



Pallottine Family (UAC)

NEWSLETTER

March 2021

NEWS FROM THE WEST

Vincent Pallotti, Epiphany, Retreat and Conference Centre

Caretakers, Monica and Michael Masten, who have been parishioners at Queen Of Apostles for many years, are commencing their second year at the Centre.

Unfortunately COVID 19 intervened for the first 12 months of their tenure and during that period we had very few groups use our facilities, but it did give Monica and Michael the opportunity to attend to and up date maintenance of the centre within the lodges and also the surrounding grounds at the Centre.

They did a great job in these areas, for which we thank them, and we trust that 2021 will provide them with the opportunity to fulfill their full potential as caretakers regarding the increase of bookings for the Centre.



REQUIRED PRAYER PROMOTER

Prayer is such an important aspect of our Life and The UAC's **National** Coordination Council is seeking the services of a person working with a team, to coordinate, promote, support and sustain the prayer life of our Pallottine Family. If this role speaks to you, I would love to hear from you. For a copy of the position description or to discuss this further please contact Mary Whiting on 9350 2697, 043 802 1674 or email nccpresident@uacpallottines.org.au

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 or David Carl at merriwa2000@gmail.com

A Universal Majesty on the Hill! (Pallotti College THEN)

When was the last time you visited the universal majesty that sits atop the Millgrove hill?

Have you considered the gift it may be to simply stand and gaze in awe at the wonder of the giant gums arching towards the splendour of the open skies?

You may recall the silent aura near the buildings of Pallotti College, Millgrove surrounded by and clothed in the stunning beauty that lies before you; then falls gently away into the valley beyond.

Perhaps it may be time to offer yourself a re-visit to this gift that stands sentinel amongst these awesome surroundings. Yes, it is just a shortish pleasant drive from Melbourne city central.

Pope Francis may speak with eloquence within his recent encyclical – *Laudato si'*. This encyclical seems to have taken some of our world by storm (pardon the pun) but it offers a concrete invitation, among other things, to look again at our natural environment. It is our natural environment which largely sustains us. *Laudato si'* becomes an urgent invitation to stop, re-assess and contribute something positive towards our natural environment. It may be as simple as being aware of the rubbish we discard. It may be to stop and look again at that clump of tangled weeds – which holds its own inner beauty – if we can 'but see'. It may be an invitation to become more aware of who we are and how our natural environment, a majestic gift from 'the Other', sustains us. *Laudato si'*, then, is inviting us to recognize the gift and return some realistic concern for our environment. There may be increasing talk of climate change, with all this might entail, which imperceptibly seems to be entangling its tentacles around mother earth. Yet here, awaiting quietly shrouded in its own micro climate is all that Pope Francis is urging us to be mindful of, respectful of and save. 'Eco-spirituality eat your heart out!' Pallotti hill has it all.

When was the last time you stood, at night, within the buildings' forecourt and smelled the aroma of the eucalyptus wafting down from the forest canopy beyond to embrace your sense of smell? Ah, the sheer gift!

A meander along the descending pathway which passes Brother Frank's 'famous' (or infamous) former pig shed takes one into another treasure trove of silence. There one may glimpse a robin red breast bouncing along the wired fence to accompany you on a quiet solitary stroll.

To amble along the aqueduct walk (which sits above the College acreage) at dusk offers a gentle tranquility. Within the silence and stillness, one may be mesmerized by the dappled light dancing amidst the trees splashing its reflected light towards the valley far below.

When was the last time you simply stood? Yes, just stood and listened to the deafening sounds of silence trumpeted from the forest floor above the aqueduct pathway?

When was the last time you took such time to actually live *Laudato si'*?

For me, it sits before us on Pallotti Hill if we but have the eyes to see, the ears to hear and the spirit to grasp the gift offered to us.

Perhaps, it may be time to consider a re-visit to the hill. It will not disappoint if one but looks beyond the self towards the natural surrounds pointing in every direction. As Gerard Manly Hopkins so eloquently put it – 'the world is charged with the wonder of God'. It really is in the palm of our hands at the top of McNamara's hill; if we can but see.

Be still and know that I am God. (Ps 46:10)

Be still and know

Be still

Be.

John Coleman lived for a time at Pallotti College in the mid-seventies. He volunteered for three weeks in 2013.

(Pallotti College NOW)

After a horror year in 2020, losing my beloved Bill Henderson, being shut down from March onwards and suffering so many cancellations, Pallotti College is back up and running. Many exceedingly kind people have put up their hands to help (though how do you replace Bill?) and I have taken on most of his work with lots of assistance.

We were sad to recently lose 2 friends of Pallotti College, Margaret Jones, team member and weekender for so long and Mario de Luise, friend of Pallotti and husband of Trudy. Both funerals were on the same day and within 30 minutes of each other. May they rest in peace.

Our bookings for this year are extraordinarily strong and are also looking good for next year already. So, we are always in need of enthusiastic people to help look after our guests or our garden! I know Bronwyn would love some help taming the Labyrinth and the weeds did not stop because of COVID-19! If you feel called to help, please contact us.

If you need some rest and recuperation, then also think about a few days at Pallotti. We nearly always have space for an extra 1 or 2. You could try out Graham, our new cook's, wonderful and tasty fare!



Broome Graves Update

We have learnt that the monuments for Clare Bowler and Thomas Dickinson are scheduled for completely new headstones and surrounds a little bit later in the year. The Saint John of God have included Clare and Tom's graves with other works they are having done for some of their Sisters.

All are being replaced with the same as the ones shown in the photo attached. Each grave will cost \$5000. I have been in contact with Sandy Busio from the Saint John of God Regional Office, who has said they would welcome any contribution we can offer. The sisters recognise the long-standing relationship between them and the lay missionaries of the Kimberley in the past.

To date I have a definite \$ 1,250 with the promise of more from three other people. As well, a relative of Clare Bowler is giving a substantial amount towards her grave. Any other contributions big or small would be welcome. Contact Mark using the details below and he will send you bank details and issue receipts.

Contact: Mr Mark Adiwibowo

Phone: 08 9346 9444; Email: mark.adiwibowo@ssjg.org.au

Also, if there is anyone out there who knew Tom and Clare, Sr Pat Rhatigan would love some information or stories about them for their audio stations in their Healing Garden. Email Pat at manager@ssjgheritagebroome.com.au



Calling ex Kimberley Lay Missionaries

The Saint John of God sisters have done a magnificent job gathering stories, photos and memories of the early days in the Kimberley. And if you have a memory you would like to share, they would be happy to receive it. In Pat's own words:

From Sr Pat Rhatigan

Mary your email also reminded me that if any of the former lay missionaries with whom you have contact are able to jot down some memories of other lay missionaries or their own time, we would love to have these as documents. We would then include in the document section under the heading we have of Lay Missionaries. Gathering of memories is so important. The broadness of the work undertaken by the lay missionaries over the years – from helping building churches, presbyteries, dormitories, dismantle a building and cart off somewhere else to be reassembled, caring for children in many places and on and on. It was a time that I certainly cannot envision being repeated. The generosity and commitment is something that I have come to admire as I research. So all memories and stories would be appreciated and included. I should also say that if someone wants to share a hurtful or damaging memory that they would like kept but not made public, that is also possible as I approve each page that goes to the public. The person only has to advise myself that they would like the document to be scanned into our collection but not made public.

Please feel free to contact Pat on

Pat Rhatigan manager@ssjgheritagebroome.com.au

You Will also find in the newsletter an advertisement for a Prayer promoter. Prayer is such an important part of our Pallottine Spirituality and we would love an animated and innovative person to take our Prayer life forward. If this is you, I would love to hear from you.

As we journey towards Easter in the infinite love of God

Mary Whiting

NCC President

SHARING BR.WIM'S TREASURES.

How many of you, over the years, have had the privilege and the pleasure of sharing Br. Wim's love of nature, especially the wonderful flora and fauna around Tardun? How good that he used his photographic skills to capture them!. Fortunately, some pro-active and perceptive people began to see further possibilities! One of these was Luke Van Eede (son of Marilyn and Greg, of Geraldton) who, with the help of his father, put in many hours of patient work needed transfer the slides to tapes, including a backing commentary by Marnie Ryan's late husband, Jack.

New ways continued to become available so the tapes became DVDs. And more

recently, the Internet—You Tube and in the public domain. They are not listed but there here is a link by which you can find them.

Cheryl Sullivan, a veteran Tardun lay missionary, reflects: "Oh my goodness! This is amazing—a million thanks to Wim and Luke. In this time when Pope Francis has given us Laudatio Si, I feel this is such a beautiful example of our country and particularly the historical context of Tardun. I wonder if all the animals, birds and plants have survived.

Congratulations and Thanks,
Wim, Luke, Greg.



Here is the playlist of all 14 of the videos I have access to.

<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PL4pXIWVM7mZHFQmbPMFoh5HKK67smhm1s> the playlist and videos are set to "unlisted", so they wont show up in YouTube search, but anyone with the link can watch them.

YOU WILL KNOW THEM BY THEIR FRUITS

The year was 1959 some of us were not even born and others, mere toddlers or just children, but it was the commencement of 'lay missionary training' which would continue until the late 1980's. As we all know it was under the direction of Father Wally Silvester and Barb Shea. They would 'train' enthusiastic disciples and send them trekking across our vast country to distantly remote outposts in Western Australia.

They could not possibly have foreseen the fruits of their labours, however 62 years later a small gathering of LM's could join with Barb to celebrate what was the 50th anniversary of the 1971 group. Their Spirit would extend far beyond what they could ever hope for or imagine.

Barb would leave her comfort zone to join one of the biggest risk takers you could possibly meet outside of Jesus. Millgrove was the perfect setting in February, hot and clammy, humid and sweaty, copious bush flies in the day, buzzingly thirsty mosquitoes at night. All this in a tranquil paradise as Father Wally would spend mornings trying to open green minds and hearts to concepts like the Big You and the little you. Meanwhile Barb would be in another room quietly praying that (a) none of us would get up and leave (b) that the whole adventure would be safe and successful, including decisions about who should go with whom and where. The great risk taker would always require the guiding hand of a Marian Spirit.

On those late nights where we sat up discussing the input of the day, we had numerous unanswered questions, only to be dumbfounded the next day as Father Wally would help us discover the answers to those very same questions. Had he

been listening at the door the night before? We were exposed to some good old fashioned work before a well earned and refreshing dip in the Yarra.

This 1971 group meets regularly, usually at Cheryl's place, to reminisce, to acknowledge blessings and to be thankful. We have since our days at Millgrove formed lasting friendships including a couple of marriages. We have not had to manufacture or engineer anything, just allow the spirit that we received from Father Wally and Barb to release in our hearts. We acknowledge also that we would not be here without Father Wally and Barb as they led us to Jesus, who leads us to the Father. And what about any further fruits of that love, we'll just look at Michelangelo's Pieta and how fitting that Father Wally took his final breath in the arms of Barb. God bless!



Seated left to right - Barbara Shea, Brendan Cooke, Wojtek Nowicki.

Standing left to right - Helen Nowicki, Tricia Nichols, Gerard Auld, Cheryl Sullivan, Arthur (Nick) Nichols, Martina Currie

Gerard Auld 0487 293 580

AUSTRALIAN UAC CONGRESS

9TH – 12TH SEPTEMBER 2021

Congress Theme: You Are The Now Of God – Missionary Disciples

Venue: Pallotti College, Millgrove (And Virtually!)

As noted in the December Newsletter, the forthcoming Australian UAC Congress, will provide an opportunity to explore two important encyclicals from Pope Francis - Laudato Si focusing on our beautiful earth and Fratelli Tutti – centering on equality. Each encyclical has a strong link and expression of the charism of Vincent Pallotti. As well as “exploring” we will focus on how we can put some of Pope Francis’s entreaty to us into practice.

In addition to putting the dates in your diary, we are now at the planning stages and would love to have the wisdom and skills of many to assist in ensuring that the congress has a broad focus and speaks to all – young, middle aged, mature – we all have much to contribute. SO would you like to offer some of your wisdom and gifts - Advertising, Liturgy, General Administration, Music, Art, and Publication - and that is not a comprehensive list! Please consider sharing your gifts and a little time (It won’t be too onerous) to ensure that this congress offers the breadth of content and vitality that will impact positively on all of our lives.

We are looking forward to hearing from you. The congress committee contact numbers are – in Western Australia, Tricia Wisoloth on 0431 017 484 and in Victoria – Anne Dowling on 0429 869 457 or Cheryl Sullivan 0417 386 706.



Covid 19 Had A Big Say In Events We Wanted To Celebrate In 2020...

Fr. Paul Manickathan reached 25 years of priesthood in April 2020!..

Fr. Benno Rausch	reached 90 years of age on	22nd August 2020 ,
Br. Wim Van Veen	80	8th December 2020
Pat Harwood	80	10th February 2021

Mariana members

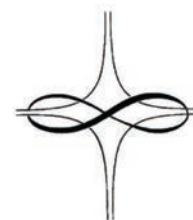
Kathie Curtain and Margaret MacLean celebrated 60 years of consecrated life on Easter Monday 2020.

Hopefully we can be optimistic as we move into 2021 and send good wishes and congratulations to Mary Whiting celebrating 40 years of consecrated life as a member of the Mariana Community at Easter 2021.

And, a very special event in Eastertide. The Queen of Apostles’ community, Riverton, will celebrate the 70th anniversary of the first Mass in their Church and, at long last, Fr. Paul’s silver anniversary ...



WESTERN AUSTRALIA UAC CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2021



March

5th & 6th (Fri & Sat) FAST 24 at Riverton
25th(Thurs) 7.00pm Pallottine Cenacle Prayer at Rossmoyne

April

10th(Sat) 2.30pm Pallottine Aboriginal Scholarship Presentation at Pallottine Hall, Rossmoyne
23rd(Fri) 7.30am 70th Anniversary of Riverton Parish - Concelebrated Mass with Archbishop Costelloe & Celebrations
29th(Thurs) 7.00pm Pallottine Cenacle Prayer at Rossmoyne

May

21st(Fri) 7.00pm Queen of Apostles Feastday at Riverton, followed by refreshments in the hall.
27th(Thurs) 7.00pm Pallottine Cenacle Prayer at Rossmoyne

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

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2021 UAC Calendar

Physically present events with Zoom available if possible

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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OUR LENTEN PROGRAMME.

As we all know, any attempts at planning have been fraught with uncertainty! .

So you won't be surprised that this applied to the Lenten programme but finally, it was possible to go ahead. By the time you read this, you will have missed some sessions but, if you would do a little extra in the last weeks of Lent, please feel welcome to join in any of the following.

Syndal: St. Christopher's. Monday nights at 7.30pm (from 22nd February)

Ormond: St. Kevin's. Tuesday nights at 7pm, alternating with Murrumbena:
St. Patrick's

Glenhuntly: St. Anthony's. Thursday nights at 7pm

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Has Now Been Closed.

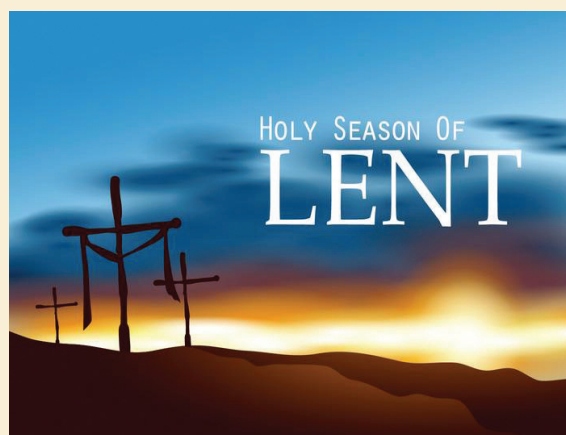
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