



# Pallottine Family (UAC)

## NEWSLETTER

### December 2017

## Maranatha.....Come Lord Jesus



Christmas is the time we experience the divine love more closely in our hearts. During this season we celebrate Christ who was born in to this world to save us from sin and death. The four weeks of preparation during advent helps us to reflect on the Love, peace and Joy which Jesus brought in to this world. The advent wreath, Candles, Stars, greeting cards, illuminations all these add to our spiritual joy.

Emmanuel “God with us” is the reason for our joy. How can we make our hearts a dwelling place for Jesus? The sacrifices we make, sharing of the resources with the less privileged, commitment and dedication takes us forward in this spiritual journey.

We find some people rejoiced at the birth of Jesus whereas some others were disturbed. The Shepherds along with Mary and Joseph and the kings all of them rejoiced at the birth of Jesus. Because they were simple people with full of love and sincerity of heart. Herod and all his people were disturbed at his birth because they thought this newborn babe would take away their power and position.

The readings from the book of Isaiah promises a great hope. The people who were walking in darkness would see a great light. At his birth angels sang the song “Glory to god in the highest and peace to his people on earth”. As the angels sang beautiful songs, praising God, we also unite our voices to sing and praise God for His gift of Jesus to each and everyone of us.

Blessed Virgin Mary, submitted herself totally to the Divine Will of God and answered, “Here I am, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” After all nothing was impossible to Almighty God. The Blessed Virgin Mary, as a young Jewish girl, was very familiar with the Scriptures. She knew of all the great things that God had done for her people, how He freed them from slavery, how He divided the Red Sea, how He brought them to the Promised Land, etc..

In the midst of terrorism, corruption, and all the activities against the Divine will let us hope that the newborn Child would grant us true freedom and Peace.

*Father Jos Joseph SAC*

**Mass will be celebrated on Christmas Eve at**  
8.30pm at 85 Studley Park Road.  
Kew and Pallotti College, Millgrove.

**All very welcome.**

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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# Donatella Acerbi – Uac President's Visit To Australia



In late October early November 2017 many of us had the pleasure of being able to meet Donatella Acerbi, International President of the Union of Catholic Apostolate, when she visited Australia. Donatella's deep love of Vincent Pallotti and her amazing ability to communicate that love, simply by her being was a great joy. Donatella has the amazing gift of being able to communicate with everyone from the very young to the older members of our family. Her gifts were recognised and acknowledged by many. One of the teachers in Rossmoyne Western Australia commented that "The love of Jesus shone through her."

During her visit, Donatella visited all of our Pallottine ministered Parishes, Retreat and Youth centres in both Victoria and Western Australia, met with members of the Mariana Community, was present at the UAC Retreat and Re-commitment day and met the Youth

and the children at Mary Queen of Apostles School in Riverton WA. She also made a point of meeting the SAC priests who are older or in Nursing Homes. One of the primary reasons for Donatella visit was to present the 11th Walter Silvester Memorial Lecture. Over the two weeks Donatella did have some time to see a small part of our beautiful country with visits to the Yarra Valley, Melbourne, New Norcia and Dongara. A very busy time – while proclaiming frequently she was "neither jet lagged or tired!!"

In addition to the above Donatella joined the National Coordination Council at a council meeting. When asked to give us an overview of how Donatella had experienced her visit, she spoke of our obvious living and love of Vincent's Charism in Australia. Amongst other observations she spoke of the spirit of Vincent that she witnessed and our long history of living this charism together in a co-responsible manner. She also noted the friendly welcome she received wherever she visited, our style of open communication and our ability to see beyond our own borders (this was particularly in relation to the Keshero Project, both our individual response and the response of the children at Queen of Apostles School in Riverton WA – also covered elsewhere in this newsletter)

The time was fruitful for all and provided Donatella with another part of the global perspective of the Union of Catholic Apostolate/Pallottine Family life and how it is lived "Down Under." Many thanks to the members of the Walter Silvester Committee who initiated this visit.

**Cheryl Sullivan**

President UAC National Coordination Council

25 November 2017

## *Celebrating 125 Years Of The Pallottines In Germany.*

This heading is really not quite correct. It was really the celebration of 145 years of Pallottines in the German – speaking area of Europe i.e. Germany, Austria and Switzerland. Celebrations took place in Limburg and Friedberg but the Provincial of the Swiss Province, Fr. Adrian Willi SAC was present to represent his province. He said that in a time of great crisis, Limburg and the far-sightedness of the General superior, Fr. Di Bruno effected a re-foundation of the society. From the outset, the Swiss Pallottines were a part of this. Fr. Jacob Pfandler can be said to be the co-founder of the Pallottine presence in Brasilia. He later went to Cameroon. When, after the First World War, the Pallottines had to leave Cameroon, the General Rector and the General Procurator directed the Society from exile in Switzerland. .

Fr. Jacob Nampudakam SAC, our present Superior General, considers it almost miraculous that the Pallottine Community established itself so well in the German-speaking areas. He outlined how highly motivated men from Ireland, England and Germany, who had joined the Society in Italy, brought the charism of the foundation of St. Vincent Pallotti not only to their own countries but , in fact, to all the continents of the world .He himself would not have become a Pallottine if missionaries from Friedberg had not come to India in the 1950s.

Many Pallottine priests, brothers and sisters, with other local priests, parishioners and friends took part in wonderful celebrations in Limburg on 28th October. Dr. George Baetzing, Bishop of Limburg and the main celebrant, made the point that the celebration was not a relic of past times but significant of a movement of the 1890s. He went on to say: "The Pallottine Charism fits so well into the present time that we can be truly amazed. It is exactly this charism that can help the Church in her effort to bring about a change of perspective and a change of culture". The next day, 29th October, the celebrations continued in the parish church at Friedberg. On this occasion, the main celebrant was Bishop Ateba from Cameroon who, speaking German fluently was also the homilist. In the evening, the community gathered for Solemn Vespers, led by Fr. Jacob which was followed by a meal in the 'Pallotti Saal' and the opportunity to hear from a number of speakers.

**Fr. Josef Butscher SAC.**



# Rest In Peace . . .



Enid Patricia Curtain was a character. She showed that her preference was to use her full name: "Don't forget I'm Enid Patricia". I think it can be said that once you had met Enid, you would not forget her. She was truly a remarkable woman who, despite her disability, lived such a happy and fulfilling life for more than sixty five years.

Enid was born with Down Syndrome on the 1st January, 1952, in Maryborough, Victoria, the youngest of the 11 children of Enid and Dan and making the family tally: six girls and five boys. With so many older siblings she always had plenty of playmates. As the older ones moved away to establish families of their own, she kept up to date with their husbands and wives and children and grandchildren as they came along. Photographs were her special way of doing this and she treasured her 54 albums!. Among them are ones which her sister Kathleen sent when she was a lay missionary at La Grange in the Kimberleys.

Enid first met the Pallottines when Fr Alphonse SAC took a group of priests who had recently arrived from Germany, Fr Joe Butscher among them, to the Curtain Farm at Carisbrook, near Maryborough, in 1960. The following year she met Fr Walter Silvester SAC and Barbara Shea. They remained firm friends thereafter. Enid was well known at Millgrove. She spent many happy holidays at Oak Maree and joined in activities at Pallotti.

When Enid and her parents relocated to Glenrowan for a few years, Enid continued to enjoy being a farm girl and was greatly taken by being in Ned Kelly territory. But a much bigger adventure was in store. After her father's death, she and her mother moved to Burwood, a suburb of Melbourne, where a whole new life opened up for them. One of these was the satisfaction of successfully using public transport. Then, Enid's introduction to the Alkira community at Box Hill and she certainly enjoyed what it offered. It led to living in a shared house in Shady Gve., Nunawading, to taking part in sporting activities ---she loved playing Bocce, cheering on her friends as they took part in Special Olympics and barracking for her beloved Magpies in the AFL. Not to forget the numerous celebrations of birthdays! Most rewarding of all was the many friends she made --at Alkira, of course, but by the many ways she reached out to all she met, greeting them with that bright smile.

As time went on, Enid came to need a higher level of care which she received wonderfully well in the loving community at Trinity Manor, Balwyn. All levels of staff reached out to her with , compassion, kindness and understanding. A weekly Communion Service was arranged by the local Parish and Enid was able to join in the monthly Mass. Her earthly life came to a gentle end on the 10th October, 2017, and her family and friends were able to say good-bye at a Vigil service of prayer, music, memories on 15th October at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Deepdene, where the Mass of celebration for her life was celebrated the next day. She would have been so pleased that all five of her surviving siblings, with their partners and many of her nieces and nephews were present, as were so many friends she had made along the way. Later in the day, she was laid to rest with her parents in Fawkner, accompanied by the piper which she had requested, being true to her Celtic roots. Her mother's deep in Scotland, her father's in Ireland.

*Enid Patricia, May the Lord bless you and keep you,  
Let his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
May the Lord look upon you kindly and give you his peace*

**Eileen Nihill** died recently in Melbourne aged 87 years. She trained as a lay missionary in Millgrove and spent two years as a nurse at La Grange, now Bidadanga, from 1961. After 2 years she returned to Melbourne to complete her Maternal and Child Health training and followed it up with some years in the Nursery of St Vincent's Maternity Hospital, Fitzroy, Melbourne.

Later Eileen returned to the Kimberleys for approx 8 years. She worked at he Hospital in Derby and spent

some time at Balgo relieving the nurse, Sr Damien ssjg, in the era of Father John McGuire. SAC. On return to Melbourne, Eileen spent time nursing/caring for an Aunt who was ill for many years.

She was always interested in all matters Pallottine and joined in activities both at Kew and Millgrove. Father Joe Butscher sac was able to attend Eileen's Funeral In Elmore. Victoria.

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Let us remember in our prayers also, **Maria nee Butscher**, sister of Fr. Joe who died recently. How fortunate that they had some time together when Fr. Joe was in Germany recently.

# VICTORIA

## UAC CALENDAR EVENTS 2018

### ALL WELCOME

Date	Day of the Week	Time	Event	Venue
22/01	Monday	5.15 p.m.	Feast of SVP Mass & supper	Kew
08/02	Thursday	6.30 p.m.	LCC Meeting	Kew
22/02	Thursday	7.30 p.m.	Pallottine Cenacle Prayer	Dallas
1,2/03	Friday, Saturday		NCC Meeting	Syndal
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
09/08	Thursday	6.30 p.m.	LCC Meeting	Kew
12/08	Sunday	4.00 p.m.	Gather & Share	Syndal
22/08	Wednesday	7.30 p.m.	Pallottine Cenacle Prayer	Kew
24,25/08	Friday, Saturday		NCC Meeting	Casa Pallotti
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 EVENTS 2018 ALL WELCOME

January	25 (Thurs) 7pm	Pallottine Cenacle Prayer at St Vincent Pallotti Chapel, Rossmoyne.
February	22 (Thurs) 7pm	Pallottine Cenacle Prayer at St Vincent Pallotti Chapel, Rossmoyne.
	23 & 24 (Fri - Sat)	FAST24 at Riverton with Pallottine Parish Youth
March	2 & 3 (Fri - Sat)	FAST24 with Pallottine Parishes in Melbourne
	TBA (Sat) 2.30pm	Pallottine Aboriginal Scholarship Presentation at Pallottine Hall, Rossmoyne
	22 (Thurs) 7pm	Pallottine Cenacle Prayer at St Vincent Pallotti Chapel, Rossmoyne.
April	20(Fri) 7pm	Feast of St Vincent Pallotti - Mass at Queen of Apostles Parish followed by supper in the Hall.
	26(Thurs) 7pm	Pallottine Cenacle Prayer at St Vincent Pallotti Chapel, Rossmoyne.
	29 (Sun) 10-3	Pallottine Spirituality Formation & Reflection Day at Riverton Parish
May	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.
August	12 (Sun) 10-3	Pallottine Spirituality Formation & Reflection Day at Riverton Parish
	30 (Thurs) 7pm	Pallottine Cenacle Prayer at St Vincent Pallotti Chapel, Rossmoyne.
September	27 (Thurs) 7pm	Pallottine Cenacle Prayer at St Vincent Pallotti Chapel, Rossmoyne.
October	21 (Sun) 6am – 5pm	PILGRIMAGE DAY TO NEW NORCIA
	25 (Thurs) 7pm	Pallottine Cenacle Prayer at St Vincent Pallotti Chapel, Rossmoyne.
November	11 (Sun) 10-3	Pallottine Spirituality Formation & Reflection Day at Riverton Parish
	18 (Sun) TBA	Mass & UAC Windup at Rossmoyne
	29 (Thurs) 7pm	Pallottine Cenacle Prayer at St Vincent Pallotti Chapel, Rossmoyne.

**FOR ENQUIRIES REGARDING WESTERN AUSTRALIA EVENTS PLEASE CONTACT:**  
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# NEWS FROM THE WEST . . .



**DONATELLA ACERBI and the NCC MEET THE RIVERTON PARISH YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM**



On Monday 27th November we received some wonderful photos and the following message: "We, the children from Flamme d'Amour Center, say thanks for all your donations, they will help us to study well and let our dreams become reality. We are also very happy to know that in this world there are persons who love us and care for our happiness. This is why, with a lot of gratitude we say once more Thank you. We will always pray for you!

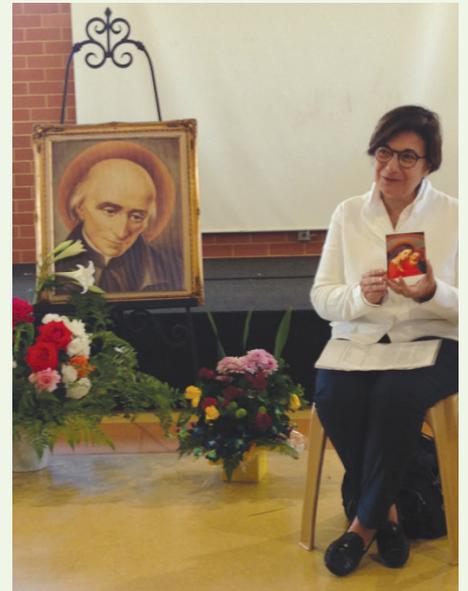
Merry coming Christmas!

Warm greetings!"

**THANK YOU AGAIN QUEENIES KIDS...**

**Tricia Wisolith**

**Donatella talks to us about her Joys and Struggles – a Lay Woman Leader in the Global Church and is welcomed to the Riverton Parish Community.**



# Pallotti College Retreat Program 2018

## February to April

### Rest, Pray, Recreate Weekend

February 9-11

These weekends are informal and a chance to come away to a prayerful, beautiful place to relax and enjoy the company of others.

You decide how you would like to spend your time.

Mass is available each day and there are optional times offered for spiritual conversation.



### Easter 2018

29 March – 01 April

Come and join us for this special time with daily Easter liturgies



### *“To Live a Life Worthy of Your Vocation” (Eph 4:1)*

March 9th-11th

Revisiting your vocation/calling in life and seeing if your “rule of life” is enabling you to live it fully. We will also focus on how to discern and regularly be responsive to the movement of the Spirit in your life.

For details contact Denis on 0427 449434 or [deo.gratias@bigpond.com](mailto:deo.gratias@bigpond.com)



### Pallottine Camino

April 21st-23rd

A pilgrimage walk from St Christopher’s Parish Syndal to Pallotti College Millgrove. Approximately 65km over three days. A time of fellowship and prayer as we amble through beautiful and varied landscapes. Accommodation each night at Pallotti College.

Total Cost \$250.

Contact Lorraine on:

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Vegetable Garden



Melbourne Seminarians



Teresa & Manuel (2 of our Volunteers)

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



# Money Matters

Thank you so much for the financial contributions which you make towards this little publication. They are always welcome, big or small, whether they come by cash or cheque or via the bank – whether they are sent by mail or just handed over when we meet at a function.

**The cost annually is still \$15**



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## Keep the Spirit Alive!

Pallotti College is a place of retreat, hospitality and warm welcome, a special place of sanctuary to come away and nourish the spirit.

- ✓ Operating with an entirely voluntary team for over 40 years
- ✓ Committed to following the charitable footsteps of St Vincent Pallotti
- ✓ Special care for the marginalised
- ✓ Providing food and temporary accommodation for the homeless, asylum seekers or women seeking refuge
- ✓ Good Tucker Day, Firewood for Winter Warmth and our popular annual Free Christmas Day lunch

In recent times there have been enormous infrastructure costs, depleting our reserves and curbing our dreams of improving facilities and growing our outreach initiatives.

We passionately believe in continuing our ministries and for the first time ever we are asking for your help.



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## Would you miss receiving this Pallottine Family Newsletter?

It has been published for over 50 years and helps us all stay connected and in touch with UAC life in Australia.

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](mailto:avdowling@bigpond.com)

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