer</b>	TBA	Remember in November

Times, places and Dates can change. It's a while since some of these arrangements were made, so - if to be sure, check with Anne or Merle.

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## Sadly – a necessary change

It had meant to make this a fully KEW issue with some reflection on its history, the significance it had for many people and the day we said ‘goodbye’.

However, so many people came forward with ideas about Mary Anne’s sudden death that I felt it right to change. **Merle**

# Saying Goodbye to Kew

## THE 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH CELEBRATION



There was both a tinge of regret and a buzz of excitement as people gathered for the farewell Mass on 25th March, 2023, so suitably, the feast of the Annunciation.

Whatever we called it - ‘85’, ‘Kew’, ‘Studley Park Rd’ it had become familiar to many, many people over its 80 years.

It was wonderful to see the ‘Pallotti Room’ so crowded! That went with the challenge to recognise/recall names of the people gathered. The years SURE do make a difference.

The wonderful thing was that they came and joined so wholeheartedly in that last Mass.

Thanks to those who prepared it and especially Fr. Pat for his comprehensive historical homily. It was so interesting and that I will reproduce it over the next newsletters. I’m sure it will be a source of interest and jog many memories.

It reminded us also that, seeing the needs of the students, priests and brothers in those early years the good local people responded by forming the Auxiliary and the Pallottine Younger Set (PYS). That was the way many people ‘found’ the Pallottine Family. That was true for me. In the years when John Ryan was the president of the Younger Set he invited a friend of his, called Mary, to join. Mary invited her friend, Carmel, to join. Carmel was my sister and the rest, as they say, is history.

The spirit of St. Vincent, his vision of the role of the lay people inspired me and many others then, and still does.

**New Australian UAC Prayer website:  
[www.uacprayer.group](http://www.uacprayer.group)**

If you would like to join our new email prayer group, let Anne know at [alingdow@gmail.com](mailto:alingdow@gmail.com)

# The Kew crucifix - a new home

This article tells briefly of one of the many consequences of the sale of the Kew house. In the buildings the KEW community disposed of many objects; some were sold but many were donated to churches or elsewhere. Other Pallottine communities also accepted many objects as did the Sacred Heart Parish of Kew and individuals privately.

In the shrine there was a crucifix (photo in its new home) that had originally been bought by Bro. Pat Bicknell SAC (dec.) and whilst most of the internal fittings were given back to the Schoenstatt Community, this crucifix, with its wider significance, was donated to Holy Trinity Anglican Church (East Melbourne) which describes itself as a “comprehensive Anglican” parish.

The congregation, with its vicar (The Rev'd Grant Edgcumbe), has always been most welcoming and there was a special ceremony of dedication within a Sunday Eucharist followed by a morning tea. They also gave acknowledgement in other ways too. Lindsay Rust represented the former KEW community since Fr. Pat had mass commitments. As always, Holy Trinity's hospitality was most gracious. Indeed, Father Pat and myself had already invited the vicar and Laurie Moore (Vicar's Warden) to the Kew house to discuss the donations and their practical assistance was also very much appreciated.

It is great that the Pallottines can express an ecumenical spirit in practical terms and we appreciate that this crucifix, along with other sacred objects, will continue to give glory to God in the years to come. **Lindsay Rust SAC**



## *“What will happen to the shrine?”*

This question was often asked when the future of the Kew house was being discussed. It shows how special it was for many people. Fr. Pat mentioned in his homily during the ‘Farewell’ Mass. that, in 1953, Fr. George Vill, Fr. Walter Silvester and Fr. John Hennessy asked Herman Baum, an architect, to design and direct the building of a Shrine, like the one in Schoenstatt, (Vallendar), Germany.

Mr. Baum and his wife Anneliese, also an architect, came to Australia from Berlin in 1939, with their three children - Martin, Gabrielle and Veronica. He was Jewish but later became Catholic and the Pallottine Family became their friends. Herewith, his photograph taken on the day of the blessing—26.04.1952. Alas, it was only three days later that, his task completed, he died suddenly.

We know now that not only Mr. Baum but his family was involved in this project so it was very good that several family members were present for the ‘Farewell’ Mass. One of them remembers the Stations of the Cross being made around the kitchen table.

When it came to closing Kew, there were three groups of people for whom it was important. They were: the Pallottine family, the Baum family and the Schoenstatt Movement (Fr. Pat had mentioned that, in the 80s, when Fr. John Winson was rector, members of the Schoenstatt Movement helped renew the Shrine.)



If it is possible to transport such an old building, it will be moved to Lysterfield, to a Salesian community.

If this is not feasible, a new building will be constructed.

For the rest, members of the Baum family met with Sister Elizabeth Foley (Schoenstatt Sisters) and Karin Southgate of the Schoenstatt Lay Movement and prayerfully and thoughtfully shared the relevant items.

They will live on wherever the Shrine is.



**Barrie James Carson**  
4<sup>th</sup> April 1940 – 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2023

## Rest In Peace, Barrie Carson - Old Friends Together I'm sure many of us will remember the 'Pallottine Artist'.

He was such an enthusiast for art and so keen to help others to enjoy it too. Hence those weekends at Pallotti College - those long weekend in March. And further afield, Barrie's time around the mission areas in Western Australia where such different subjects were presented so accurately by Barrie.

His family appreciated his paintings very much also and, so appropriately, displayed some of them in St. Joseph's Church, West Brunswick on the day of his funeral.

I had been able to keep in touch with Barrie when he moved into care and, I remember very clearly that, when I phoned him or visited him, the first remark was nearly always 'have you seen/spoken to Mary Anne lately?'

Certainly someone for whom Mary Anne's welcoming presence meant a great deal.

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