

Holy Spirit Province

NEWSLETTER



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Dear Brothers, Sisters and Friends in the Wider Passionist Family

Christel Harricknen

Christel is the daughter of Paul and Helen Harricknen, from our parish in Boroko, Port Moresby. Paul has been living with our community at Holy Cross, Melbourne and studying at the Yarra Theological Union. Their daughter Cristel, a first year University student at Madang, PNG was stricken suddenly a day or so ago with an as yet unidentified illness which has caused multiple organ failure. Christel died this morning while Paul was still flying home to be with her.

Christel was a wonderful, vibrant, outgoing and very beautiful young lady, much loved by her family and many friends, from school and the parish youth group. Please remember her in your prayers and also her family in their terrible grief.

Tony Doran

Tony is the son of Maureen and Tom Doran. Maureen and Tom are official benefactors of our Oxley community and Maureen prepared meals for the community there for over 25 years. Tony was operated on yesterday for pancreatic cancer. Your prayers are asked for Tony and his family also at this time.

Russ Wintersheidt

Our friend Russ - Passionist Family Groups QLD - is recovering from his surgery and now faces a hefty period of chemotherapy. Russ and Gewn and the family are so thankful for the prayers of so many already, and ask you please to continue to remember Russ and them.

Br Erick CP

Erick, at present on pastoral placement with our community at Oxley in Brisbane returned to Melbourne last week to attend his graduation as a Bachelor of Theology from the University of Divinity. Erick has been doing his studies at the Yarra Theological Union, a member college of the University. Considering he only arrived in Australia as a teenager and struggles still with academic English, his consistent run of Credits and Distinctions is a fantastic effort of which his family, his Passionist family and Erick himself are very proud.



Passionist Assembly



The professed Passionists were engaged last week in our annual Province Assembly. The Assembly, held after Easter each year is a mixture of business, formation and education.

We were able to celebrate together the 60th Profession Anniversary of Fr Gerard Glynn, the 50th Ordination Anniversaries of Fr Tony Egar and Peter McGrath and the 25th Ordination Anniversary of Fr Valensius Son.

Our visiting Professor was the wise and totally extroverted Fr Gwen Barde, a Filipino Passionist, Rector of the Passionist Student House in Manila, a Doctor of Philosophy at the Theology Faculty of the University. Gwen spent time educating us in Asian Spirituality. It was a great informative experience, though tough going at times – but well worth the effort.



Passionist Institute



This weekend 40 or more people will gather at Holy Cross, Melbourne for the Passionist Institute –exploring our charism, spirituality and life. It will be a time of sharing, story, information, prayer and laughter. These Institutes have proved to be key experiences for the people who have attended.

ELSPM –English Language School for Pastoral Ministry



Passionists I Holy Spirit Province, have, with the help of our Christian Brother friends and the generosity of the Sisters of Mercy School- St Aloysius, in Adelaide - after a huge amount of work by Fr Kevin Hennessy and Br Pat Cronin in particular have begun this above school, to be situated in Adelaide to begin with.

This school is designed to provide highest quality English language education but to do so in the context and environment of faith, pastoral ministry , community and partnership. Its not just another language school. The holistic context in which the teaching will take place is of utmost importance. So important are the many volunteers who will support these young religious with tuition, community and family environment, pastoral experiences and practical help. The school will be its o
Wn community. If hyou can help with any of these areas – please get in touch!

Initially workshopped as a resource for our Passionist students coming to Australia and needing English for formation, the idea blossomed into a project to offer top quality English proficiency, at less the cost of a commercial school, and with three times the punch – and to do tis for other religious orders, diocesan priests and pastoral workers, and for others fro the Asian Pacific region who need this language qualifications for their initial training, for academic studies, for work in Australian parishes and ministries or to return to their home countries with the ability to communicate more effectively in the region

We are starting small, with 8 Passionist postulants and 5 Dominican students – but watch us grow!!.

In Christ Crucified
Tom cp
Provincial Superior