



Pallottine Family (UAC)

NEWSLETTER

March 2018

Lenten Reflection

When I was growing up Australians borrowed the title of Donald Horne's 1964 book "The Lucky Country" and adopted it as an unofficial "nickname" for Australia. At that time it seemed to fit with the place of Australia in the world. We were, and still are, a nation blessed with peace, prosperity, abundant sunshine and natural resources and a golden future ahead of us.

In the past though I have considered that liturgically we may not be so lucky. The images and customs we use for the great seasons in the liturgical year (Advent leading into the Christmas Season, and Lent leading into the Easter Season) have mainly been borrowed from the northern hemisphere. In 325CE the Council of Nicaea established that Easter would be held on the first Sunday after the first full moon occurring on or after the vernal equinox. In accordance with this the symbols that are used for Lent and Easter reflect the moving from Winter into Spring and the onset of Summer, exactly as they occur in the northern hemisphere. New life is coming forth and there is a sense of welcoming this birth of a new cycle. Hibernation is over and life begins again. Even the great, now secularised, images (eggs and bunnies) reflect this symbolic coming of new life.

As we do not have many of the external aids to help us focus on the seasons of Lent and Easter, we Australians need to work a bit harder to enable us to really use them well. Let's face it, Australians have never been afraid of hard work and, because we do not have this external imagery, we are called to have a deeper response to Lent and Easter. I believe that the recently replaced first preface of Lent provides us with many hints on how can go about this.

*"Each year You give us this joyful season
when we prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery with mind and heart renewed.
You give us a spirit of loving reverence for You, our Father,
and of willing service to our neighbour.
As we recall the great events that gave us new life in Christ,
You bring the image of Your Son to perfection within us."*

Lent calls us to have a change in attitude. Lent is not a time to look sad because we have given up something that we like (e.g. Alcohol, chocolate, TV) and allow others to see what great martyrs we are. Lent is a time to reflect upon our relationships with God and others and commit ourselves to change ourselves for the better. (perhaps a second go at new years resolutions). Living in an agricultural area, particularly in a wine region, I am very aware of the importance of these annual life cycles. The farmers prepare the land for the new crop and the vigneron prunes the vines to ensure the maximum crop attainable. The journey from Ash Wednesday (repentance) to the Easter Vigil (recommitment) invites us to acknowledge the areas of our lives that need to change and to change them. We need to inspect our own vines and prune what is holding us back from becoming the best person each of us can be.

Easter requires harder work. We need to make habitual our new behaviours, to tend and care for the new shoots. The fifty days of Easter allow us to bring about new life/ rebirth in our own lives. As the old saying goes, without Good Friday there is no Easter Sunday, so to for each one of us. Quality does not come cheaply nor is it reliant upon luck. If we wish God to "bring the image of Your Son to perfection within us", if Jesus' sacrifice of himself is to have real meaning for us then we must also be prepared to die to ourselves and live in Christ.

Father Dean Bradbury SAC



Your input to this newsletter is always welcome!! It really is inspiring to hear how the members of the Pallottine family live the vision of St. Vincent Pallotti in such a wide range of ways and places. I'm easy to contact:
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GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2018



Pictured above are the 39 participants who took part in the fifth ordinary assembly of the Union of Catholic Apostolate, which was held in Rome from 24th to 27th January 2018. The venue was the Passionist Retreat Centre (an amazingly large site with beautiful gardens directly opposite the Coliseum – also the Site of the Lay Centre where Donna Orsuto, who presented the 2010 Walter Silvester Memorial Lecture, is the director). The assembly participants were: Members of the General Coordination Council, Presidents and Vice-Presidents of the National Coordination Councils, 2 representatives of NCC Presidents, the General Secretary and Secretarial Assistant, the General Bursar, 3 invited members, the moderators, translators and secretaries.

The theme of the assembly was Communion and co-responsibility – celebrating and transmitting the joy of communion and co-responsibility. This joy of communion was certainly experienced.

Fr. Jacob Nampudakam, Rector General of the SAC and Ecclesiastical Assistant of the Union led the opening Eucharistic celebration. In his homily, reflecting on the theme of the assembly, Fr Jacob outlined four aspects which contribute to, and reinforce among us, communion and co-responsibility:

- God – the source of communion and collaboration;
- the will to understand and respect the diversity of vocations and of gifts;
- a knowledge of, and experience of, the spiritual and mystical way of our holy Founder;
- the Union as a public association of the faithful at the service of the mission of the Church.

Donatella Acerbi, the President of the Union reminded us that “the charism per se is God’s, it belongs to Him. It’s not ours, not even St. Vincent’s. He and we, his children, are its bearers.” God asks our collaboration to live, safeguard, deepen and continuously develop this charism in harmony with the body of Christ which is perennially growing.

We looked closely the aspects of: formation, finance and evangelisation. There were a number of recommendations which arose from these topics, perhaps in the next newsletter I can elucidate on these as they are progressed at the forthcoming GCC meeting which is to be held in Rome in late April.

As part of the assembly elections are held to choose members of the GCC for the forthcoming three years. The members of the new GCC are: Ex officio: Fr. Jacob Nampudakam SAC, Sr. Ivete Garlet, CSAC, Sr. Izabela Świerad, SAC. The ten elected members are: Ms. Donatella Acerbi, Italy, Lay Person; Sr. Bożena Olszewska, SAC, Italy/Poland; Fr. Derry Murphy, SAC, Ireland; Ms. Cheryl Sullivan, Australia, Consecrated Lay Person; Fr. Gilberto Orsolin, SAC, Brazil; Ms. Sonia Saldana, India, Married Lay Person; Sr. Beniamina Tropiano, CSAC, Italy; Fr. Florent Eloundou, SAC, Cameroon; Mr. Michal Grzeca, Poland, Lay Person; Ms. Linda Barikmo, USA, Lay Person.

Many thanks to all who accompanied us in prayer throughout the assembly and I ask that you continue to pray daily with and for us as we commence the next stage of our journey. Fr. David Kinnear Glenday, MCCJ, Rector General Emeritus of the Comboni Missionaries and General Secretary of the Union of Superiors General (USG) was the invited guest speaker, as part of his presentation he included the following quote by Pope Francis. “Try to act personally instead of just looking and criticising the work of others from the balcony.” (Address in Cesena, 1st October 2017). This quote resounded strongly with all present. An important message for all of us as we walk and journey together as missionary disciples and protagonists of the mission of Jesus, in the footsteps of St Vincent, who walked firmly in the footsteps of Jesus Christ.

Cheryl Sullivan

21 February 2018

(This article is an adaption of the final message from the assembly to all members of the UAC)

“Are you interested in a pilgrimage to Israel, Jordan and Palestine in 2019” ? if so, refer to page 6.

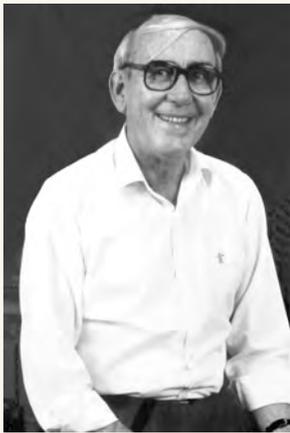
There will be a chance to find out a lot more. That will be on Thursday, 19th April, 7 pm.

It will be held in the ‘small hall’ at St. Christopher’s, 5 Doon Ave. Sydal

Rest In Peace . . .

John Madden John and his wife Carmen were very well known to the people in the 'West' because of their many years of service as managers of the Epiphany Centre in Rossmoyne and I daresay offered hospitality to many visitors from further afield as well. That service included having a wonderful eye for 'what needed to be done'---many of the buildings are in much better order because of his maintenance skills. John had a protracted illness which led to his death on 21st December. His funeral was held at Queen of Apostles' church, Riverton on 4th January. Let us pray for John and for Carmen and their family.

Annette Atkinson Annette was an active and loyal member of St. Christopher's parish and of the Pallottine Family. While she could, she took part in many activities, examples of her commitment. For example, 'Gather and share' and 'Cenacle' prayer nights. They meant a great deal to her. It was so appropriate that Annette's vigil prayers and funeral Mass were at St. Christopher's in early January. We pray for and with the members of her family.



Fr. Bryan Tiernan SAC As so often, it is only when we come to farewell people on their death, that we hear the real essence of their lives. That is so true of Fr. Bryan Tiernan who died on Christmas Eve 2017, just a few months before his 90th birthday. It seems that he had had thoughts of becoming a doctor but joined the Pallottines in 1948, leading to his final profession and ordination in 1955. All the words spoken at both the Vigil Service and the Funeral Mass were about him as a man of deep faith, a priest of God, whose innate desire was to help and heal people especially those on the fringes. And, although he was dedicated to the welfare of the many aboriginal people, he responded to the needs of anyone who was 'down and out' --white people included. Like St. Vincent Pallotti, he believed that where there is no love there is no apostolate.

After five years study in England, Fr. Bryan was ordained and soon after his return home, set off for five years --1956-1961 - in India where he founded a secular institute Khristevikas. As a true son of St. Vincent, he seized every opportunity to promote collaborative ministry encouraging everyone to be apostles in whatever way of life they found themselves in. He returned to India regularly to give retreats to the community. His next appointment was to Kew where his administrative and organizational skills were put to excellent use in his role as Provincial Bursar—a time coincident with the big challenge of building Pallotti College.

In 1966, he was appointed to the West where he remained for the rest of his life, ministering to the people of Western Australia from the Kimberley in the north to Tardun, Perth, Wandering and Albany in the south. In 1967 he began the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry and the Aboriginal Mobile Ministry in the archdiocese of Perth and the dioceses of Geraldton and Bunbury, running hostels for aboriginal students in Mosman Park and Albany. A big part of his was visiting hospitals and conducting funerals, in the last 10 years or so, he concentrated mainly in hospital Chaplaincy at St. John of God hospital. That seemed to bring him back, in a very fulfilling way, to the yearnings of his youth.

After a life of service, it was Christmas Eve when Fr. Bryan returned to the God he loved so deeply and served so faithfully. How appropriate that his earthly life came to an end at the end of the season of Advent, when we are all waiting for the promise of God. For him there will be no more waiting. The people he had touched came in large numbers to both the vigil, at St. Vincent Pallotti Chapel, Rossmoyne and the Funeral Mass at Queen of Apostles, Riverton, celebrating the long life of this wholly dedicated priest.

(Biographical details are taken from the funeral Homily, given by Fr. Eugene San. Thank you, Eugene)

From Pallotti College . . .

We are off to a flying start this year, the first two months have been extremely busy and there are heavy bookings ahead. We have some very capable help with Italians Teresa and Manuel still with us, Demi, a local lady has also joined the team along with Andrew from Brisbane and Sergio from Texas, our first volunteer from the US. Also, locals - Terry, who keeps our grounds looking beautiful all year round, Jan who has great admin skills and is slowly making our messy office into a lovely space and David who looks after the farm. We are truly blessed by the people that come to help.

Busy Bees & Vital Veggies!

The first batch of our own pure Pallotti Honey has been harvested, thanks to Frankie, mainly from Teatree this time and the next batch will be Messmate. We are also enjoying some lovely veggies from our veggie patch (despite the work of caterpillars and white moths!)



Upcoming Retreats

The Art of Water Colour **(March 9 – 12)**

Come away for a relaxing and creative weekend including some expert tuition with Barrie Carson.

Easter 2018 **(March 29 – April 1)**

Come and join us for a quiet and prayerful Easter, with daily Easter liturgies. Stay for the four days or longer.

Camino 2018 **(April 21 – 23)**

The ever popular Pallottine Camino is on again this year, but be quick, places are filling quickly for this powerful event, covering 65km over 3 days, through beautiful and varied landscapes. A time of fellowship and prayer. Accommodation each night at Pallotti College.

Making Room for God **(May 4-6)**

Finding time for God in our busy lives. Discover new, familiar and different ways.

Designated Safeguarding People

“Anyone who welcomes a little child like this on my behalf welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not only me but also my Father who sent me”(Mk 9:36-7)

In two of our 2017 Newsletter Publications, we spoke of the need to appoint a “Designated Person/People” to work with the Australian Pallottine Family to implement the “Policy for the Protection of Minors”. It is with delight that I am able to advise that David and Denise Carl have accepted this role.

David and Denise are parishioners from Holy Spirit Parish North Ringwood and have participated in an initial UAC Formation Program. Being parishioners in a Pallottine Ministered parish and attending the formation program they have a love and understanding of the charism of Saint Vincent, recognising that we are all equal and made in the image and likeness of God. They are fully aware of and passionate about the need of a position and program that works to provide a safe environment for the children who access our ministries. From the beginning Denise and David were clear that if we were after someone to “tick the boxes” they were not our people. They recognise that cultural change is also necessary with the aim of making sure that we do not face the same issues in the future. As the saying goes “if we don’t learn from history we are doomed to repeat it”.

The primary responsibilities of the role are, to be the initial contact for a person raising a complaint and ensuring that the correct process for addressing the issue

is followed, and, to arrange relevant Child Safety Training for those involved in the various Pallottine Apostolates and other interested people.

A small group are working to develop a training program that will provide a clear outline of all of the legal requirements when reporting instances of alleged abuse. As well as the legal requirements the session/sessions will include recognition of the spiritual beliefs that direct our actions and cultural change both personal and organisational to ensure that we do not make the same errors in the future. We will also look at broader training opportunities that are available in the diocese of Melbourne and Perth and provide information regarding those sessions.

All future Newsletters will include David and Denise’s contact details – Denise dcarl@bigpond.net.au and David merriwa2000@gmail.com Information will also be included on the Australian SAC – and soon to be developed UAC – websites.

If you have any thoughts or suggestions regarding this issue please contact Cheryl Sullivan on: cherylsullivan11@bigpond.com or 0417 386 706.

Let us pray together that our future church will be a place of safety and spiritual joy for all.

Denise and David Carl, Eugene San and Cheryl Sullivan,
22 February 2018

We also remember Father Brian Murray . . .



It was with great sadness we heard of Fr. Brian’s death on 10th. January, 2018.

His Funeral was on Monday, 15th. January at Sacred Heart Church, Preston where he served as Assistant Priest in 1981-1991.

He had fitting farewell with about 15 Priests in attendance and the music added to the occasion of a Priest who had helped the Parish in many ways. The number of friends and family made for a great celebration of his life.

I first met Fr. Brian in the 1950’s at 85 Studley Park Rd. Kew in the Pallottine Younger Set and the Groups. We had many wonderful times with picnics, dances and get together as a group with the Spiritual assistance of Fr. Brian and the other Priests.

In 1971 Fr. Brian married Tony and I. We had to tell him at the reception to sign the Marriage Certificate !!

There are 8 families known as “The Mob” Vince & Margaret Catterall, Mary & Frank Walsh, Janet & Kevin(dec’d)Moyle, Carmel & Kevin(dec’d)Brown, Pat & Ron Tait, Dorothy & Gordon Torney, Joy & Jim Conway, Marie & Tony Medicott who have stayed friends and meet two or three times a year and Fr Brian was always included. Our children always enjoyed being around Fr. Brian.

It will not be the same without him.

My sister Carmel was visiting him regularly in his last couple of months, as all his family live in Sydney, and I know he was most grateful. He had a wicked sense of humour, but was always there to give priestly assistance when required.

Father Brian will be sorely missed and will be always remembered and may the Good Lord give him his reward in His Kingdom.

GOD BLESS FR. BRIAN. MAY YOU REST IN PEACE

Marie and Tony Medicott

VICTORIA

UAC CALENDAR EVENTS 2018

ALL WELCOME

Date	Day of the Week	Time	Event	Venue
22/03	Thursday	7.30 p.m.	Pallottine Cenacle Prayer	Park Orchards
21/04	Saturday	6.00 p.m.	Aust. Feast of St Vincent Pallotti	
			Parish Mass & Social Gathering	North Ringwood
03/05	Thursday	6.30 p.m.	LCC Meeting	Syndal
06/05	Sunday	4.00 p.m.	Gather and Share	Kew
19/05	Saturday	2.30 p.m.	Mary, Queen of Apostles	Kew
25,26/05	Friday, Saturday	Sat 2 p.m.	NCC AGM	Kew
22/06	Friday	7.30 p.m.	Pallottine Cenacle Prayer	Syndal
22/07	Sunday	7.30 p.m.	Pallottine Cenacle Prayer	Nth Ringwood

FOR ENQUIRIES REGARDING VICTORIA EVENTS PLEASE CONTACT:
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WESTERN AUSTRALIA

UAC CALENDAR EVENTS 2018

ALL WELCOME

Month	Day/Time	Event / Venue
April	7(Sat) 2.30pm	Aboriginal Scholarship Presentation at Pallottine Hall, Rossmoyne Feast of St Vincent Pallotti - Mass at Queen of Apostles Parish followed by supper in the Hall.
	20(Fri) 7pm	
	26(Thurs) 7pm	
	29 (Sun) 10-3	Pallottine Spirituality Formation & Reflection Day at Riverton Parish
	18 (Fri) 7pm	Queen of Apostles Feastday at Queen of Apostles Church Riverton, followed by supper in the Hall.
	31 (Thurs) 7pm	Pallottine Cenacle Prayer at St Vincent Pallotti Chapel, Rossmoyne.
June	24 (Sun) 10-3	Pallottine Spirituality Formation & Reflection Day at Riverton Parish
	28 (Thurs) 7pm	Pallottine Cenacle Prayer at St Vincent Pallotti Chapel, Rossmoyne.
July	26 (Thurs) 7pm	Pallottine Cenacle Prayer at St Vincent Pallotti Chapel, Rossmoyne.

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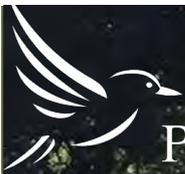
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- Daypack for holding items required while walking
- Mobile phone & water bottle
- Sturdy walking shoes & socks
- Symbol to place at cross during final liturgy
- Sheets, towels, pillowcase, toiletries, clothes & personal items

Luggage will be transferred to Pallotti College from St Christopher's on the first day

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Camino:

\$240 (includes transfers, 2 nights accommodation and all meals except lunch first day)

Please note:

This walk covers 20+ km per day. Training and a good fitness level are required. Walkers participate at their own risk.



Pallottine Camino

"The love of Christ urges us on"

Saturday April 21st

- 8am: Pilgrim Commissioning & Mass at St Christopher's
- 9am: Commence walking east on High St Rd. to join the Dandenong Creek corridor of beautiful walking trails to Kilsyth, 23km.
- Transfer to Pallotti College at conclusion of day's walk & evening prayer/reflection

Sunday April 22nd

- Morning Mass and transfer to previous day's end point at Kilsyth.
- Walk to join the Warburton Trail at Mt Evelyn, then along the Warburton Trail to Woori Yallock. 25km.
- Transfer to Pallotti College & evening prayer/reflection

Monday April 23rd

- Morning Mass and transfer to Woori Yallock.
- Walk to Pallotti College along Warburton Trail and O'Shannassy Aqueduct, 15km.
- Placing of symbols at foot of cross and closing Liturgy
- Late afternoon transfer to St Christopher's Syndal

Join this beautiful walk along Dandenong Creek, the Warburton Trail and O'Shannassy Aqueduct to Millgrove.

All Welcome

Contact Lorraine on 0402 217123 or lorraine613@bigpond.com

Take care of your inner, spiritual beauty. That will reflect in your face. Dolores del Rio

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Merle Gilbo, its editor, is an octogenarian and is mortal so at some stage we will need somebody/somebodies to continue the production of this newsletter. Would you be able to assist in any way?

If you could contact Anne on 9304 2926 or email: avdowling@bigpond.com

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