

#### ADVENT – A CALL TO OPEN WIDE THE DOOR



At the conclusion of Year of Mercy, Pope Francis in his letter Misericordia et Misera (Mercy and Misery) reminded, "the Jubilee now ends and the Holy Door is closed. But the door of mercy of our heart continues to remain wide open." As we enter into the holy season of Advent, it is time to open our hearts wide. It is time of grace and hope letting Jesus come to us. Our call is to keep the door of heart wide open in order to welcome Him when he comes. When will He come, where will He meet and how will He appear – no one knows! Ours is to stay awake and be prepared!

The light of the World is a beautiful painting by the famous artist, William Holman Hunt. In the picture, Christ is seen standing in a garden holding a lantern in one hand and with the other, knocking on a door. A friend of the artist said to him, "Holman, you have made a mistake. The door you have painted does not have a handle." "It is not a mistake, answered the artist, "for that is the door of the human heart and it can only opened from the inside."

Jesus standing outside and knocking conveys a central message: open up! Let me enter your life. Each part of it, I will guide you to what benefits your growth". Teilhard de Chardin understood the necessity of opening the door inward to find and claim the inner beauty and goodness. Reflecting on his spiritual growth, he observed this truth – the deeper I descend myself, the deeper I find God at the heart of my being. Opening the door of our heart means to enter into the vast treasure of who we are and to the divine within us.

Shall we make humble efforts during this season of advent, to open the doors our hearts to Him who is knocking and meet Him who is seated inside? The choice is ours – to open or not to open, to meet or not to meet.

Wish you all a grace filled and fruitful season of Advent.

#### Shibu Joseph sac

## **Succession Planning**

Merle Gilbo has edited this newsletter for the best part of its 50 years – an amazing achievement and contribution. The sad reality is that the day will come sometime when she will no longer be able to do it. To ensure that publication continues smoothly, we need a volunteer to learn the ropes from her now. Generosity of spirit, a commitment to the Pallottine family and some computer skills would be desirable. For further details or to volunteer, contact Anne Dowling on 03 9304 2926 or at avdowling@bigpond.com

# Pallottine Family Newsletter Quarterly Circular for members of the Australian Pallottine Family

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## The Beatification of Blessed Elisabetta Sanna.



Barbara Shea knew how interested we would be in a firsthand report of this significant event so she had some thoughts for me before I had even asked her!! She writes:

On Saturday, 10th September, my niece Brenda and I flew to Rome where we spent three great days. On Thursday, 15th, we took the one hour flight to the island of Sardinia where we were met by

Gianfranco, a member of the Beatification organising committee, a lady named Jessi and Frank. Frank was Canadian by birth but has lived in Sassari since he was four years old and, of course, spoke fluent Italian as well as English. He was a capable translator. We were driven into Sassari to Chiesa di Luna –a B&B where we had a comfortable room with a bathroom.

At 9 am on Saturday morning Frank came for us and, after about an hour, we came to a vast treeless plain, a bit like an Aussie paddock. On the edge of the plain was the Basilica of the Holy Trinity. Thought not as big as St. Peter's in Rome, it consisted of quite high, square tower with the nave of the church not very long. A short distance away a large podium/stage/platform/altar had been erected and this was where the ceremony took place. A bright blue canopy covered the altar and a large coloured picture of Elisabetta hung from the corner of the canopy. It was made of some fabric which shimmered and



▲ Basilica of the Holy Trinity.



▲ Susana Correia da Conceilao - cured after praying to Elisabetta

rippled in the breeze. After much excited Italian, we reached our reserved seats ---white plastic chairs, I continuing to be comfy in my wheel chair. The seating consisted in rows of blocks of chairs with aisles running between them. One block was occupied by Pallottine clergy from various countries. With 4000 people expected, the Basilica would have been fat too small. I'm sure Elisabetta was happy in the outdoor setting with God's creation, in the shape of the mountains, all around.

The weather was perfect. The sun was warm but clouds passing every now and then kept it pleasant. There were people/men in many different uniforms, including local and religious dignitaries, e.g The order of St. John of Jerusalem in their flowing cloaks. A choir of mixed voices sang a capella for half an hour before the ceremony. It was beautiful to listen to.

At 11.05 the procession from the Basilica began with about 60 priests, then bishops, with perhaps an archbishop and finally His eminence Cardinal Antonio Amato who presided. They were followed by some local residents, village men and women wearing their best traditional dress—very beautiful. I wondered if they were descendants of Elisabetta. They were followed by Susanna, the lady from South America whose arm, wrist and hand had become paralysed by cancer. She prayed to Elisabetta, placed her arm on the altar of the church and was cured immediately.

At the beginning of the ceremony, a priest had welcomed the Cardinal and spoke for some time ---but in Italian. The Mass continued in Italian. We sang the Gregorian Kyrie, Gloria and Creed and the readers included lay people. After the Collect prayer, His Eminence read the apostolic letter from Pope Francis proclaiming Elisabetta Sanna be raised to the state of Blessed. The proclamation was read in Latin and Italian. The choir sang the Te Deum. When the Mass continues, Communion was distributed by many priests stationed at different points while the choir sang. I received the Lord from a very large Nigerian/ Sudanese priest. At the conclusion of Mass, the ministers returned to the Basilica to divest.

We had hoped to visit the Basilica but it was closed because of the clergy vesting there. Frank was able to get some of the abundant food for us and we enjoyed a free bowl of noodles with tomato sauce. Being able to be present at the beatification of Elisabetta was one of the greatest blessings and privileges of my life. An unexpected joy. My deepest thanks to the Board of Pallotti College, Millgrove, for offering me this wonderful opportunity. I'm sure that Elisabetta will be present to the ongoing needs of the UAC. May she inspire many more hearts to become apostles of love in our world. Blessed Elisabetta Sanna. Pray for us.

### Camino 2017 22nd—24th April.

A number of people have booked already. Do THAT now and look for more details in our December issue.

## The priests and brothers gather for the 21st General Assembly

#### THE ELECTION OF THE RECTOR GENERAL

On the 1st October, 2016, the 21st General Assembly re-elected Very Rev. Fr, Jacob Nampudakam as the Rector General of the Society of Catholic Apostolate'

Fr. Jacob was born on 10th August 1955 in Ayyampara, Kerala, India. He is a member of the Epiphany of the Lord Province, Nagpur and was ordained a priest in 1981. After ordination, he served the Society in various capacities: as spiritual director, director of preparatory formation, director of the Pallottine Animation Centre, General Secretary, General Consultor and Rector General of the Society since 2010. For twelve years he was also the Secretariat for Formation. He graduated in Philosophy and Theology and also holds a licentiate in Psychology from the Institute of Psychology at the Gregorian University, Rome. On 25th February, he was appointed by Pope Francis as a member of the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life.

Fr. Jacob assumed his office of rector General in a ceremony held in the Chapel of the "Divine Master" Centre in Arricia, (Rome), making a profession of faith and taking the oath of fidelity, in the presence of the General Procurator, Fr. Vitaliy Gorbatykh, the Moderators, Fr. John Kelly and fr. Janusz Luczak and all the members of the XX1 Assembly. In his address to the Assembly, he said he will continue to work towards the development of the Society and of the Pallottine Family.

#### Visit from Pope Francis



"Holy Father, Inspired also by the opening words of your Apostolic Exhortation, "the joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus", the XXI General Assembly of our Society of the Catholic Apostolate chose this spiritual thought of our holy Founder, St Vincent

Pallotti: "The fundamental rule of our minimal Congregation is the life of our Lord Jesus Christ".

As you have challenged the entire Church repeatedly through your teachings and life-testimony, we do believe that genuine Christian living is possible only when we have experienced Jesus, as we encounter him in flesh and blood in the Holy Gospel. Hence we pray with our holy Founder individually and as community: "May all my life be destroyed and may the life of Jesus alone be my life".

Holy Father, on behalf of all the members of our General Assembly, I wish to express our sincere gratitude for giving us this God-given opportunity to meet with you and receive your blessings for us and for our entire Society.

I wish to thank you very specially also for the personal message of solidarity and prayers of 4 July 2016, sent on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the martyrdom of five of our confreres in Argentina. We are sure that the blood they shed will become a source of life for our Community and the entire Church.

Holy Father, St Vincent Pallotti was a prophet of communion. He wished to see a Church where all – priests, religious and laity – will work together as authentic apostles of Jesus, with equal dignity and responsibility, always in service of the Church and the entire humanity. His spirituality and charism were rooted in his mystical experience of God as infinite love and mercy. Following the footsteps of our Founder, we comprise about 2400 members, as well as sisters and lay members, and now work in 56 countries around the world.

We ask you, Holy Father, to bless us and pray for us that we may remain always faithful to the charism and mission entrusted to us by our Founder. Our Society and the entire Pallottine Family of priests, brothers, sisters and lay people express our gratitude and admiration for your prophetic Petrine ministry, and assure our fidelity and filial devotion to you and to your precious teachings. As you often remind us, we will never fail to pray for you every day, personally and in our communities. Holy Father, please bless us."

Jacob Nampudakam sac – Rector General Rome

"Dear Brothers and Sisters, welcome!

I am happy to receive you on the occasion of your 21st General Assembly. I greet you cordially and I thank the Superior General for his words.

I extend my greeting to all the members of the Society of the Catholic Apostolate and to all those who share the charism of Saint Vincent Pallotti. He became an illuminating beacon and inspirer in the Church. His charism is a precious gift of the Holy Spirit, because it aroused and arouses various forms of apostolic life and spurs the faithful to commit themselves actively in evangelical witness.

Dear Brothers, I encourage you to continue your journey with joy and hope, committing yourselves with all your heart and all your strength, so that the charism of your Founder bears abundant fruits also in our time. He liked to repeat that the calling of the apostolate is not reserved for some, but is addressed to all, "regardless of their state, their condition, their profession, their fortune, all can take part". The Union of the Catholic Apostolate, which is bearer of St Vincent Pallotti's charism, offers many areas and opens new horizons to participate in the mission of the Church. Therefore, it is called to work with renewed impetus to reawaken faith and rekindle charity, especially in the weakest segments of the population, poor spiritually and materially. In this, you are supported by the example of so many of your fellow brothers, genuine witnesses of the Gospel, who dedicated their life to the service of others. I knew them also during my pastoral service in Argentina and I have a happy memory of them.

Following in the footsteps of St Vincent Pallotti, who considered himself a prodigy of God's mercy, you can help all those you meet in your ministry to rediscover the immense love of God in our life. He wrote: "O my Jesus, shining in you is the incomprehensible excess of your infinite love and your infinite mercy".

I entrust you all to the protection of Mary Most Holy, whom St Vincent

Pallotti venerated in a particular way as Queen of the Apostles. She, effective example of apostolic zeal and perfect charity, invites us to incessant prayer to invoke the gifts of the Holy Spirit on today's apostles, so that her Son's Gospel is proclaimed in every part of the world. I also entrust myself to your prayers and, while I hope for the best fruits of the works of your Assembly, I impart to you my heartfelt Apostolic Blessing".

Francis The Vatican 10.10.16





▲ Australian delegates Dean Bradbury & Eugene San.

# UAC COMMITMENT MASS AT SAINT CHRISTOPHER'S PARISH SYNDAL

On Sunday 4th December seven new members were admitted to the Union of Catholic Apostolate in Australia and one member made a public recommitment.

This occasion was one of great joy for all and joining the parishioners at Syndal church during their Sunday Eucharist was very fitting, as the charism and vision of Saint Vincent has been part of their parish life for over fifty years. Fr Pat Jackson SAC, the Formation Coordinator and Pastor Emeritus at Saint Christopher's was the main celebrant. Fr Ralph Besterwitch SAC, the Parish Priest concelebrated. The commitments were received by Cheryl Sullivan, Australian President of the UAC.

The UAC Statutes were definitively approved by the Vatican in October 2008. These statutes outlined a new formal process for acceptance of members. For Australia, Sunday's celebration was the second occasion when new members have been admitted under these statutes. John Nagle (RIP) and Tricia Wisolith were formally admitted in Queen of Apostles Parish, Rossmoyne, Western Australia in 2012. Last Sunday's commitment is the first for us in Victoria.

The new members participated in a UAC Formation Program during 2015 – 2016 and actively engage in UAC life. Their eagerness to embrace the charism of Saint Vincent provides a deeper focus in their already committed lives to live as active apostles of Jesus, apostles of Love. We are indeed blessed to have them as formal members of our UAC/Pallottine Family.



▲ Pictured from left: John and Cheryl Hackett, Justin Tan, Agnes De Roza, Steve Kaye, Georgina Hickey and Annette Atkinson (Gwen Mollica is not pictured).

## Tenth Annual Walter Silvester Memorial Lecture: The Vision of a Synodal Church in the Year of Mercy



Stories can draw us in and speak to hearts and so it was with the stories told so eloquently and beautifully by Bishop Eugene Hurley DD., Bishop of Darwin, at this year's Walter Silvester Memorial Lecture. The lecture was held at the Christ Theatre at Australian Catholic University on Tuesday, 18 October. It was sponsored by the Union of Catholic Apostolate (Pallottine Family) and Australian Catholic University. This year's topic was 'The Vision of a Synodal Church in the Year of Mercy'.

The listeners were surprised by the amount of time that had passed when the lecture finished, well past the expected finish time. They had been completely absorbed and wished perhaps it could continue, but continuing would have been brought them even more on which to reflect and might even change mindsets or motivate people to action.

The photo of a young babe from the Tiwi Islands, who was named after the bishop, was contrasted with that of a white skinned baby whom the bishop will baptise. Each looked delightful and yet their prospects were so different. Given his background, one will likely spend a lot of time in gaol while the other likely will have a professional career. Can that outcome for the Tiwi boy be changed?

Those attending knew we were in the presence of a Pope Francis style bishop who is a shepherd with 'the smell of the sheep'. His stories included lots of humour, wisdom and also pathos in some of the challenging encounters he has faced as a priest for about 50 years. He shared with us his moving intervention at the second Synod on the Family in Rome. He told us that: 'the Church has a mission and a responsibility to the family, but equally, equally the family has a mission to the church, to inform the church and when we don't listen carefully, genuinely, sympathetically to the family, the domestic church where God dwells, we don't listen carefully to the church then the Church is not what God wants it to be.'

His stories included some about welcoming into the Church people who had felt they were excluded by their actions in the past. 'You see the image of the church and the emotional response that it brings and we treat people so badly because they're human, imperfect and sinful and that's not what the Church is about.' He went on to talk about in the Mass holding up the chalice for the forgiveness of sins. The only point of the incarnation, of the death and resurrection of Christ is that people may be reconciled and not crucified and when we are not doing that we are not doing what Jesus Christ asked us to do.'

He shared with us quotes from Amoris Laetitia and other documents and talked in very grounded language about them. The bishop is a storyteller in the mould of the greatest storyteller, Jesus the Christ. As one audience member said 'It was a truly inspiring oration, delivered without notes except for quotes and demonstrated the greatness of the man and his vision of and for the Church'. Another wrote to me saying 'Last night's lecture by Bishop Hurley was outstanding. He was an engaging, inspiring speaker, and is a pastor of the first order'. There were about 70 people there and I believe that, like me, each felt privileged to have been at this lecture and took away much to mull over and to reflect on.

The evening's MC was Cheryl Sullivan, President of the National Co-ordination Council of the Union of Catholic Apostolate. ACU's representative was Dr John Ballard, Associate-Vice Chancellor and Mark Brolly proposed a Vote of Thanks on behalf of the audience.

# PALLOTTINE FAMILY WESTERN AUSTRALIA - SOME 2016 ACTIVITIES NEW NORCIA PILGRIMAGE



On 9th October forty four of us went by coach to New Norcia - the only Benedictine monastic town in Australia - for a Pilgrimage Day. The church has a painting of Mother of Good Counsel, which Vincent gave to Dom Salvado in 1845 as he left Rome in 1845 to establish the monastery in New Norcia (130 km north of Perth WA). The painting is considered to have saved the monastery from fire in 1845. The monks placed the painting in front of the approaching fire and the wind changed direction, saving the monastery and its crops.

We, on pilgrimage, left Riverton Parish at 6:45am and arrived in New Norcia in time for 9am Mass at the Abbey Church. After Mass we had morning tea in the priory parlour with the monks and served by the Good Samaritan Sisters. I coincidently met a former Pallottine lay missionary and her husband, Patricia & Michael Whitely. He had worked as a farmer in Wandering and she had been a lay missionary who had then worked in the northwest too. Fr John Luemmen had officiated at their wedding.

After a guided tour of the Spanish Chapel in the Monastery, the Monastery gates, and the chapels of St Gertrude's College and St Ildephonsus College, we joined the Benedictine Community of monks and sisters for midday prayers in the monastery chapel. After this we enjoyed our lunch together, took our time at the museum and art gallery and some of us finished at the pub for refreshments before our return journey.



## 2016 has been a significant year of milestones for the Pallottines

We give thanks to God for the blessings received and thank the following Pallottines for their zeal and generosity in the spirit of St Vincent in serving God's people:

70 Years – Fr Joe Kearney SAC

50 Years – Fr John Flynn SAC

50 Years – Fr Ray Hevern SAC

and currently we congratulate Fr Eugene San SAC

Regional of Regina Mundi

who celebrates his 25th Anniversary
of Ordination to the Priesthood on 7th December.

Congratulations also from the people of the East Eugene.

More about the Park Orchards celebration next time.

## Money Matters

Thank you for all who support this publication by giving contributions –whether by hand, by mail or directly into the bank. I've heard that some of you have experienced a difficulty when using the latter method.

For others it has worked!!

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## MASS & BBQ at ROSSMOYNE

The NCC Meeting at the end of the year is usually held in WA winding it up with a BBQ with the Pallottine Community and helpers in Rossmoyne. This year it was decided to extend the invitation to those ex lay missionaries and other people who have worked with the Pallottines in the past and / or who continue to work with them now. We sought names and addresses and 30 invitations were sent out inviting them to attend on Sunday 13th November for Mass at 11am at St Vincent Pallotti Chapel, Rossmoyne, followed by a BBQ lunch. Fifty people enjoyed this event.

The grounds of the Pallottine Community in Rossmoyne had been set up, by Kelvin, Clifford and Bill, with tables and chairs and marquees. Marlene, Stella and Clifford prepared the BBQ meat Salads and sweets were prepared by Denise and Penny. Thanks to all those who helped to ensure all present had a lovely day.

Fr Pat and Fr Eugene concelebrated a joyful Mass, feeding us through the Word of God, and inspiring us with spiritual refreshment, reviving our memories of past experiences as missionaries in collaboration with the Pallottine Fathers and Brothers and giving us hope for new directions in the future for Pallottine life in Australia in living the charism of St Vincent Pallotti. Gerard Tonti-Filippini stepped in to help by playing guitar to accompany the music for the Mass and brought along some clap-sticks to accompany the Aboriginal Our Father, which was sung by everyone with much enthusiasm.

Those who could not attend (because of other commitments) expressed their disappointment and hope that another such occasion will be held in the near future.

It was most disappointing for Cheryl, UAC president for Australia, who unfortunately could not attend as she was laid up in Royal Perth Hospital, having injured her ankles shortly after arriving in Perth. Luckily, while in hospital, she had visitors every day. You may be glad to know Cheryl is back in Melbourne, is back to standing on both feet again, doing well and on the mend.

**Tricia Wisolith** 





▲ The Balgo Mob.









Hi Father Eugene, Thank you for the opportunity to be part of the gathering at Rossmoyne Sunday 13 November, 2016. Panda and I very much enjoyed the celebration through Eucharist, sharing of story and meal with all present. It was so encouraging and we felt so blessed to join with people of such warmth, giving and faith. Below is a small reflection that I hope respects the sense of 'life-giving' that the Pallottine community members provide.

People of faith! Is there anything more assuring?

Humbled to be part of a shared history and though at different times the diversity of experience is strengthened in the vulnerability of that which sparks and lays bare our humanity - belonging.

The mind can try deflect but the heart knows. It was, is and will always be a good thing. "My friends, we only just met, yet we have known each other for many years. Be ye here today, abandoned yesterday or e'en passed away; you, me, we belong - never forsaken. You, me, we are many parts but one Eucharist, joined by the one thing they cannot destroy - the spirit."

'Spirit dream come fly Beyond the torture of human desire, Scatter the proud and deceitful, Stir the selfless and kind hearted, They who are the makers of Kingdom, A community where all feel welcome, Present, blessed and inspired to follow In memory of the one who sent you.'

In faith that is where we belong.

## 'KIDS FOR KIDS' AND THE KESHERO PROJECT'

In second term, Fr Paul Manickatham SAC was approached by a parent from Queen of Apostles School in Riverton WA for the Yr 6 Social Justice Team "Kids for kids", to fundraise for a project by the Pallottines. For many years 'Kids for kids' at the school (which was started by a group of parents and teachers to develop a sense of social justice in children) has supported and helped fundraise for needy children in other countries e.g. Vietnam.

Fr Paul and I (Tricia) immediately thought of the Keshero Project i.e. the Flame of Love Orphanage in the DR Congo, (An Australian UAC Common Project) as the perfect project for them with which to be involved. This certainly would be kids helping kids.

The children were soon busy fundraising with cake stalls on several days and got the whole school involved. They did a wonderful job, and there is much hope that these children will get involved in helping with social justice issues in the future too.

On Wednesday 16th November, Mary Whiting (in place of Cheryl who was incapacitated), along with Fr Eugene San and Fr Pat Jackson, went to the school assembly to thank the whole school and were presented with a generous cheque for\$2852.40. \$2000 of this will go towards a chicken coop for the orphanage and the remainder will go towards Christmas presents for those needy children.

Being in a Pallottine Parish, the school is happy to support and get to know the Pallottines and their work. We were asked to come back early in 2017 to talk again as part of the RE preparations for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

THANK YOU QUEENIES KIDS...

Tricia Wisolith LCC President Western Australia.





## Supporting Our Common Project In The East

This project has been really taken up by parishioners from St Christopher's as we read in the report below. There are many ways you too can be involved in this Common Project which aims to support disadvantaged families, particularly migrants and refugees. One way to find out more would be to attend the UAC AGM on 25th February at 2.00 p.m. at Kew where we will have guest speakers who will fill us in on the reality of the situation faced by asylum speakers and refugees here. There will be suggestions given as to how you might support them.

In the meantime, if you would like further information about this Common Project and/or ways you can take part in it, please contact me on **03 9304 2926** or at <a href="mailto:avdowling@bigpond.com">avdowling@bigpond.com</a>. Anne Dowling: Chair of Committee for Common Project within Australia.



## St Christopher's Giving Tree

An important component of St Christopher's Syndal Pastoral program is Community Service, and thereby to have a focus to live the Gospel message by serving those outside the Parish community. As part of community service and to have a mission that reaches out beyond our own parish groups Fr Ralph in August 2016 initiated a Refugee and Asylum Seeker Volunteer group to put into action aspects of the UAC Common Project within Australia

The first initiative of the group was to adopt the suggestion of a Giving Tree during Advent to aid Refugee families and to give the children of those families in particular, the ability to enjoy aspects of Christmas that may have been beyond their families' immediate capacity.

### St Christopher's Giving Tree cont . . .

With the assistance of Catholic Care and the Australian Syrian Charity the parish has been able to identify a group of recently arrived refugees who would benefit from, and welcome, participation in the parish's Giving Tree.

The Giving Tree was placed in the Church Narthex with tags for 80 children and 30 families attached to the branches of the tree. The tags for the children identified either a boy or a girl and their age and parishioners were invited to take a tag and asked to buy an appropriate gift for that child. Those parishioners who took tags for families were asked to provide hampers. The response from the parish was immediate and generous.

The initiative culminated with the Syrian families attending a gathering at St Christopher's on Sunday December 11. The gathering commenced with a joint

Prayer Service lead by Fr Ralph and Fr Samir Haddid (St. Joseph's Melkite Catholic Church, Fairfield and Chair Australian Syrian Charity) followed by a Christmas party in the hall where there was an "Aussie" afternoon tea and of course Santa was there to distribute gifts to the Syrian children. "I was a stranger and you welcomed me" (Mathew 25:35,40)





## Pallotti College News

First and foremost a big thank you to all who have come up to visit, participated in Retreats, prayed for us and generally supported us over the year. It has been another bumper year in terms of guests staying at the College and therefore a very big year work-wise. The addition of Greta and Fynn, both young people who have come through the Pallottine connections in Germany and are with us for the year, has therefore been great.

It is with sadness that we must say good-bye to Fr Brendan Connell C.P. who leaves us after a year. He has been a great addition to our Team and very valuable in so many ways, and we will miss him. We wish him good luck in his continued studies and ministry.





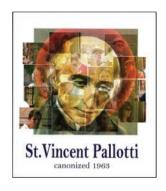
After another very successful year of activities, our Retreat Team are working on our brochure of Retreats for next year – keep an eye out for it or contact for a copy. If you have enjoyed one, come again and recommend them to friends. In particular, the Pallottine Camino is happening 2017 April 22-24. Get in early to avoid disappointment! Others to note are Rest, Pray and Recreate 10-12 Feb and Silent Themed Retreat 10-13 and The Art of Water Colour 10-13 March. It is at this point that we must give a big thankyou to Lorraine McCarthy for the wonderful retreats she has run on our behalf and the hard work she has put in. Unfortunately, she must pull back from some of these but will still be very involved and vital to the Camino. Mo Cromer, who is experienced in Retreat work, be running some retreats for us in 2017.

Wishing you many blessings over Christmas and in 2017.

## Western Australia Pallottine Family Calendar Of Events 2017

#### All are welcome to join us on these occasions

January	26 (Thurs)	7pm	Pallottine Cenacle Prayer at St Vincent Pallotti Chapel, Rossmoyne.
February	23 (Thurs)	7pm	Pallottine Cenacle Prayer at Queen of Apostles House, Riverton.
March	18 (Sat)	2.30pm	Pallottine Aboriginal Scholarship Presentation at Pallottine Hall, Rossmoyne
	30 (Thurs)	7pm	Pallottine Cenacle Prayer at St Vincent Pallotti Chapel, Rossmoyne.
April	21 (Fri)	7pm	Feast of St Vincent Pallotti Mass at Pallotti Chapel, Rossmoyne followed by supper.
	27 (Thurs)	7pm	Pallottine Cenacle Prayer at Queen of Apostles House, Riverton.
May	25 (Thurs)	7pm	Pallottine Cenacle Prayer at St Vincent Pallotti Chapel, Rossmoyne.
June	2 (Fri)	7pm	Queen of Apostles Feastday at Queen of Apostles Church, Riverton followed by supper in the Hall.
	29 (Thurs)	7pm	Pallottine Cenacle Prayer at Queen of Apostles House, Riverton.
July	27 (Thurs)	7pm	Pallottine Cenacle Prayer at St Vincent Pallotti Chapel, Rossmoyne.
August	31 (Thurs)	7pm	Pallottine Cenacle Prayer at Queen of Apostles House, Riverton.
September	28 (Thurs)	7pm	Pallottine Cenacle Prayer at St Vincent Pallotti Chapel, Rossmoyne.
October	27 (Fri)	7pm	Pallottine Cenacle Prayer at Queen of Apostles Church, Riverton followed by a talk presented by Donatella Acerbi, UAC President from Rome.
	29 (Sun)	11am	UAC Mass and windup BBQ Lunch at Queen of Apostles Parish, Riverton.
November	30 (Thurs)	7pm	Pallottine Cenacle Prayer at St Vincent Pallotti Chapel, Rossmoyne.





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#### 2017 Calendar of Events: UAC East

Pallottine Cenacle Prayer Nights begin at 7.30 p.m. and conclude with a light supper. You are welcome to bring a plate of food to share.

Gather and Share Sessions begin at 4.00 p.m. and finish over a shared meal.

Day	Date	Event	Venue
Sunday	22 January	Cenacle Prayer St Vincent's Feast Day	Kew
Wednesday	22 February	Cenacle Prayer	Dallas
Saturday	25 February	UAC AGM at 2.00 p.m.	Kew
Wednesday	22 March	Cenacle Prayer	Syndal
Sunday	26 March	Gather & Share	North Ringwood
Friday	21 April	St Vincent's Birthday Feast Day Celebration	To be confirmed
Saturday to Monday	22-24 April	Pallottine Camino	Syndal to Millgrove
Saturday	22 April	Cenacle Prayer	Kew
Monday	22 May	Cenacle Prayer	North Ringwood
Sunday	28 May	Gather & Share	Syndal
Saturday	3 June	Feast of Mary, Queen of Apostles	Kew
Thursday	22 June	Cenacle Prayer	Syndal
Saturday	22 July	Cenacle Prayer	Kew
Sunday	13 August	Gather & Share	Kew
Tuesday	22 August	Cenacle Prayer	Park Orchards
Friday	22 September	Cenacle Prayer	Nth Ringwood
Sunday	22 October	Cenacle Prayer	Pallotti College
Tuesday	24 October	Walter Silvester Memorial Lecture	ACU – Fitzroy 6.30 p.m.
Saturday	11 November	Remember in November	Kew
Sunday	19 November	Gather & Share	Park Orchards
Wednesday	22 November	Cenacle Prayer	Syndal

Everyone is encouraged to attend the AGM of the UAC at 2.00 p.m. on 25 February at Kew.

All UAC members, supporters and readers of this newsletter are invited to gather and celebrate the Feast of Mary, Queen of Apostles on the afternoon of 3rd June at Kew.

Donatella Acerbi, president of the General Coordination Council of the UAC which meets in Rome, will be the 2017 speaker at the Walter Silvester Memorial Lecture.

Well worth coming to – put it, and all the dates above, into your diary now.

I hope to be at all of the events and hope you can join us at at least some of them.

**Anne Dowling:** President of Local Coordination Council (LCC) East



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