

# Holy Spirit Province

## NEWSLETTER

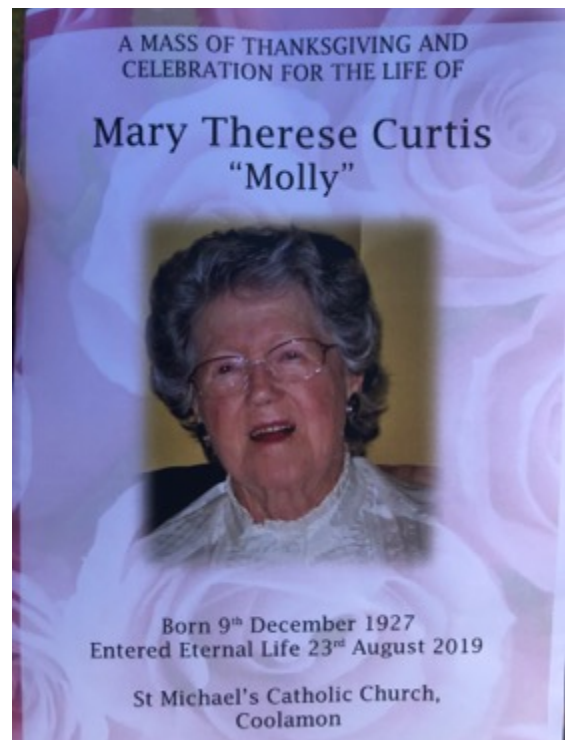
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Dear Brothers, Sisters and Friends in the Passionist Family

### **The Funeral of Mrs. Molly Curtis**

Last Friday, Fr. John and his family, with relatives and friends, celebrated the life of Molly with a Requiem Mass at St Michael's Church, Coolamon. Twelve of our Passionist members, Sr. Brigid from our Cross and Passion Sisters, along with others made the journey from Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney to support the Curtis family.



John and the family thank all who have sent messages of support and the promise of prayers.

### **The USA Mission Appeals**

Our brothers Ray Brain and Thomas Anamattathil finish their many months of preaching through the starts, towns and cities of the USA. Ray commences his

journey home to Adelaide on Wednesday with a stop over the greet old friends in London. Thomas returns via India where he is celebrating the wedding of a nephew.

Nguyễn Ngọc Tuấn however has to carry on for another few weeks before he is able to return to HCMC.

Once again, our many, many thanks for their generous service, so many months away from their home communities. But staying in the houses of our American Passionists means we are always home, wherever we go

### **Fr. Brian Gleeson CP**

Fr. Brian is still in Mulgrave hospital. He is entering his ninth week now and his infections still have not been brought completely under control. The doctors expect it will be another couple of weeks until that happens. And then begins the time in rehabilitation to learn to walk again. Such a long time in hospital, unable to walk is taking its toll, but Brian stays determined

As always Brian is so grateful for your prayers and support. Please keep them up.

### **Back to School**

Fr. John Auram has spent his long USA Summer break in PNG and in Australia for the Holy Spirit Chapter. He has now returned to Chicago to continue his Masters in Pastoral Theology. This is John' final semester. Sadly visa challenge in Port Moresby with the USA Embassy meant Joh lost three weeks of his holiday, which, combined with volcanic ash in West New Britain, made it impossible for him to return to many of his family in his home village

Our students in Vietnam finish their long holidays today (Sunday) and they return to classes in their various seminaries in Saigon.

Our students in Melbourne progress through the Australian academic year's second semester. For a number of our PNG students this is their first experience of tertiary level studies in an Australian Context, and so incredibly demanding.

Our ELSPM English language students are doing incredibly well. Once a week, with the theological students at Yarra Theological Union they share a mass in the Common Room. It is a regular highlight of the week



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Meanwhile back in the novitiate in Adelaide, our novices spend their times in hours of silent contemplation !!!

### **Congratulations John Qi**

Our dear brother from China, John Qi received the results of his IELTS English Qualification exams this weekend. John needed to pass this exam in order to join the other novices in Adelaide. John arrived 6 months ago having completed in a diocesan seminary in China all his studies for Ordination. He arrived with virtually no English but has now passed with flying colours. His quiet nature but mischievous sense of humour makes him a much appreciated member of the Holy Cross community. They will miss him last this week when he leave to join the novices.

(This is not the best photo of John, but the best I could find at short notice)





### **Welcome Matthew Qin CP**

Arriving this week from China is one of the very first class of young men to do their novitiate in Adelaide. Matthew is taking the role of Assistant Novice Master, once Fr. Chris Akiaten leaves to return to His Philippine Province. (A proper Thank You for Chris will be in a following newsletter).

We welcome Matthew who will now be part of our Holy Spirit Province for the next 3-4 year.

### **Acting Provincial**

At the end of this week, I will be arriving in Rome to attend a meeting of the Extended General Council (the General Council plus the Presidents of our various Configurations). Denis Travers, will be attending and presenting a paper at a Passionist Institute in Minsteracres, England. During both our absence, Brian Traynor will be Acting Provincial.

### **The Passionist Youth Retreat Team**

Below is the newsletter from our Youth Team coordinator, Jo McDade, bringing us up to date on some of their wonderful Passionist ministry

In Christ Crucified  
**Tom cp**  
Provincial Superior

# YOUTH NEWSLETTER

## *FROM THE PASSIONIST YOUTH*



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**YOUTH**  
RETREAT TEAM

### **The last couple of months have been full of excitement for The Passionist Youth Retreat Team!**

July 8-11<sup>th</sup> saw the team over in New Zealand running The Passionist Youth Camp- an annual youth camp that has been going for at least 16 years! While our youth numbers were a lot lower this year (only 12 came along) their spirit was catching fire! Their sense of renewal and having an experience of a God of love empowered them to go back to their normal lives filled with hope!

July 12-14<sup>th</sup> was the Young Adults retreat! These numbers were at capacity (35 Young Adults). We saw some familiar face of Paul and Clare Traynor as well as our supreme organizers and very famous Paul and Linda Darbyshire. This retreat we looked at the wholeness of God's love through The Enneagram. Harry is not that funny!

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## RETREAT TEAM

A couple of weeks later back in Australia we ran a year 8 all girls retreat day. With 165 girls we raised the roof with our singing and focused on the theme of "You Matter", an important message to all young people as they navigate the throws of life. The scripture was "Yesterday he loved you, today he loved you and tomorrow he loves you still... nothing will change" Hebrews 13:5.



Ray loves to work with us too!



We literally went from Brisbane to the team's Mid-Year retreat in the mountains to get renewed as a team and refreshed with nature. Hopped on a plane to Sydney and ran 5 days of retreats with St Dom's in Penrith! What a great school. All Boys 780 of them!



Bush walk Mid-Year



Girl time on Mid-Year

### Fun facts...

1. We are still smiling.
2. We outreached to over 920 students in the above retreats not including staff
3. We can't wait to do it again!
4. We don't rely on our strength alone... so prayers please as finish off our year with another 13 more retreats

God Bless,

*Jo McDade*

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