



# Pallottine Family (UAC)

## NEWSLETTER *December 2020*

Welcome to the December issue!! The September one, like so many other parts of our lives, became a victim of the now familiar Covid 19. Here's hoping and praying for a time of renewal in 2021.

***Since the acceptance of the Statutes of the Union of Catholic Apostolate, those who have chosen to commit themselves to being apostles in this Pallottine family come together to renew that commitment each year, doing this according to their own circumstance.***

For this purpose, **in the West**, 35 people gathered on Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November for Mass and for their recommitment. As is their custom on this occasion, that was followed by lunch in Valentine Lodge. Here we see some of the happy people who enjoyed the perfect weather and the chance to catch up over good food,



**In the East**, it has been possible to renew our commitment as a part of a retreat day which has been held at various venues. 2020 presented a different challenge!! So Zoom, which this had, amazingly, become familiar to many people—to the rescue!. That sparked another idea. Using Zoom means we are not limited to one city or one country. So Fr. Rory Hanly SAC, parish priest of the St. Silvestro in Rome—the church for English-speaking parishioners—was invited to lead our reflection-from far away..

Knowing we were people in lockdown, Fr. Rory drew our attention to a letter St. Paul wrote to the people of Ephesus. ( Chapter 4, verses 7-16) 4,. Please read them for yourself and then 'listen' to what Fr. Rory went on to say:

“It struck me the other night that St. Paul wrote those words while he was in in prison—in a more radical lockdown than we have been experiencing. Lockdowns, restrictions are very much part of the fabric of our lives. Restricted, frustrated in many things—perhaps fearful of the future or a sense of isolation. Paul must also have experienced these very human reactions to his situation. And yet, he was able to face them and express his sense of God's call to him and to the Ephesians with great power, great beauty, great breadth and depth of vision, great faith and hope and love. Only possible through a profound relationship with the One whom he loved to whom he had given and continued to give his life –which in turn kept alive and deepened in him his love for those to whom the Lord sent him, He speaks of so many different gifts, given in different ways to different people—to build up communion with God and with others, each person playing their essential part”

During the second part of the day, Fr Rory opened up the recent encyclical by Pope Francis : 'Fratelli Tutti, pointing out some of the parallels it contains to themes very dear to the heart of St. Vincent Pallotti and to our own hearts as people inspired by his vision in this time and place.

- St. Vincent spoke often of all people made in the image and likeness of God, made by their very nature to mirror and embody God's unselfish love. For Pope Francis, the very foundation of Fratelli is the unalienable and equal dignity of every human person irrespective of circumstances and qualities.
- The universal scope of the apostolate which is nothing other than sharing in Christ's own mission to bring the fire of God's love to every human heart.—the universal scope of fraternal charity.



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# 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 - Denise Carl at [dcarl@bigpond.net.au](mailto:dcarl@bigpond.net.au) or David Carl at [merriwa2000@gmail.com](mailto:merriwa2000@gmail.com)

- The call to be and build community. We all need a community that supports and helps us, in which we can help one another to keep looking ahead. How important it is to keep dreaming together!!
- The importance of discerning the signs of the times and responding to them, not as isolated individuals but as a community of people with co-equal responsibility, each voice being heard and increasing individualism, loss of the sense of history and thus of the capacity to interpret the present times with wisdom.

**Plenty of food for thought and prayer and action. Thank you very much, Fr. Rory.**

## A grateful recipient of support from the St. Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust.

My name is Michelle Grimsted and I am employed as the Sacramental Coordinator for the Parishes in East Gippsland Victoria, in the Diocese of Sale. Recently I had the most wonderful opportunity to participate in furthering my knowledge and understanding of the Liturgy and the Sacraments of the Catholic Church. This twelve-week intensive study was conducted by the Catholic Theological College via Zoom sessions, from the lecturer Dr Elio Capra SDB. Attending each of the weekly sessions enabled me to build on my prior knowledge and help deepen my awareness of the seven Sacraments and several sacramentals from anthropological, biblical, liturgical, historical and contemporary perspectives.

As a Sacramental Coordinator, it is my role to help support and assist families within our Parish communities to guide their children to receive all the Sacraments of Initiation. This is conducted through engaging workshops and resources that I

prepare and host. As well as Mass celebrations that I organise to receive these Sacraments. The course helped deepen my knowledge how an ecclesial community gathers to give praise and thanks to God through Sacramental and liturgical celebrations. Participating in this program has enabled me to be formed deeper in theology, to share the truth of the Gospel in a more profound and authentic way to others in my sphere of influence.

I am deeply grateful towards the St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust, who partially paid the tuition fees for me to undergo these studies. This wonderful scheme has enabled me to enhance my skills within my ministry. Without their financial support this wouldn't have been possible. Thankyou.

Michelle Grimsted

## ST VINCENT PALLOTTI SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care

**More information and Applications Forms are available on our website**

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

*Rest in Peace, Bill* Bill Henderson was a larger than life character here at Pallotti College. Under his administrative and fiscal leadership Pallotti College grew from an almost entirely weekend based retreat and conference centre to the flourishing centre/ powerhouse it was in pre pandemic days and we hope that it will return to.

Hospitality was always been a strong part of who Bill was. The multitude of guests that come each year all appreciated the lengths to which Bill went to make them feel welcome. It was Bill developed a strong relationship with River Valley Church and it's former Pastor Andy Bennett. Initiatives followed, particularly the bi-weekly "Good Tucker Day" which gathered and fed many people from the surrounding area each Tuesday. Bill and Mary Anne also started the community based Christmas Lunch, an outreach for many people in the local area who find celebrating Christmas difficult. Bill's care for people and his outreach into the community was also evident in the Emergency Accommodation apostolate that he began and his initiative of supplying firewood to people in need.

Bill's outgoing and gregarious nature drew people to Pallotti College and he was always encouraging people to get involved. He practised that great rule of Pastoral Ministry – don't stop anybody from doing a good deed. As a result many volunteers, without whom Pallotti College could not run, have answered Bill's invitation. Bill was hands on with the many improvements which have occurred here: the farm, maintenance projects and his final project – the Dining Room.

Bill has left a lasting legacy here at the College: his work ethic – he was still paying bills from hospital on the day before he died; his love and support of the Team and the Volunteers; his great sense of hospitality with the sharing of a post Mass/ pre Lunch wine with so many people. His funeral was a great tribute to Bill from so many people whose lives he had touched, both local and international. Bill passed away on 15th June after a long struggle with a lung condition. **Dean Bradbury SAC**



## Kerryn Woolcock-----'KEZZ'

*Margaret MacLean*, herself a Tardun veteran, tells us: "Kezz first met the Pallottines when she volunteered to be a lay missionary in Western Australia. In January 1976, after the training time in Millgrove, she headed to Tardun (now known as Wandalgu) —nearest big town, Geraldton. That was the beginning of three years as cook—an unenviable task as it was a big community of children, volunteers, brothers and priests. She became very friendly with the girls, often taking them home to Geelong for holidays. She kept contact with them long after she returned to Victoria and when one of the women, Veronica Ryan, a mature age student, was going to graduate in Darwin, Kezz travelled to celebrate with her".

*Mary Anne Dooley*, knew Kezz as a volunteer at Pallotti College. She says: "What a sad thing to hear of Kezz's passing! Essendon have lost a great supporter, Geelong an identity and we, have lost a great and loyal friend. Kezz was a happy, larger than life, hardworking & effervescent 'weekender' for many years at Pallotti College. I can still hear the car coming up the hill with "Oh Carol" blaring out of the open windows ((and often Kezz hanging out of the window, giving a rendition as well). Together with Mary and Lorraine, she formed a great threesome. She will be greatly missed".

### **REMEMBER IN NOVEMBER.**

Over the years we have been able to gather for Mass during this month to pray with and for those members of the Pallottine Family who have gone before us into eternity. Alas, this possibility was another victim of Covid 19 but. I'm sure they have not been forgotten.

**Eternal rest, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen**

# Reflections on 2020, most of it living with Covid 19!!

## Thanks, first to Mary Whiting, Pascoe Vale. a suburb of Melbourne

What a year it has been. We started with drought, devastating fires and floods and then a pandemic hit the world. Here in Melbourne, it took ages to get on top of it. Life has been very different as we slowed down; worked from home if it was an option, birthdays, meetings and family celebrations. One of the hardest for me was the many funerals, family, parish and friends that were missed. It is just not the same watching a streamed version and not being able to be there with each other.

However, what a versatile spirit the human being has, and what a way the earth has of telling us she is in danger, Have we heard?

## Veronica Barnes writes from Rosedale, Eastern Victoria

In March 2020 my everyday routine came to a sudden halt. Suddenly Government restrictions I had never known before were set in place. The old saying "one door closes, another door opens" seems to come to mind. I am employed in two workplaces that were impacted, one immediately the other in July. I work in my Cathedral Parish of Sale and as a Prison Chaplain. Work at the Parish went into recess immediately but visiting the Prison continued. Stage 4 Restrictions saw that Chaplains were no longer able to visit the Prisoners. "Necessity is the mother of invention" so new ways were sought to keep in contact. I had come know Zoom Conferencing in recent years so this became the Year of Zoom. Working from home meant Meetings suddenly were all on Zoom. Teams, Catechist meetings, Parish Council, Webinars, Prayer & Meditation, all on Zoom. Recognizing the important work of Chaplains, the Prison provided the opportunity to speak with Prisoners on "BlueJeans" video calls and for this I have been grateful. It has been challenging but modern technology has enabled myself & others to adapt, especially to Mass online.



## Steve Kay from Donvale, a suburb of Melbourne

The Covid 19 pandemic and associated lockdown brought with it a potpourri of delightful graces. It reminded me of the days of my youth before the internet and TV, to a time when if God knocked on the door there was someone at home. The slowing down has given God the chance to catch up with our busy lives.

Writing this piece on All Saints Day is appropriate because for me the lockdown has not severed my ties with the Communion of God's Saints rather it has strengthened them. They say God gives and he takes away. Well God might have taken our freedom but He gave us Zoom. Zoom masses, Zoom Rosary, Zoom Cenacle prayers, Zoom Gather and Share and Zoom get togethers. I now got to really know, at a much deeper level, all of the people I'd previously seen and greeted at mass etc. On Zoom we greet people by name, we are with them in their homes, we share in their fears and joys, their likes and dislikes and we praise The Lord together.

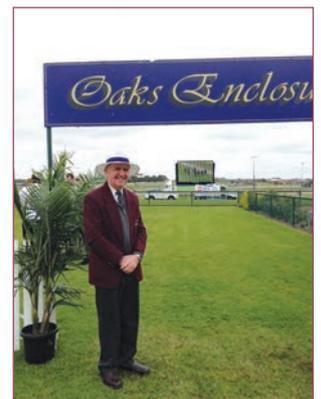
God's blessing of Zoom has brought us closer, we should continue to make use of this wonderful gift.

## Gerard Auld, Western Victoria

Psalms 91 tells us among other things "you need not fear any plagues that strike in the dark". Not that you can't get the plague but that you need not fear it. Not that you have to be arrogant or irresponsible but that you need not fear. If I caught the flu then God would provide.

So I still volunteered in various places unless the place was closed, I still visited my family, I still hugged and kissed both children and grandchildren whenever we saw them which was quite often, I still went to confession and prayed, I still worked in self employed part time jobs; living in the country has its distinct advantages.

Did I encounter any opposition? Yes a brother rang one of the volunteer organisations complaining that they were employing a supposedly vulnerable 70 plus year old. A daughter would not speak with me for some time as she thought I was totally irresponsible. You would think we were all going to die overnight from this monstrosity. What Changed? Well my wife and I set up a little altar where we daily stream the Eucharist celebration and pray our prayers, this was a change from public celebrations. It's important to ignore the fear and as far as possible do what you would normally do even if some of the most cruel and inhuman rules and regulations are in place.



## Mary Saunders, Bairnsdale, Eastern Victoria

East Gippsland during COVID-19 Restrictions. Well, it has certainly been a unique year! Unlike our city brothers and sisters, here in the East we got to Stage 3: we have felt very much for all you Melburnians in your severe lockdown. Being not too tech savvy, one of my initial challenges was to use ZOOM: but what a great surprise!! I have been connected somewhere at least once a week and most weeks much more than that. One of the highlights for me – being able to connect to the UAC Cenacle Prayer evenings. That has been fantastic - to see all the friendly familiar faces (and some new ones) and reflect together upon the scriptures and Vincent's writings - so thank you to all concerned. I also appreciated being able to 'live stream' Joe Kearney's funeral in Rossmoyne. That was a bonus!

Our drought-stricken East Gippsland has been blessed with some lovely rain of late which has uplifted the spirit of the district for all of God's creation. Rain went to places where it was most needed too. We are experiencing a lot of wind in this region in these days which dries the country quickly. Hoping and praying that the 'powers that be' will work with the local aboriginal people, using their skills to address the 'fire' issues associated with the problems.

Happy Christmas to all and we pray that people everywhere will recognize God's closeness to them and will allow God's presence to be seen in the way they celebrate Christmas with one another. Mary Saunders

# Donations into cyberspace

At least that is how it has felt this year!

Our PALLOTTINE ABORIGINAL SCHOLARSHIP program – like the rest of human endeavour – has also been on the target list of COVID through 2020.

If you wind back, the commencement of the tertiary academic year just about coincided with the arrival of the virus – and the many complications that brought with it, including remote study over the internet.

After consultation with the university boffins, themselves working from home, we were informed that the usual fees applied – including those for an exchange student who was, at the time, studying in Canada.

Having paid them, this year on behalf of 7 students out of an initial 10 scrutinised by the Trustees, we were

forced to forgo the traditional Mar/Apr Scholarship Presentation held here in Rossmoyne. This brief ceremony provides a first face-to-face meeting with the grantees and an opportunity for them too to meet fellow recipients from institutions other than their own. All we could do, as for the Universities, was trust they were on the job and had not gone fishin!

Happily all seven called in at the start of the second Semester, and their funding was extended dependent on their provision of a Semester I report card – but we still haven't met them!

As for financing the collapse in interest rates has been across the board, both here and overseas, so the Trust which operates solely on funds derived from it's investment returns is quickly being choked for income. So we are faced with the very immediate dilemma of

either reducing still further the number of students supported, or eating into the capital and thus reducing that resource.

And moreover, that resource which has to be topped up each year so that it is not depleted by inflation, has itself fallen on hard times with yearly reducing donations. 2020 saw fees paid out to the value of \$40,000 and donation income received of \$1,057.

Any generous contributors out there?

## Account Name:

The Pallottine Aboriginal Scholarship Trust

**BSB** 086 006

**A/C** 492373961

## BROOME GRAVE RESTORATION

Sometime ago Eugene San SAC was contacted by Carl Wieman from Perth to let him know that the graves of Clare Bowler and Tom Dickenson are in serious need of restoration. Clare and Tom were both dedicated lay missionaries who worked in the Kimberley.

Clare as many may remember, worked as a lay missionary at the Derby Hostel and then later with Fr Wendelin Lorenz SAC in the Derby presbytery. Those who passed through Derby in those days will remember the wonderful hospitality offered by Clare and Wendelin. An interesting fact is that Clare died on Vincent Pallotti's feast day. He was waiting for her with open arms.

Tom worked on the "building team" with Bob Bradley throughout the Kimberley. He worked for both Bishops Jobst and Saunders. Some of the projects he worked on included church construction: Broome, Derby and Halls Creek. In addition, he worked as a handy man at the Presbytery at Broome and Kalumburu.

Assistance to fund the restoration of the graves has been sought, but so far to no avail. We are now appealing to you our readers. Clare and Tom were an important part of the early story of the Pallottine family in the Kimberley.

If we get enough interest, we can pursue the next steps to take. Please let me know by letter or email of your interest.

**Email:** [nccpresident@uacpallottines.org.au](mailto:nccpresident@uacpallottines.org.au)

**Post:** Mary Whiting 94 Landells Rd Pascoe Vale 3044.



## Congratulations to the students of Queen of Apostles school



Congratulations to the students of Queen of Apostles school, Riverton. When they and we all heard about the needs of the children in the Flame of Love orphanage, Keshero, Ruanda, they immediately decided they wanted to help. And they have not stopped helping! These pictures show another's years fund-raising—the students who all contributed and the members of the social justice group who can truly, be called, the movers and shakers.

And for us all. It's all very well to remember occasionally but, in order for the orphanage to be able to function, they need a reliable source of funding. We said we would do that. So here are the details YOU will need!

UAC KESHERO PROJECT:

CDF: 1125432#9103 083-347 439 222523

## AUSTRALIAN UAC CONGRESS 9 - 12 SEPTEMBER 2021

CONGRESS THEME : YOU ARE THE NOW OF GOD—MISSIONARY DISCIPLES

VENUE: PALLOTTI COLLEGE

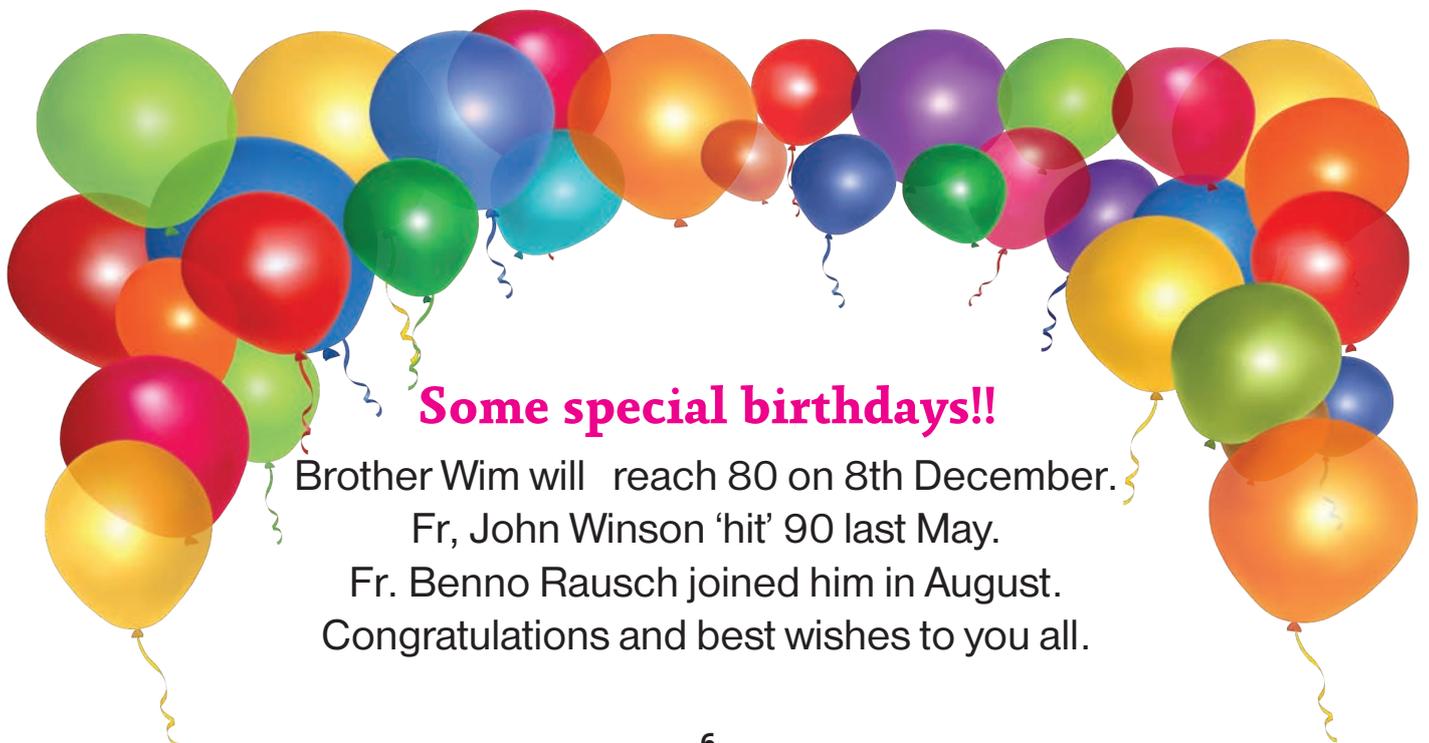
Ecology focus: Laudatio Si.

Equal Dignity for all: Fratelli Tutti

Safety for children and vulnerable adults.

Current missionary focus in Australia

Much more information to follow BUT put those dates in your diary NOW



### Some special birthdays!!

Brother Wim will reach 80 on 8th December.

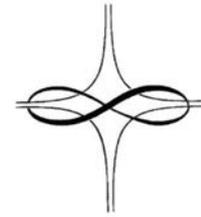
Fr, John Winson 'hit' 90 last May.

Fr. Benno Rausch joined him in August.

Congratulations and best wishes to you all.



## WESTERN AUSTRALIA UAC CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2021



January	11 (Mon)	7.00pm	LCCWA meeting
	22 (Fri)	???	Feast of St Vincent Pallotti TBA
	28 (Thurs)	7.00pm	Pallottine Cenacle Prayer at Rossmoyne
February	25 (Thurs)	7.00pm	Pallottine Cenacle Prayer at Rossmoyne.
March	5 & 6 (Fri & Sat)		FAST 24 at Riverton
	25 (Thurs)	7.00pm	Pallottine Cenacle Prayer at Rossmoyne
	TBA (Sat)	2.30pm	Pallottine Aboriginal Scholarship Presentation at Pallottine Hall, Rossmoyne
April	23 (Fri)	7.30am	70 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Parish Celebrations
	29 (Thurs)	7.00pm	Pallottine Cenacle Prayer at Rossmoyne
May	21 (Fri)	7.00pm	Queen of Apostles Feastday at Riverton, followed by refreshments in the hall.
	27 (Thurs)	7.00pm	Pallottine Cenacle Prayer at Rossmoyne
June	24 (Thurs)	7.00pm	Pallottine Cenacle Prayer at Rossmoyne.

**FOR ENQUIRIES CONTACT: Fr Ray 0427 776 934 or Tricia 0431 017 484**

## VICTORIA

2021 UAC Calendar					
Physically present events with Zoom available if possible					
Day	Date	Time	Event	Venue	Notes
Fri	22/01	5.15 p.m.	St Vincent's Feast	Kew	Mass & Shared Meal
Thurs	11/02	6.00 p.m.	LCC East meeting	Clayton South	Venue TBC
Wed	17/02		Ash Wednesday		
Mon	22/02	7.30 p.m.	Pallottine Cenacle Prayer	PC Millgrove	
Mon	22/03	7.30 p.m.	Pallottine Cenacle Prayer	Syndal	
Sun	12/04		Easter Sunday		
Wed	21/04	5.15 p.m.	St Vincent Pallotti Feast Day (Australia)	Kew	Mass & Shared Meal Bring a plate of food or some drink to share
Thurs	13/05	6.00 p.m.	LCC East meeting	Kew	
Sat	22/05	2.00 p.m.	Pallottine Cenacle Prayer Feast of MQA	Kew	Theme: Mary, Queen of Apostles Merle Prayer
Tues	22/06	7.30 p.m.	Pallottine Cenacle Prayer	Syndal	

**For Enquiries Contact:**

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*We pray that people everywhere will be blessed with the peace & joy and security which every human heart yearns for.*



The Pallottine Family Newsletter is one way of keeping in touch, especially during these times. Due to the increase in production costs we are asking for an annual \$20 subscription for the Newsletter. We are thankful for the many generous readers already giving more than this, and hope this continues. Of course, we will not cut anyone out if this is beyond them. To give you a rough idea – last year the newsletter cost over \$6000 to deliver and subscriptions and donations bought in just under \$3000.

### THE NEW BANK DETAILS.

**REMEMBER TO PUT IN PFN AND YOUR DETAILS SO IT CAN BE RECORDED.**

**BANK NAB (NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK)**

**BSB: 083 347**

**ACCOUNT NO: 569130037**

**ACCOUNT NAME: Union of the Catholic Apostolate National Council**

**ANNUAL SUB: \$20**

## Christmas Masses:

**Pallottine Missionary College, 85 Studley Park Rd. Alas, 2020** brings a break in a tradition established many years ago. That means there will be not be Mass on Christmas Eve. However, Fr. Pat, Fr. Joe and Br. Lindsay asked me to assure you they will be including you all in their Masses wherever they will be celebrating and wishing you many blessings at this special time.

**Pallotti College, Millgrove.** Better news for Christmas Eve. It is hoped there will be Mass at 8.30pm, as usual. Everyone is very welcome but, just in case there has to be a change, it is suggested that you ring to confirm. 59 662 585

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