



# Pallottine Family (UAC)

## NEWSLETTER

### March 2017

## LENT FOR US IN 2017

Thomas Cullinane, a Benedictine Monk once wrote: "The heart of the Christian Message is that the most salvific moment in the history of the world was when one man was pinned to a cross, unable to do anything for anyone about anything." It appears that it is in the wilderness, like Christ, we find out in which direction God wants us to go. Failure, falling numbers, criticism and scandal are the wilderness in which we find ourselves as Australian church.

The attitude of our bishops and arch-bishops is very encouraging I find. Archbishop Coleridge, as the special session of the Royal Commission is about to start, prepares us for "grim moments and some inevitable shocks" and he sees the Royal Commission as "long and agonising, but a very important journey for the Church and many others as well."

Archbishop Anthony Fisher of Sydney takes his turn a week later and writes: "I have personally felt shaken and humiliated by this information... the Church is sorry and I am sorry ... I know that many of our priests, religious and faithful feel the same: as Catholics we hang our heads in shame."

We are all in this together. I admire our arch-bishops for 'facing the music' on behalf of all of us – for those who have done criminally wrong and for the leaders who have been either too weak or have been too concerned with the public reputation of the Church and its institutions.

We all know that laying blame does not get us anywhere. In Lent we prepare for Holy Week when we remember the Passion of Jesus who in His extreme humility as Son of God and Son of Man who took all the faults of all of us upon Himself. Our leaders give us a good example in their accepting of the truth and in their humility and care for the Church.

Let's not make the same mistake again and look at and after ourselves most of all. Let's not only pray for the victims but find ways in which we can do something to lighten their pain and burden caused by the abuse. We feel for and feel with those who have been hurt so badly and put ourselves out for them, especially the children. **(Fr) Joe Butcher SAC**



## NEWS FROM THE PRIESTS AND BROTHERS ( SAC).

### Elections for the Regional Council.

Members of the Regional Council are elected by the finally professed members of the SAC for a term of three years by a secret ballot.

The secretary and the bursar are appointed by the Council.

The recent election resulted in the appointment of:

Fr. Eugene San SAC

Fr. Paul Manickathan SAC

Fr. Jude D' Rozario SAC

Regional Leader

Vice Regional, Consultor

Consultor

### The Changing landscape of SAC personnel in Australia

This has shifted enormously over the years and 2016 was a very significant year. On the 11th March, Rector General, Fr. Jacob Nampudakam SAC and the General Council members approved the definitive transfer of Fr. Paul Manickathan SAC, Fr. Jude D' Rozario SAC, Fr. Leenus Neetany SAC and Fr. Shibu Joseph SAC from the Prabhu Prakash ( Epiphany of the Lord) Province to Regina Mundi Region. Later, on 30th of June, Fr. Ralph Besterwitch SAC was permanently transferred from the Assumption Province to Regina Mundi Region.

**From the Editor:** By now many members of the Australian Pallottine Family have met, have got to know and have worked with the priests who have come to us from India. It seems appropriate to say 'welcome' as they have taken this step and surely, together, we will be all the more able to become active daughters and sons of St. Vincent Pallotti, for the growth of the kingdom.

# A request/reminder re your annual contribution to – Flame of love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Orphanage Keshero Congo Rwanda

Twelve months ago we drew your attention to the needs of the above named orphanage and asked for your financial assistance. As usual within our Pallottine Family your response was generous.

When donating, some people chose to make monthly donations, some a one off donation and others indicated their wish to contribute annually.

If you are one of the people who indicated that you would like to contribute annually, then this is a gentle reminder that your annual contribution is now due and would be appreciated.

We have provided updates over the year on the support your contribution has made to the orphanage. We will continue this practice over the coming year. This project is a way for us as a Pallottine Family to reach out to those in need.

**The National Coordination Council Bank details for a direct deposit are:**

- **Account name: Union of Catholic Apostolate Keshero Project.**
- **BSB: 083347 Account Number: 439222523.**

If you have not donated to date but would like to do so your contribution will be most welcome. \$5 a month or \$60 a year from 60 of us guarantees that we can send the six monthly contribution of \$1,800. This money goes towards food and other necessary items.

Some extra, such as the “Kids for Kids” project run by the children at Queen of Apostles School in Riverton WA last year, enables us to offer additional support – such as the building of a chicken coup and purchasing some Christmas gifts for the children.

Wojtek Nowicki, treasurer of the UAC National Coordination Council would be very pleased to hear from you and will answer any questions you may have. Wojtek's contact details are whbxj@yahoo.com.au or 0425 726 028.

God Bless you all

**Cheryl Sullivan**

*President of the National Coordination Council. 6 March 2017.*

## COMMON PROJECT IN AUSTRALIA

The committee for this first met in April last year. It articulated the main objective of the common project as: “To reach out to disadvantaged families, with particular emphasis on Refugees and Asylum seekers, and to have the whole of the UAC participate in, and take ownership of, this common project.”

**Meeting this objective is not easy. It needs you to be part of it.**

**Some progress has been made e.g.**

- ◆ Some members along with some parishioners from Syndal have attended Welcome the Stranger Parish Forum Sessions
- ◆ Syndal parish is becoming increasingly active in this area. It had an Advent Giving Tree and an afternoon tea for Syrians at which the presents were presented to the families
- ◆ We invited two speakers to our recent AGM:

Isaiah, a from Sierra Leone who very movingly shared his story of becoming a refugee at the age of 14, his time spent in refugee camps and his eventual acceptance by Australia. Since being here he has worked hard to get a

tertiary education to model to his children how important it is. He is very much a human full of amazing joy and hope, along with his particular struggles.

Adrian Foley who volunteers with Catholic Social Services Victoria and organizes Welcome the Stranger Parish Forum Sessions

- ◆ We have ascertained the potential of SAC properties to host refugee families for short holidays where they can have a break and interact with other Australians
- ◆ We have recognized that much is already going on in this area at Pallotti College, Millgrove and at Casa Pallotti.
- ◆ The Mariana Community has been hosting weekends for refugees at Oak Maree
- ◆ Many individuals are involved in related activities at a Parish or personal level.

The name of this Project can cause confusion. At our next meeting, we will consider alternatives. Suggestions welcome.

We will also look at having a prayer for this project so that UAC members also can provide spiritual support.

# FATHER EUGENE SAN'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF PRIESTHOOD

On Sunday December 11th at St Gerard and St Anne's Parish in Park Orchards there was a wide spectrum of men, women and young people who gathered at Mass to thank God for the faithful and generous ministry of Fr Eugene San. It was hosted expertly by Fr Joseph Shibu's team and the parish of Park Orchards. Approximately 130 people came, expressive of the wide reach of Fr Eugene's care and humble service. Fr Eugene's father, Aloysius, was there, his sister Eileen and nephew, Peter, and Fr Bernie who represented the Oblates of St Kieran's Moe where Eugene was ordained by Bishop Coffey, December 7th 1991. Members of the parishes in which he served, Holy Spirit, North Ringwood, Park Orchards,, Warrandyte, Syndal, Dallas; as well as lay missionaries, Mariana community, friends from Kew, from Moe, and from Millgrove – a great gathering of the Pallottine Family.

The beautiful Advent liturgy and parish choir, the presence of nine priests and the reflections by Fr Pat, his early formator, led to a happy celebration. It was topped off with the cutting of the silver jubilee cake and the gift from the parish.

The sumptuous refreshments and hospitality created an occasion for catching up, meeting friends from an earlier time, so much so that people felt loathe to leave. The weather and the celebration were perfect, a fitting tribute to Fr Eugene to whom we wish good health and many years ahead in joyful and willing priestly service.

(Fr.) Pat Jackson SAC



## We Need Your Help

### DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING PERSON/PEOPLE

"Anyone who welcomes a little child like this on my behalf welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not only me but also my Father who sent me"(Mk 9:36-7)

Following so many instances of reported child sexual abuse, including in recent weeks, as we have continued to hear harrowing reports arising from The Royal Commission into Child Sexual Abuse, we are acutely aware of the need to ensure the safety of all children. As called on by Jesus we must provide children (and all) with a safe and welcoming environment.

In line with other institutions within our church, the Union of Catholic Apostolate (Pallottine Family) have instituted a policy for "The Protection of Minors." To adopt and implement this policy we need your help.

Are you prepared to offer your assistance as a "Designated Person"? We are seeking the voluntary assistance of two people (one male and one female) to undertake this role. Don't think you need to be experienced, those who take the role will participate in relevant training.

The primary responsibilities of the role are: 1) To be the initial or secondary contact for a person raising a complaint and ensuring that the correct process for addressing the issue is followed. 2) To arrange relevant Child Safety Training for those involved in the various Pallottine Apostolates and other interested people.

For a copy of the policy and to obtain more information regarding this request please contact either:

**Fr Eugene San** SAC at [san.eugene@pallottine.org.au](mailto:san.eugene@pallottine.org.au) or 0408 506 036, or

**Cheryl Sullivan** at [cherylsullivan11@bigpond.com](mailto:cherylsullivan11@bigpond.com) or 0417 386 706

## Succession Planning

### 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)



# HOLY CHILD PARISH, DALLAS.

According to one of our veteran parishioners, "In the early 1960s when Archbishop Thomas Francis Little was visiting this area he had said, "there should be a new Parish here", and seeing many young children around here he added, "the new parish shall be named, 'Holy Child'".

Holy Child, Dallas was officially declared a Parish on 26th January 1965. The Holy Child Primary School was also established in the same year. This reminds us of the Golden Jubilee Celebrations we had here throughout the year, 2015.

Presently the Parish comprises the Suburbs of Dallas, Meadow Heights, Coolaroo, Upfield, parts of Broadmeadows and parts of Campbellfield.

The Parish is situated 20 Kilometres North of Melbourne's CBD, and close to the heart of Hume City Council.

The Parish Church and the Primary School are situated at 227 Blair Street, Dallas. Holy Family Centre, with a multipurpose hall and the Parish Office are situated at 133 Malmsbury Drive, Meadow Heights; and the Parish House is situated at 115 Corinella Crescent, Dallas.

The parish is multi-cultural and is known to be a friendly parish. Weekend Mass-attendance averages approx. 500. About 220 families financially support the parish.

We have 3 priests here, namely Fr. Leenus Neetany SAC, Fr. Xua Nguyen and Fr. Fadhel Yakob (Syriac Rite).

- Masses at Dallas: 7 days a week.
- Masses at Meadow Heights: 4 days a week.
- Weekly Class Masses and Occasionally Whole School Masses
- Sacraments are administered regularly to residents of 2 Nursing Homes in our Parish.
- Sacramental Programs such as Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation & RCIA.
- Legion of Mary, both English & Vietnamese.
- Various needs of the parish are taken care by Office Team, Volunteers, Parish Council, Finance Committee, Liturgy Committee, Fundraising Committee, Event Managing Committee, Parish History Committee, Carers' Group, Baptism Preparers, Church-Openers, Church-Cleaners, Flower-Arrangers, Sacristans, Money-Collectors/Counters, Choirs, Altar-Servers, Commentators, Readers, Special Ministers, Power Point Group, Working Bees. Some activities were/are:
  - Pious devotions such as Divine Mercy, Holy Rosary, Stations of the Cross and Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament.
  - A few fundraising programmes such as, 'Multi-Cultural Dinner Dance', 'Viet Karaoke Dinner', 'Viet 'Empty Can Collection' 'New Year fundraiser, 'Raffles', 'Sausage Sizzle' etc.
  - UAC "Gather & Share" and "Cenacle Prayer Sessions".
  - UAC programs within the parish and outside.
  - Christmas Luncheon for nearly 90 lonely people of the area.
  - Parish Pilgrimage to The Holy Land was organized between 16 Oct and 28 Oct. 2015.
  - Called and Gifted Workshop by Lorraine McCarthy & Team, held.

*Thanks one and all.*

**Fr. Leenus Neetany SAC** Holy Child Parish, Dallas



## Congratulations Br. Vim

We are so pleased to be thanking God, with and for you, knowing that you celebrated the Golden Jubilee –50 years –of your profession recently ( 26th February) .

We want to say thank you for all you have contributed to the life of the Pallottine Family, for the ways you have used your gifts of spirit and body in many ways.

***Yes, our congratulations, Br. Wim***

# coming celebrations!!

You are invited and will be missed if you can't make it to one of these!

**Birthday of St Vincent Pallotti** – which in Australia we celebrate as Pallotti's feast day: 21st April, 5.15 p.m.  
Mass at 85 Studley Park Road, Kew followed by shared light supper.

## **Feast of Mary Queen of Apostles:**

Saturday, 3rd June, 2.00 p.m. Kew

This will be an opportunity for UAC members, ex lay missionaries and all interested to catch up with each other, share stories and have a good time together as we celebrate this feast day. The Local Coordination Council is organising this get together and would welcome volunteers who might like to assist. If you can assist, please contact Anne on 9304 2926 or email her: [avdowling@bigpond.com](mailto:avdowling@bigpond.com) It would also be helpful to have an idea of numbers so if you think you will be there please contact Anne using the above details. I look forward to hearing from you.

## **Save the Dates**

21st October, Saturday. UAC Retreat Day to be organised by LCC east.

24th October, 6.30 p.m. Walter Silvester Memorial Lecture

Speaker coming from Rome: Donatella Acerbi, President of the Union of the Catholic Apostolate's General Coordination Council. Donatella is the first lay person in this role.

## **Pallottine Cenacle Prayer Evenings**

We have the venues organised for 2017 but we don't yet have preparers/leaders for all of them. To help share the load, could you take on this task for one 22nd of the month? If you could, or would like further details, contact Anne on 9304 2926 or email: [avdowling@bigpond.com](mailto:avdowling@bigpond.com)

## **Dates/location for Cenacle prayer evenings and 'Gather and share' in the next few months---in the East. (if you didn't put them in your diary !)**

Wednesday: March 22nd ---- St. Christopher's, Syndal

Saturday: April 22nd ---- 85 Studley Park Rd. Kew.

Monday: May 22nd -----Holy Spirit, North Ringwood

Sunday: May 28th----- -Gather and share--- St. Christopher's, Syndal

Thursday June 22nd ----- St. Christopher's, Syndal

Saturday July 22nd----- -85 Studley Park Rd. Kew.

## **Some important dates in the West---All at 7pm. ( if you didn't put them in your diary.)**

Thursday, March 30th-----Cenacle prayer: St. Vincent Pallotti Chapel, Rossmoyne

Friday, April, 21st----- Feast of St. Vincent Pallotti. Mass at St. Vincent Pallotti Chapel, Rossmoyne, followed by supper.

Thursday, April 27th----- Cenacle prayer: Queen of Apostles House, Riverton

Thursday, May 25th----- Cenacle prayer: St. Vincent Pallotti Chapel, Rossmoyne

Friday, June, 2nd ----- Queen of Apostles feast day. At Queen of Apostles, Riverton followed by supper in the hall.

Thursday, June, 29th----- Cenacle prayer: Queen of Apostles House, Riverton

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## **Mary, Queen of Apostles**

As followers of your Son, Jesus, we have committed ourselves to reawaken faith and enkindle charity both in our own lives and in the lives of others.

Trusting in you, Holy Virgin, we have every confidence with the aid of your intercession; and we direct our powers of body and spirit to the greater glory of God.

Following the example of St. Vincent Pallotti, we ask your help to deepen our prayer for the growth of the kingdom; and finally we hope, together with you, to enjoy the fulfilment of paradise forever.

**Amen**

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## CONTACT DETAILS, PRIVACY AND EMAIL ADDRESSES

Ensuring that any contact details held in the Pallottine Family Newsletter Data Base are kept in a manner that maintains their privacy is very important to all, thus this article to ensure that we have your consent to maintain the information we currently hold.

The details we hold are those you would have provided over the years, for example your postal address, or that are known because of your contact with the Pallottine Family – for example your participation in: apostolic groups, lay missionary training, volunteers activities.

Through the years, with the advance of information technology, the requirements to ensure security and privacy of information have certainly changed and to meet the changing requirements a UAC privacy policy is now being implemented.

We want to assure you that any contact details we hold are stored in a manner that safeguards your information and are only accessed for specific purposes, such as sending this Pallottine Family Newsletter, sending invitations to specific events, providing membership details to Rome. Also that only a few people, who have a specific need, have permission to access the data base.

If you are happy that this arrangement continues then you do not need to do anything. If you wish to withdraw your details, all or part, from the current data base, or discuss this further then please let us know through contacting Merle Gilbo on (03) 9497 1691 or via email [merle.gilbo@blaze.net.au](mailto:merle.gilbo@blaze.net.au). On another note, if you would like to be added to an email list to receive information relating to events, happenings in the Pallottine world, please send Cheryl or Merle your email address. Cheryl can be contacted on [cherylsullivan11@bigpond.com](mailto:cherylsullivan11@bigpond.com).

The Data Base Committee – Merle Gilbo, Lawrence Whiting, Ray Hevern SAC and Cheryl Sullivan. **March 7, 2017.**

### Registrations due by March 30th

#### BRING:

- BYO lunch for the first day
- Daypack for holding items required while walking
- Mobile phone
- Water bottle
- Sturdy walking shoes & socks
- Symbol to place at cross during final liturgy
- Sheets, towels, pillowcase
- toiletries, clothes & personal items

Luggage will be transferred from St. Christopher's to Pallotti College on the first day

#### COST:

##### Camino:

**\$240** (includes transfers, 2 nights accommodation and all meals except lunch first day)

#### Please note:

This walk covers 20+ km per day. Training and a good fitness level are required. Walkers participate at their own risk.



### A pilgrimage walk from St Christopher's Parish Syndal, to Pallotti College Millgrove.

**April 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**Approximately 65km over three days.**

*A time of sacred pilgrimage between two significant sites of Pallottine Spirituality & Mission. Meditate on your experience of God in nature while walking in fellowship & friendship with others.*

#### Saturday April 22<sup>nd</sup>

- 8am: Pilgrim Commissioning & Mass at St Christopher's
- 9am: Commence walking east on High St Rd. to join the Dandenong Creek corridor of beautiful walking trails to Kilsyth, 23km.
- Transfer to Pallotti College at conclusion of day's walk & evening prayer/reflection

#### Sunday April 23<sup>rd</sup>

- Morning Mass and transfer to previous day's end point at Kilsyth.
- Walk to join the Warburton Trail at Mt Evelyn, then along the Warburton Trail to Woori Yallock. 25km.
- Transfer to Pallotti College & evening prayer/reflection

#### Monday April 24<sup>th</sup>

- Morning Mass and transfer to Woori Yallock.
- Walk to Pallotti College along Warburton Trail and O'Shannassy Aqueduct, 15km.
- Placing of symbols at foot of cross and closing Liturgy
- Late afternoon transfer to St Christopher's Syndal

*Join this beautiful walk along Dandenong Creek, the Warburton Trail and O'Shannassy Aqueduct to Millgrove.*

**All Welcome**

Contact Lorraine on 0402 217123 or [lorraine613@bigpond.com](mailto:lorraine613@bigpond.com) for further information and to register.

## Weekends at Pallotti College

**Easter 2017 April, 14-17**

Come and join us at this special time with daily Holy Week liturgies.

Phone: 59 662 585 Website: [pallotticollege.com.au](http://pallotticollege.com.au)

Facebook: [facebook.com/Pallotti College](https://facebook.com/Pallotti%20College)

Retreat programmes: Contact Mo Cromar Phone: 9 803 3554

**June, 9-12** Silent retreat

**August, 25-27** Prayer – My personal relationship with God.

**Sacre Coeur Prayer group: May, 19-21**

Contact : Barbara Curren 9776 1639 Phone: 0416 799 129

**Rest and Pray weekend: May, 5-7**

Contact Denis: 0427 449 434 Email: [deo.gratias@bigpond.com](mailto:deo.gratias@bigpond.com)



# THE FIRST INDIAN PALLOTTINE BISHOP

The 8th January 2017 marked an important date in the history of the Indian Pallottines. It was the day Fr. Thomas Thennatt SAC was consecrated Bishop of the Diocese of Gwalior—a first for the society in India. He is a member of the Epiphany of the Lord Province and hails from the state of Kerala.

The Pallottine presence in India was established in 1951 with the arrival of the first two missionaries from the Sacred heart Province in Germany. That humble beginning, like the mustard seed, has grown into a mighty tree. It is the only country in the world with five provinces ---three of the Society and one for each of the two Pallottine Sister Congregations. As well there is the Secular Institute of Khristevikas , the new Cenacle Sisters of the Sacred heart and numerous members of the Union who have made a n apostolic commitment. Several overseas missions have been established—Zambia, Taiwan and the Philippines and much work worldwide with other entities.

Regardless of all these blessings, the one thing still missing was an Indian Pallottine bishop. Not for the human glory but to have a Pallottine voice at the level of hierarchy is the reason we rejoice. Bishop Thomas was consecrated in the presence of 21 bishops, numerous members of the Pallottine family, priests, religious and laity. Fr. General remembered him from seminary days, knowing him to be a humble and generous pastor who loved people and who will remain a Pallottine with a deep love for St. Vincent Pallotti and his charism. His long experience of working with laity and with families will make him an authentic representative of the Pallottine family in the wider church. His diocese, Gwalior, has a Catholic population of only 5000. Its main apostolate seems to be in education as it has about 13 schools with not less than 3000 students in each. This means Bishop Thomas will be dealing mainly with people of other religions like Hinduism and Islam.

Let us pray that Bishop Thomas will be abundantly blessed and become an instrument of peace and harmony among God's people, regardless of their caste or religion.

**THANKS to Fr. General, Fr. Jacob Nampudakam for the item which I have abstracted from SAC Asia Oceania. E bulletin 256 (item 471), edited by Fr. Ray Hevern.**



**Thanks to everyone for thinking to pass on photographs:** They bring so much reality, life and interest. I would very much like to acknowledge them individually but there are times when they have been passed so I don't actually know whom to thank. This seems to be especially true this time which is so encouraging. Keep it up! **Merle**



# St Christopher's Companions

16 Nights Pilgrimage to Spain,  
France & Portugal

9 to 28 May 2017

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