



Pallottine Family (UAC)

NEWSLETTER

March 2023



Farewell to Kew

Saturday 25th March - 2:30pm - Eucharist

Feast of the Annunciation at 85 Studley Park Rd

Tea, coffee, soft drink provided; please bring a plate to share.

A time to say goodbye and a time to look forward, carry the vision/charism of St Vincent Pallotti and a time to tell your stories.

Visit from two of our Roman UAC members

From late January to mid February, we had the great pleasure of having two of our close friends from Rome visiting us in Melbourne, Gabriella Acerbi, the current Vice-President of the UAC and her sister Donatella, who as many know, was the immediate past UAC President. Gabriella and Donatella are sisters who have lived the charism of Saint Vincent since their early teenage years. They are members of the Quinta Dimensione Community, a lay community of single and married people, founded in Rome by Fr Giuseppe Leonardi SAC in the 1970's. Gabriella and Donatella were here for a holiday and holiday we did, as a few of the pictures on this page demonstrate.

We visited Millgrove, (where we celebrated the Eucharist with the community at Pallotti College and had a dinner at the Mariana Community home in Millgrove), the Gippsland Lakes area (specifically Loch Sport, where we saw kangaroos, emus, black swans and many Australian birds), attended the final of the Women's Australian Open, drove around our beautiful bay, attended a Melbourne Symphony Orchestra concert at the Myer Music Bowl – the list could go on.



The wonderful Mark Brolly was with us on some of these outings.

In addition to these activities Gabriella and Donatella took time to participate in UAC events, visit some of our locations and were present at the funeral of Fr Joe Butscher SAC. We visited the historical site of 85 Studley Park Road Kew. The Kew home along with the Shrine hold such important

memories in the lives of so many of our Pallottine Family – the first encounter with Pallottines and Vincent's charism, commitments made, groups formed, dances and many more. As the home is now being sold, these pictures of the Shrine are one of the last taken prior to its slow withdrawal from the site. Then, from the original site we visited one of the newest apostolic areas, the parish of Saint Anthony's in Glen Huntley where Fr Leenus Neetany SAC is Parish Priest. We had a wonderful welcome from a group of parishioners and Fr Leenus.

In this magazine, we share news, views and reflections of the way the UAC (Union of Catholic Apostolate) lives the vision of St. Vincent Pallotti here in Australia.

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 - Marita Dunphy via maritadunphy@yahoo.com.



Of particular significance was Gabriella being the Guest Speaker at the UAC Annual General Meeting. In this presentation Gabriella left us with some very pertinent words on the charism of Saint Vincent and how we live the charism today.

“Our common journey is one with St. Vincent’s dream: a renewed Church re-formed through the power of mutual love so as to become a sign of unity, hope and salvation for the whole world.”

Those words of living Saint Vincent’s dream through “unity, hope and salvation for the whole world” are ones that will stay with us – particularly living in hope and believing in the ultimate power of love in our world today.

The visit of Donatella and Gabriella has left us enriched and we so look forward to having them visit our wonderful country again – perhaps next time touring the Western side of our country where there is so much Pallottine history – as well as current life.

Mary Whiting and Cheryl Sullivan

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Fr Joe Butscher

22nd May 1933 - 29th January 2023

'a true son of Vincent Pallotti'

The late Fr Joe Butscher used his gifts to the full in the service of God and "has without doubt been welcomed home as a true son of Vincent Pallotti", mourners at his funeral Mass were told.

Fr Joe, who died on 29 January, was ordained in 1958 and arrived in Australia the following year – serving in parishes in Victoria, WA and NSW, in mission work in the Kimberley, as a formation director, training lay missionaries and in chaplaincy.

He arrived in 1959 with three other new German Pallottine priests who were to leave their mark on their adopted country – Frs Eddy Wehrmaker, Wendelin Lorenz and Benno Rausch. Fr Benno is the last surviving serving Pallottine priest or brother of generations of SAC members who have come to Australia from Germany since 1901.

Fr Joe died at Cabrini Ashwood (now VMCH), where he had served as a chaplain. His concelebrated funeral Mass was held at St Christopher's Syndal on 7 February and was led by Pallottine Regional Leader Fr Dean Bradbury. Fr Joe was buried in the Pallottine plot at Melbourne General Cemetery, Parkville.

Two key figures in the worldwide Pallottine Family, sisters Donatella and Gabriella Acerbi, participated in the funeral Mass while they were in Australia on holidays. Donatella is the immediate past president of the Union of Catholic Apostolate and Gabriella has been Vice-President since June last year.

Ms Cheryl Sullivan, former leader of the Mariana Community, delivered the eulogy. Josef Butscher and his twin brother Franz were born in Floders in south-west Germany on 22 May 1933 to Gebhard and Therese Butscher. The twins had two older sisters and two younger brothers. Josef was pre-deceased by all his siblings.

Joe and Franz entered the Pallottines as postulants, aged 12, in October 1945, with Franz later leaving the Society to become a teacher.

Cheryl said Joe had been very clear that Australia was his home and mission for life once he arrived here in 1959.

She worked with him on several lay missionary formation programs after he returned to the eastern states from the Kimberley – where he had served at Beagle Bay, Derby and Broome from 1960-70 – for health reasons.



"During the training, his spiritual input, enthusiasm to partake in the manual work with the boys and then to be able to relax and have fun in the evening was something that impacted on the trainees, seeing a different side to priestly life than they had previously experienced," Cheryl said.

He had also served as parish priest of Silverwater in Sydney.

By the 1980s, Fr Joe was back in WA, including as parish priest of Mullewa, near Tardun, and had many years at Rossmoyne in Perth as a chaplain to Aboriginal youth, chaplaincy at two aged care centres and as superior of the house there.

His "retirement" years were spent at the first house he came to in Australia – Kew – where he was house director, gardener, a provider of spiritual support and hospitality, as well as a willing supply priest to Pallottine and other parishes.

Cheryl mentioned many of his personality traits – a stubborn and determined side, his driving and his love of Bunnings, his garden and desire to buy electrical goods.

But she noted that he was prophetic in his early understanding of the role of SAC priests and brothers in the UAC as members of one community with others in the Union.

"Joe was a man of prayer; how often did you go into his room and he would be praying his breviary or saying the Rosary? He would often be found praying in the shrine (at Kew). He had a great love and devotion to Mary. I recall he had lost his rosary beads at Ashwood and I was quickly dispatched to go to his room and find more."

Cheryl said Paula, the pastoral worker at Ashwood, had asked Fr Joe shortly before his death what were the best times of his life ("His response was, while there were many, his time and work in the Kimberley were a highlight") and if he had regrets, to which he replied that he might not have used his gifts to the full in the service of God.

"That is not the man we knew," Cheryl said. "His gifts he definitely used to the full. He has without doubts been welcomed home as a true son of Vincent Pallotti."

May Fr Joe rest in the peace of the Lord he served so well.



Pallotti College
Presents the sixth Annual

Pallottine Camino 2023



Pallottine Camino
"The love of Christ urges us on"

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 to Pallotti College from St Christopher's on the first day

COST:

\$280 (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.



Find us on Facebook:
Pallottine Camino

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

Friday April 21st to Sunday April 23rd, 2023

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.

Friday April 21st

- 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

Saturday April 22nd

- 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

Sunday April 23rd

- Morning Reflection 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 Mass
- 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

for further information and to book

contact Helen on 0435 232 101 or helen.lucas@seerpharma.com.au

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE April 1st, 2023

Pallotti College Update

Well, we are into another year – a quite busy year looking at the Bookings.

We have welcomed (and said goodbye to) Carla from the Netherlands who returned to us to volunteer for a few weeks and we welcome Lena from Germany who will be with us till mid-year.

She is part of the partner ship we have with our German Pallottines and comes through the same organization that many others have come through. She spent 6 months volunteering in Haus Wasserburg in Vallendar before coming to us. She is a delightful young lady and a great asset.

Anyone who knows our house, would be aware that the wing kitchens were in need of some TLC. Nissl renovations were completed last year and, thanks to a good year last year, Taggart kitchen has just been completed. Many thanks to all our trades but especially to Laim whose patience (and expertise) is outstanding!

Our dedicated team continues to work hard, welcoming guests and endeavoring to bring the active love of God into their lives by our actions. As Pallotti said “The Love of Christ Urges Us On”.

If anyone would like a quiet weekend away by themselves or with a group, please contact us. We love to welcome Pallottine friends, and we can often fit in small numbers although our flats are very popular. If you are looking for some spiritual direction or someone to walk beside you, please ask as we have a number of people who offer this service.



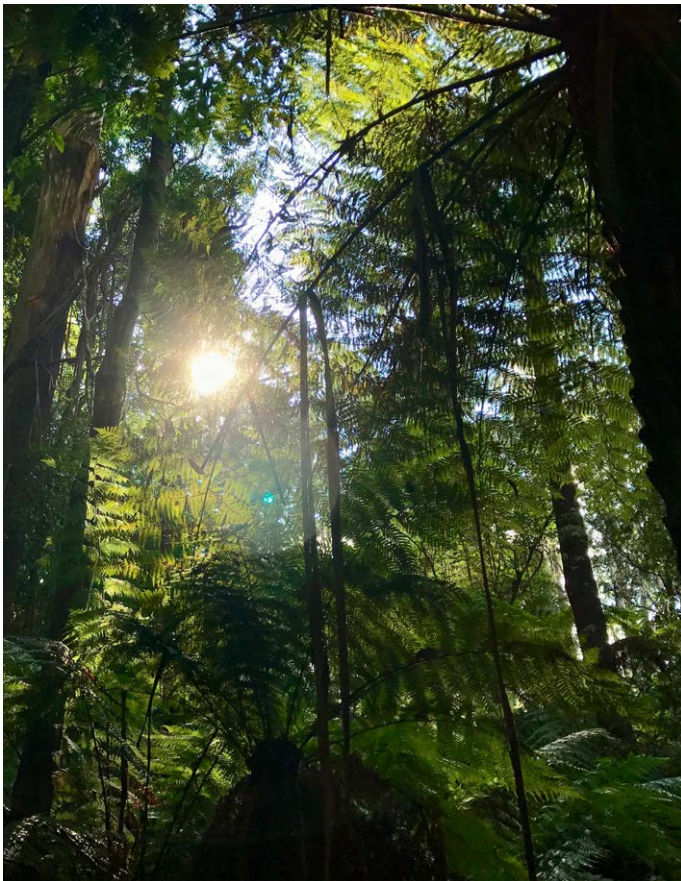
You are invited, to a 228th birthday celebration!

Yes, it's Vincent Pallotti's birthday

**21st April, 5.00 p.m. Eucharist followed by supper
St Andrew's Church, corner Springs & Bunney Rds. Clayton South
Kindly bring a plate of food to share**

**New Australian UAC Prayer website:
www.uacprayer.group**

If you would like to join our new email prayer group, let Anne know at alingdow@gmail.com



You are invited to a Sacred Retreat.

When: Friday, 5th May, 2023, arrival time from 4.30pm to 6.30 pm, returning home after lunch on Sunday, 7th May

Where: OAK MAREE, 5 McNamara's Rd. Millgrove

There will be opportunities for guided meditation, prayer and sharing in the group, time to reflect, walk, and meditate, go out for a coffee—whatever your inner self is calling you to do.

Want to know more or book:

Contact Mary on 0427 525 962

Cost: \$60 per day

All meals provided with a 'help yourself breakfast'. Some nibbles or drinks to share are always appreciated and enjoyed.

"May the love of the Holy Spirit flow in and through our being"

REST IN PEACE

We often do not know when people who have lived as a part of the Pallottine Family come to the end of their earthly journeys but recently we did hear that that is true for Heller Benner, Maria Rohr, Jane Gooden's mother, Br. Bernie Adams, Cas Glenn and of course, Fr. Joe Butscher.

We pray with and for them and for all the others whom we have cannot name.

UAC Au East LCC Calendar 2023

Day	Date	Time	Event	Venue	Notes
Sun	9-Apr	N/A	Easter Sunday	N/A	N/A
Fri	21-Apr	5pm?	St Vincent Pallotti Birthday	Clayton South	Mass & Shared Meal Bring a plate Organiser: Shibu
Thu	11-May	2.00 pm	LCC meeting	Syndal	Prayer: Justin
Mon	22-May	7.30 pm	Cenacle Prayer	Glen Huntly	Leader: Pat
Sat	27-May	N/A	Feast of Mary, Queen of Apostles	N/A	Parish-level
Fri - Sat	TBA	TBA	NCC meeting	TBA	TBA
Thu	22-Jun	7.30 pm	Cenacle Prayer	Syndal	Leader: Ralph
Sat	22-Jul	7.30 pm	Cenacle Prayer	Ormond	Leader: Siby
Thu	10-Aug	2:00 pm	LCC Meeting	Ivanhoe	Prayer: Mary Whiting
Tue	22-Aug	7:30 pm	Cenacle Prayer	Clayton South	Leader: Joe Shibu
Fri-Sat	TBA		NCC Meeting	TBA	TBA
Fri	22-Sep	7:30pm	Cenacle Prayer	Holy Saviour	Leader: Justin
Tue	24-Oct		Walter Silvester Memorial Lecture		

Times, places and Dates can change.
It's a while since some of these arrangements were made,
so - if to be sure, check with Anne or Merle.

For enquiries:

Anne 9304 2926

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Farewell to Kew

Mark the date for the farewell to Kew now - in your phone, in your diary, on the fridge door!!

Remind your friends, by E-mail, phone, word of mouth. It's such a significant day for many of us!

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Account No. 569130037

ALSO: PLEASE REMEMBER TO INCLUDE YOUR NAME SO WE CAN RECORD YOUR CONTRIBUTION.

During November, we specially remembered the many members of the Pallottine family who have gone before us into eternity –dedicating our Cenacle Prayer at St. Anthony's Glenhuntly on the 22nd to them and , as far as we could, bringing the memorial book up to date. We must now add Fr. Pat's twin brother, Michael, to the list and Margaret Wallis (O'Dea) a very active participant in the Kew apostolate groups.

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