



Pallottine Family (UAC)

NEWSLETTER *September 2018*

SPRING – HOPE – NEW LIFE

Normally at this time each year we probably have our minds focussed on either of the approaching Seasons – Spring and Footy finals – or even perhaps both. This year we are also facing (at the time of writing) the prospect of a new Prime Minister and for many of us a state election. Each of these affects us.

Spring is the season of great promise. The days are getting longer, the sun seems to be getting warmer. The grass is growing again other plants are beginning to either sprout or bloom. Where gardeners have been preparing their plots there is the hope that their efforts will bring about the desired effect. There is hopefully a sense of renewal. Many of us go through the annual “spring cleaning” and consigning the winter woollies to the back of the wardrobe as we brush off the dust on our warm weather gear. The colours are more vivid and the feeling of “greyness” we have had through winter begins to leave us.

The finals bring with them a change of pace. For those of us who are fans of the teams that didn’t “get there” we look forward in hope for next year and hope that the deficiencies our team has can be remedied in the “off season” through changes made within or the inclusion of new talent from without. For those of us who are fans of the teams that did make it, the real season begins now. We look towards and dream about the ultimate prize, success in the final game and the celebrations that accompany this. We are spurred on by the hope that this time it will be ours to celebrate, something more poignant for those who haven’t seen “September action” for many years.

In Politics, those wanting a change in leadership are also seeking to reinvigorate the Party and hoping that the new leader will bring them a new sense of purpose. For those facing an election, there is hope that the election campaign will result in a win on election day and that all their hard work will be rewarded. For those of us looking on from the side lines, we hope that good government is the result of all the campaigning – both within the parties and at the elections.

If we look at where we are in the church’s year we see that we are called to look once again into our hearts and see what our response is to the message of Jesus in Mark’s gospel. We have just finished the journey through Chapter 6 of John’s Gospel in which we are reminded of the fact that our God gives us what we need to sustain ourselves. Over the coming weeks we are called to 1) denounce the hypocrisies which we all carry within us; 2) review our own openness to the world; 3) remind ourselves of the cost of discipleship; 4) accept humbly our own vocation; 5) reconsider and accept the giftedness of others and 6) through allowing children to feel welcomed into our community to nurture the new life that comes.

All of these are not meant to be harsh criticisms of us. They are there as an invitation to us to recommit ourselves to the vocation that each of us has. They are there for us to use as we prepare ourselves for the end game of the Church’s year – the feast of Christ the King. The lessons around us should be obvious. If we want a great garden, we need to work hard at it. If we want a sustainable future, we need to work hard towards changing the way in which we are stewards of creation. If our team is to be premiers then it is the result of hard work and good preparation. If we want good government then we need to elect the best people possible. Finally, if we want an alive church that is faithful to the message of Jesus, then we are the people who are called to make it happen. As St Vincent Pallotti taught, we are all Apostles and we are all called to proclaim the good news by what we say and more importantly what we do. Jesus was recognised through the breaking of the bread, we are called to feed others. As the words of the old song go “they’ll know we are Christians by our love ...”



(Fr.) Dean Bradbury SAC

THE KERALA FLOODS IN INDIA

We are all aware of the catastrophic floods that have recently impacted on the state of Kerala in India. Several of our Pallottine Priests are from Kerala and have had families impacted.

While the actual flood waters have subsided the loss of homes and contents, the increase in the incidence of disease, infrastructure damage as well as the mourning for those who have died or were injured, are all aspects that will take years for memories and losses to diminish and buildings and infrastructure to be repaired.

Donations have been forwarded to India from Australia through the Pallottine Fathers and Brothers and the National Coordination Council of the UAC. Many parishes have had special collections and not for profit organisations are seeking donations. I understand that the Melbourne Archbishop has recommended donations be sent through Caritas Australia. Many will have contributed through their parish or other organisations. As Father Jacob Nampudakam, the SAC Rector General noted in a recent email relating to the floods “The real joy can be found only in giving.”

We ask that you keep all of the residents of Kerala, the Pallottine Priests who are working in Australia and their families in your prayer at this time. Being so far from home when you know your family are going through much trauma must be very distressing.

Cheryl Sullivan

Pallottine Priests And Brothers Meet In Millgrove

In the last week of September, 24-27th, the Western Australian members of the SAC – Society of the Catholic Apostolate – Pallottine priests and brothers – will travel East to join their Victorian confreres for their triennial conference. This regular gathering is a wise provision in their constitution, pinning down a time for them

to leave their usual busy lives behind and be together for a time of prayer, reflection, discussion, discernment and decision-making.

Important also is the time of preparation – prayer –, a well-formed agenda, thoughtful and relevant input. Recently, members of the wider Pallottine family were invited to contribute to this preparatory process, sharing with the fathers and brothers the challenge of relating to the needs of our time—in church and state—in the light of the vision of St. Vincent and in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Let us keep them in our prayer!!**

REMEMBER IN NOVEMBER:

Since we already have regular dates when we meet for prayer—the Cenacle nights—we thought that remembering those who have died would be the focus for the one in November—22nd at St. Christopher’s, 5Doon Ave Syndal . AND. Our treasured memorial book with so many names, has gone missing in spite of careful searches. So this is a long shot—just in case someone can throw light on its location..

Please NOTE that the date of the Walter Silvester Memorial Lecture has changed SEE PAGE 3

You are invited to the 2018

WALTER SILVESTER MEMORIAL LECTURE

Considering Politics and Justice through the Prism of Executions

Julian McMahon AC SC

Julian McMahon is a barrister and Senior Counsel based in Melbourne. His principal work is as a trial barrister in criminal cases.

Julian has also been involved with death penalty cases for 15 years and with organisations (reluctantly!) in recent years, mainly in the Asia region.



Tuesday, 30th October, 2018

Refreshments: 5.45 – 6.15 p.m.

Oration: 6.30 p.m.

**Christ Lecture Theatre, Young St. Fitzroy
Australian Catholic University**

RSVP for catering purposes by 24th October:

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News from Pallotti College



Our long time friend Fr Mirek Mejzner sac, has arrived from Warsaw Poland to spend some time with us. Mirek, who is currently rector of the Pallottine seminary in Warsaw, is living and working with us along with a guest lecturing role at YTU in Box Hill. It is really great to connect with Mirek again with his familiar warm smile and readiness to grab a guitar to play and sing along with the team.

Two asylum seekers who came initially from a referring agency for emergency accommodation, soon after expressed a desire to work with us on the team. They have been here for some months now and have settled in well, contributing greatly to our ministry of hospitality. You can read the story told by one of these guys in the July edition of "Melbourne Catholic" at cam.org.au

Two new German volunteers are joining us this year after completing a preparatory course at home. Miri has just arrived and is slowly adjusting to the cooler weather here. Ismail will arrive shortly, and they will both volunteer with us for about twelve months.



Mary Anne was very much in her element recently with an invitation to a corporate box at Etihad Stadium for the Kangaroos vs Western Bulldogs game. Great afternoon of footy but we won't mention the result.



Four Pallottine Priests – Eugene San, Mirek Mejzner, Ray Hevern, Dean Bradbury

A surprise visit from Fr's Eugene and Ray recently after the NCC meeting at Kew. Lovely to see them both. We had a full house of guests at the time and after a relaxing break in July we have very solid bookings right through to the end of the year.

Beagle Bay Church 100 Years Jubilee Celebrations

Fr. Eugene San and myself received invitations from the Beagle Bay Community to be their guests at their upcoming 100 Year Jubilee celebration of the Beagle Bay Church on August 11 and 12.

We both flew to Broome and then were driven to Beagle Bay where we were accommodated by the Community in one of their houses for visitors. The road trip of 120 km was rather trying, it gives you the shakes.

On the evening (7pm) of Saturday August 11 Community and visitors were offered a 2-hour concert. Bishop Christopher Saunders opened the celebrations and conducted a Reconciliation Service with many priests hearing confessions. He spoke about the Mercy of God.

The concert following was interspersed with present and former Community members giving witness to their memories of growing up and living in Beagle Bay and speaking about their faith. A free meal and drinks were offered to all present during the concert and also during the celebrations on Sunday.

The highlight of the celebrations was the Eucharist on Sunday led by Bishop Christopher Saunders together with ca. 14 dozen priests, three of them Pallottines, which included also Fr. Ray Hevern. There were hundreds of people present. Visitors had come from Broome and Lombadina and also from the other parishes and communities of the diocese. Others had made the journey from Perth.

Some women blessed us all with Holy Water Kimberley style using large branches. Three women from Balgo and Mulan each had brought with them large paintings, one of them depicting the journey of the Church in the Kimberley. Some of the young girls from Beagle Bay brightened up the liturgy with graceful dancing.

Mass finished with the special blessing sung and given by all present.

“People remember that this church didn’t just happen. People built it and their hearts and their love went into it,” Bishop Christopher Saunders said.

Thanks Fr. Joe for sharing this with us.



APPEAL FOR SUPPORT

ST VINCENT PALLOTTI SCHOLARSHIP FOR LAY MINISTRY

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust is seeking increased capital donations to fulfil its mandate.

This Scholarship Trust was established in 2008 to offer financial assistance to lay people to enhance their knowledge and skills to benefit their ministry.

Applicants are expected to demonstrate their prior involvement in a particular area.

Recent examples are:

- ◆ involvement with young people, particularly in schools
- ◆ leadership with youth groups
- ◆ organising groups for World Youth Day & mission work overseas
- ◆ various training activities within parishes (eg RCIA)
- ◆ counselling/pastoral ministry
- ◆ clinical pastoral care

Applications may be for ongoing work or for one - off activities.

Interest from the Trust's existing capital usually funds around four applications annually, with grants being between \$500 and \$3,000.

Our inspiration is the vision of our founder, St Vincent Pallotti, who in his own time and space committed his life to supporting and developing the vocation of lay people in their ministry within the church – in his case in Italy.

Should you sympathise with this ideal, we are now asking for your assistance by way of a direct donation [the Trust has Deductible Gift Recipient status] or maybe including the cause in your will.

More information is available on our website:

<http://www.pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholarship-for-lay-ministry.html>

Also by emailing the Trust Secretary at:
svpscholarship@gmail.com

The Rosary

Until a few years ago, the Rosary was a prayer I only prayed at funerals and considered rather “out moded.” Then, in a conversation with a couple of friends, they spoke about how and when they prayed the Rosary, often when out walking (or in one case running!) I thought “really, can't you just walk.” A few weeks later, when walking and finding my mind going in rather uncharitable directions, I thought, “it would be better to pray for the person rather than thinking negative thoughts!” So started my “Rosary Journey.”

That was a few years ago, now walking or driving, or travelling on trams and trains, I pray a Rosary. In addition to the “usual mysteries” I have developed what I call “The Human Mysteries.” Jesus, the man and some of his actions that can call me to mission, to my apostolate. That – again with the encouragement of some friends – is what I would like to share in this Newsletter.

The Baptism of Jesus – he walked into do the water along with all of the local people, not setting himself above or apart. Do I live as an equal with all of my sisters and brothers?

Jesus calling of his apostles – he did not choose the clever, the professionals, and he chose ordinary people – all people and called them. How often do I look past and not listen to the wisdom given by “ordinary” people.

Jesus at Cana - Jesus told his mother “his time had not yet come” and yet when she asked he responded. Do I see the face of Jesus in others who request or suggest or advise something and respond?

Jesus and the Widow at Nain – he was walking past and reached out and raised a strangers son. Do I reach out to those on the periphery and respond?

Jesus and Mary Magdalen – “Go and tell the others” - A call to evangelisation when do I joyfully go out and “tell the others.”



So these are the mysteries I often pray. They always remind me of Vincent's charism. I share them with you as we head towards the month of The Rosary.

Cheryl Sullivan.

VICTORIA UAC CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2018 ALL WELCOME

Date	Day of the Week	Time	Event	Venue
22/09	Saturday	7.30 p.m.	Pallottine Cenacle Prayer	Pallotti College
23/10	Tuesday	6.30 p.m.	Walter Silvester Memorial Lecture	ACU
27/10	Saturday	10.00 a.m.	Retreat day and Renewal of Act of Commitment St Gerard's Warrandyte	
8/11	Thursday	6.30 p.m.	LCC Meeting	Park Orchards
16,17/11	Friday, Saturday		NCC Meeting	Riverton
22/11	Thursday	7.30 p.m.	Pallottine Cenacle Prayer	Syndal
02/12	Sunday	4.00 p.m.	Gather & Share	Park Orchards

**FOR ENQUIRIES REGARDING VICTORIA EVENTS PLEASE CONTACT:
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WESTERN AUSTRALIA UAC CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2018 ALL WELCOME

Month	Day/Time	Event / Venue
September	27 (Thurs) 7pm	Pallottine Cenacle Prayer at St Vincent Pallotti Chapel, Rossmoyne.
October	25 (Thurs) 7pm	Pallottine Cenacle Prayer at St Vincent Pallotti Chapel, Rossmoyne.
November	11 (Sun) 10-3 18 (Sun) TBA 29 (Thurs) 7pm	Pallottine Spirituality Formation & Reflection Day at Riverton Parish Mass & UAC Windup at Rossmoyne Pallottine Cenacle Prayer at St Vincent Pallotti Chapel, Rossmoyne.

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Fr Ray 0427 776 934 or Fr Paul 08 6188 6877 or Tricia 0431 017 484**

PLENARY COUNCIL PRAYER.

Let us join in prayer with the whole Church in Australia in preparation for the 2020 Plenary Council and take part in activities however we can.

*Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost
Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.*

*O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia
and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.*

*Give us the grace to see your face in one another
and to recognize Jesus, our companion on the road.*

*Give us courage to tell our stories
and to speak boldly of your truth.*

*Give us ears to listen humbly to each other
and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.*

*Lead your Church into a hope-filled future
that we might live the joy of the Gospel.*

*Through Jesus Christ our Lord
bread for the journey from age to age. Amen*

*Our Lady help of Christians, pray for us.
St. Mary Mackillop, pray for us.*



Plenary Council 2020
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

Money Matters

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