



PALLOTTINE FAMILY (UAC) NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2013

ON LISTENING

Good Listening is part of a good relationship. It demands and brings about a number of things.

Listening means taking in what the other person is on about.

Listening is taking aboard what the other person is saying.

Listening is taking aboard what the other person is expressing. We know that speaking is only part of what we are expressing.

There is the body language which goes with our words. Part of it is also what is said and what is not said. Part of our body language is the tone of voice, our gestures and our facial expression.



Advent Mass: Fr. Joe Butscher SAC and
Fr. Ray Hevern SAC

Listening, of course, needs to be natural, genuine.

Listening also needs to be non-judgemental. I accept the person I listen to without any prejudices. It is not easy to put aside what we think about a person we are familiar with or the first impression we have of someone we have never met before.

Many years ago a lady came to me to speak to me about a problem she had. I did not listen well. Whilst she was speaking I frantically tried to work out a solution in my mind. When she had finished she thanked me for listening to her and went.

She taught me a lesson. The lady did not want any advice from me, she only needed someone to listen to her.

Advent is about Listening and Waiting. We can't listen to God without being prepared to wait. In the end God will always answer our prayers.

Jesus invites us to listen. Listening is choosing the better part like Mary did. Martha was doing very good work but Mary, according to Jesus, was doing better. She had chosen the better part.

Fr. Joe Butscher SAC

Advent wreath made by Fr. Joe Butscher SAC
for the chapel at Rossmoyne



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ON RETREAT AT NEW NORCIA

Gerry Duck writes:

We are on retreat at New Norcia, Fr. Eugene, Brothers, Gunther & John, and myself. The retreat started on Tuesday the 19th of November. It was a 5:15am start with Vigil Prayers, breakfast at 6am, 6:45am Lauds, 7:30am Mass. From 9am to 10am Fr Anscar McPhee gives a talk. Then it's time for morning tea. We have midday prayers followed by lunch, the main meal of the day, with the monks. Meals are eaten in silence while one of the monks reads aloud.

We meet again at 2:30pm for afternoon prayer with the monks, then our Pallottine group, have a walk around the property, along the Moore River, admiring the olive groves, and grape vines, and the fields of wheat, while saying the rosary and Chaplet.

Evening we meet again at 6:30pm for Vespers and Tea at 7pm. Night Prayers at 8:15 bring the day to a close.

It has been a great experience to spend time with Abbot John and the Monks.

Pictured right: Back row: Gerry Duck, Br. John Phillis SAC, Fr. Eugene San SAC Front row: Br. Ludwig Gunter SAC, Fr. Anscar McPhee OSB



A VISITOR FROM AFRICA VIA ROME

On a wet evening in July, Father Hervé Pascal Okolong, a Cameroonian Pallottine priest, arrived from Rome where he was undertaking doctoral studies. From July to mid-October, during the European university break, Pascal, as he was known, spent time in Melbourne learning English.

Pascal's first European language was French and he had successfully learnt Italian before commencing his studies at the Gregorian in Rome where his PhD thesis concerned itself with the philosophy of Jacques Maritain involving education and the political process.

Whilst in Victoria, and despite a strict regime of language study, some time was available for him to meet the wider Pallottine family. He was taken to parishes and to Millgrove, though a shorter visit, and presented his reflections on his Australian experience during an evening of conversation at Kew. (These reflections are available for wider readership.)

His was a gift of welcome and many other people he made contact with in the most ordinary circumstances of life, invited him into their homes and Pascal invited many fellow students and teachers into the community at Kew. He was welcomed into many groups and celebrated mass at Kew and other nearby centres, including the Mary MacKillop Centre and Carmelite Convent, and often for special events.

Pascal had a passion for collaboration from many perspectives and a great love of the Gospel and our founder, Vincent. His was a vision of inclusiveness and a welcoming of diversity.

He obtained a certificate of English proficiency but hopefully gained much more. Indeed, we in Australia were deeply blessed by his fellowship, his openness and the many friendships that have been made.

A special note of thanks must be given to the leadership teams from each country and for the active encouragement of Fr Jacob in what was a very exciting adventure.



Pictured above: Top: Fr. Pascal and Br. Lindsay
Below: Fr. Pascal at Millgrove

SEVENTH ANNUAL WALTER SILVESTER MEMORIAL LECTURE 2013

Approximately 160 people comprising UAC members and many others interested in this year's topic, gathered at the Australian Catholic University on Tuesday 29th October to hear the seventh annual Walter Silvester Memorial Lecture.

This year we were privileged to have Fr. Frank Donio SAC Dip. Min. from Washington U.S.A. as our guest speaker. Frank's topic, "New Pope, New Evangelisation – new way of being Church" was an engaging and fascinating blend of history, spirituality and current Church thinking, with a description of Pope Francis' style of service used as the connecting thread.

Much of Fr. Frank's address was extemporaneous and by using highlights from a power point presentation, he succeeded in inspiring and uplifting participants.

Pat Heywood



Pictured above: Gabrielle McMullen AM FRACI Emeritus Professor Australian Catholic University and Fr. Frank Donio SAC D Min. standing with St. Mary McKillop statue.

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS - PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND (JORDAN, ISRAEL & PETRA) 27 APRIL – 15 MAY 2014

During one of our monthly sharing sessions on Pallottine Spirituality, our prayer group expressed a desire to visit the Holy Land. We invited our beloved Parish Priest, Fr Patrick Jackson, SAC to be our Spiritual Director. As we discussed more, the idea of inviting the parishioners of our Parish to join us began to take shape. We thought that there might be others in the parish community who would like to go on such a journey, but who never got around to it because of lack of information or a lack of a group of friends to go with. We thought it would be a great spiritual experience, fun and a means of building "community" through this pilgrimage journey. Fr. Pat agreed and we sent out an invitation to the parish community to join this pilgrimage. The response was encouraging. To date, we have around 30 participants; enough numbers for the pilgrimage to materialize and everyone is looking forward to it. And before the trip next year, I have plans to organize monthly meetings from February to April next year for spiritual preparation. In writing this short sharing, I have done some reflection. What started out as just another church project has become more- it is a mission now. All participants really want to go and I ask God to bless this mission.

A pilgrimage is not like any other holiday. There is potential for everyone to grow in faith and relationship with God.

In conclusion, I pray for God's blessings on this pilgrimage, on each participant and on the potential that lies ahead! As St Vincent Pallotti said:

Not the goods of the world, but God. Not riches, but God. Not honours, but God. Not distinction, but God. Not dignities, but God. Not advancement, but God. God always and in everything.

As we still have places available, I would like to extend an invitation to our Pallottine brothers and sisters to join our parish group for this pilgrimage. Full details can be obtained from our parish website at: <http://www.syndalcatholic.org.au/pilgrimage/>

Mary Tan
St. Christopher's Parish



Hoping to be pilgrims

INTRODUCING UAC FORMATION WORKER, LORRAINE MCCARTHY.

I am very excited to be entrusted with the role of UAC Formation Worker. Since beginning in September I have been on a steep learning curve! This has involved endeavouring to understand more fully the life and legacy of St Vincent Pallotti, and the history and structure of the UAC. I have also been out and about meeting many of you at UAC meetings and events and also re-introducing myself to the Priests of the Melbourne Pallottine lead Parishes, all of whom I have either worked with or met previously. I am based at Syndal Parish and work closely with Fr Pat Jackson, the National Formation Coordinator of the UAC.

A little about me! I am married to Jim. We met at a Youth Retreat



held at Montserrat in Millgrove. We have six children aged 18 to 31yrs and three grandchildren. With three of our children still living at home and the others frequent and very welcome visitors, we are blessed with a vibrant and busy household.

I have over 20 years experience working in Adult Faith Formation - in Parishes, retreats, workshops and as a Spiritual Director. I am passionate about creating opportunities for people to meet Christ more deeply and about encouraging

people to grow and strengthen their relationship with God.

I have a degree in Theology and a Graduate Diploma specialising in Adult Faith Formation. I trained as a spiritual director in the Siloam Program at the Heart of Life Spirituality Centre. I am an accredited Pastoral Associate in the Melbourne Archdiocese.

During this initial phase of my work, I have been asked to concentrate my time in the Pallottine Parishes and ministries (I hope to visit the Riverton Parish next year). I am also very keen to work in other Parishes when invited. In addition to specifically UAC formation material, I am able to assist Parishes to offer a broad range of Faith Formation programs, including Called and Gifted Workshop, Alpha, Scripture studies, Returning Catholics, retreat days/weekends, etc. Please contact me if you think I could assist you or your community. Email: lorraine613@bigpond.com
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UAC RETREATS 2014 PALLOTTI COLLEGE MILLGROVE

Keep these weekends free!

March 28th – 30th:

Called and Gifted Workshop

As a Pallottine family we believe that each of us has been called and gifted to fulfill a unique vocation. This very practical workshop helps you to discern your charisms, which can be a major clue to discovering God's plan for your life, as well as your role in God's work in the world.

May 30th – June 1st:

Women's Weekend topic to be advised

August 29th – 31st:

Encounters with Infinite Love
based on Fr. Pat's booklet Pallottine Spirituality 2

For more information and bookings:
contact Lorraine on 0402 217123 or
lorraine613@bigpond.com

God is calling YOU to a unique purpose in life!

How can you discover what that purpose is?

come to the Called and Gifted Workshop

Each of us has been called and gifted to fulfil a unique vocation.

Discerning your gifts can be a major clue in discovering God's plan for your life,
as well as your role in God's work in the Parish community and in the world.

Discerning your charisms

can help you make better decisions, simplify your life and better appreciate the people around you.

Friday March 28th, 7.30pm – Sunday March 30th, 3pm

@ Pallotti College, Millgrove.

Workshop Fee: \$180, includes a book with extensive workshop notes, accommodation in a single room with shared bathroom facilities, all meals and the beautiful Pallotti College environment.

Further information and bookings phone 0402 217123 or Email lorraine613@bigpond.com

Don't miss the opportunity to participate in this unique experience!

NEW LIFE FOR SOUTHERN CROSS

Richard Gooden writes:

I thought you might be interested in seeing some photo's of the Southern Cross being demolished. While it has been a very necessary task for safety reasons, due to the very poor structural condition of the building, and the presence of a large quantity of asbestos, termites, dry rot and water damage; there is a lot of sadness seeing the Southern Cross being demolished after so many years of wonderful service to many people (Lay and Religious), groups, communities and families.

One of the items found was a newspaper from 1953, which is a time stamp in itself. It is also interesting to note during the deconstruction process we could see how the extensive building grew over the decades and how creative the early builders were during the early days, because of cost constraints and material shortages they used whatever material that was available.

Many thanks to a small team of helpers comprising Graham Borrell (Buzza), Phil Lee and Ben Gooden for all their hard work over several weeks. Anyone concerned about how the asbestos was handled you will be pleased to know that we engaged a specialist company for stage one last year to remove and dispose of the asbestos in accordance with all the regulations. Above is stage two, which commenced on the 22nd of October and should be completed by the middle of November.

We are certainly missing the additional accommodation, storage and office space that we have lost and hope to replace it someday.



ST. VINCENT PALLOTTI SCHOLARSHIP FOR LAY MINISTRY

After the closing date, 31st October, for the second round of scholarship awards for 2013, the committee met in November to evaluate the 18 applications and decide on grants and in some cases, partial grants to assist lay people in their various works of service for the church and community.

Five awards were made:

- to assist two applicants to study for the Certificate of Pastoral Education;
- to assist an R.E. teacher to undertake a summer course in Models of Leadership in Catholic schools;
- to help fund another R.E teacher bring six students from West Australia to Melbourne to attend the Catholic Youth Festival in December;
- to provide a partial grant towards costs involved in attending an overseas Indigenous conference.

Successful applicants are required to submit a report on the progress or outcome of their work within a six month period after receiving an award.

Pat Heywood

REMEMBER IN NOVEMBER

We are familiar with the words of scripture: "It is a holy and a wholesome thought to pray for the dead". Putting it in simpler words, perhaps we can say: 'Tis a good thing that we do during November each year'.

Sincere thanks to the imaginative person who came up with this great idea. It's not that we forget people who have gone before us into eternity but it is special to gather as members of the Pallottine Family. One treasure is the memorial book and there were, as always, quite a few names to add. People to remember for whom they were, what they contributed, how they contributed and remember that, in the Communion of Saints, they are still with us.

Fr. John (Winson) had often been our celebrant in previous years. Although we were sorry he had a spell in hospital (but is feeling much better), it was providential that Fr. Joe Butcher has recently come to live in Kew. Thank you for stepping in, Fr. Joe and for your thoughtful, relevant words. Fr. Joe had lived in Kew quite a few years ago and 'found' some old friends in the memorial book and among the people who gathered.

As always, the day would not have been complete without a chance to chat over a cup of tea/coffee---I can still hear that wonderful buzz of conversation.

Merle

REST IN PEACE

Please pray specially for Viv Straford, who died very recently, and for his family.

MONEY MATTERS

Yes, the sub is still \$15!

Thanks to those who support the cost of this publication by sending contributions - in whatever form - or handing one to me when we meet.

I always keep pen and paper at the ready to aid my memory.

For your convenience you pay directly into our bank account - CBA (06) 3 142 1010 4176.

As is quite usual we receive a bank statement only quarterly, so it could be that your deposit takes awhile to reach our records. Our apologies if you see an unjustified 'sub due'.



Kimberley Catholic Volunteer Service

The Diocese of Broome, WA, is urgently seeking a married couple to volunteer in the remote **Parish of Balgo-Kutjungka** providing assistance to the parish priest.

Accommodation, transport and food provided.
Duration: 6 months

For further details, and an application form, please contact:

Volunteer Coordinator: Anneliese Rohr

Phone: 08 9192 1060

Email: volunteers@broomedioocese.org

PARISH DANCE AND SOCIAL

When and what time?
8 pm on the last Friday of every month.

Where?
Our Lady Help of Christian's Parish Hall
49 Nicholson St. East Brunswick

What do you need to know?
Admission \$5.

What do you need to bring?
It's BYO - coffee and tea provided.

Who can come?
Everyone is welcome!!!
Talk to Maurice: 989555266

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THE 2014 MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ON
SATURDAY THE 22ND OF MARCH,
AT 85 STUDLEY PARK RD, KEW

2.15PM-3.15PM

AFTERNOON TEA WILL FOLLOW.

A DIAMOND WEDDING

It's wonderful when people reach such a milestone!!
Even more when we can claim to know the 'bride and
bridegroom' and even more special when one was a
guest at the wedding.

The special couple are Jocelyn (nee Murphy) and Paul
Hogarty who were married at the Sacred Heart Church,
West St. Kilda on 1st February 1954

Jocelyn and I had been on one of the apostolic groups in
Kew in the 50s and, I'm glad to say, have kept in touch
while they brought up their family of nine children and
most recently, before retirement, were dairy farmers. I'm
honoured to be invited to celebrate with them.

Congratulations Jocelyn & Paul!

Merle

MASS TIMES FOR KEW & MILLGROVE

At Millgrove, it will be 8.30pm as usual

Please note: Kew Community have made a
change. The Mass will be at 7pm.

Everyone most welcome!



**HAPPY
CHRISTMAS!!**

**BEST WISHES
FOR MANY
BLESSINGS IN
2014.**



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