

Holy Spirit Province

NEWSLETTER



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Dear Brothers, Sisters and Friends in the Passionist Family

Another High Risk Weekend

We are being informed that this weekend will be another very high-risk weekend, with the risk of more devastation, loss of homes and properties, and delaying of the recovery effort. Especially heartbreaking for those who have lost everything is for many, not being able to return to even see what little is left of their homes.

In the meantime messages from the Congregation around the world have been coming in to the Provincial Office and through individual religious. Our disaster has been posted on our Congregational Website.

Also as noted so many of our parishes and communities have joined in providing appeals and collections of clothing, foodstuffs and other necessities. Members of our extended Passionist family are offering accommodation for those who have lost everything.

Many of these efforts I know about but not the details so the following photos are just two examples of what is happening elsewhere. The first is the collections at St Anthony in the Fields last weekend. The second is in our parish hall at St Brigid's Marrickville where volunteers are parceling up food for the fires and families.



In Marrickville, it is being organized by The Gift of Bread, an organization that regularly provides bread collected from shops and supermarkets and taken to the poor and other hostels and boarding houses.



Our Sisters of the Cross and Passion Vietnam

During the week our Sisters of the Cross and Passion gave the religious habit to their four novices. The ceremony took place in the chapel of our Passionist retreat of St Paul's in Saigon, and was followed by a roof top bar-b-q with a million-dollar view.

The novices will, as advised earlier, be taking their First Vows tomorrow morning, (Saturday January 11th, 2020) in Saigon.

Our sisters, Nga, Vy, Quang and Mary have been preparing for religious life for four years now. The photo shows the novice sisters along with the classes of young women following them

Please keep their profession day in your prayers. Best wishes can be sent at:

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Farewell and Thanks

One of our Passionist Sisters of St Paul of the Cross, Sr. Johnsy, has returned home to India after two years of missionary work in Vanimo, Papua New Guinea. Sr. Johnsy was one of the first three sisters, with Sr. Rowena and Sr. Emerlinda to plant these Passionist sisters in our wonderful Vanimo Diocese. Sr. Johnsy, who has post-graduation

qualifications in Theology, worked in the Vanimo Diocese Seminary and Minor Seminary. (Sr. Rowena looks after the Senta Bilong Helpim, and Sr. Emerlinda works in the Diocesan Health Centre)

We send our best wishes to Sr. Johnsy for her future ministries.

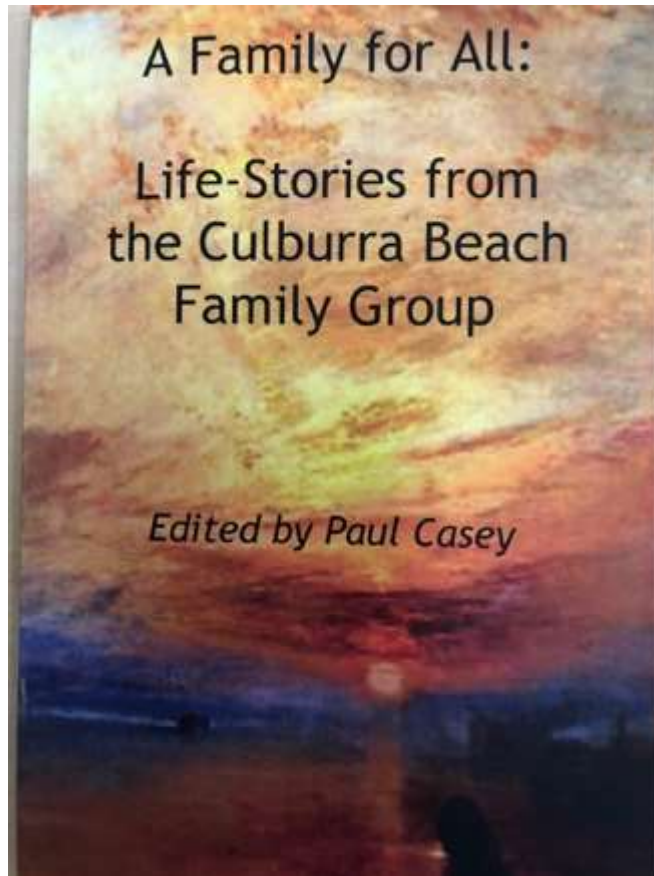


A most welcome Gift

I received from Paul Casey, one of our Family Group leaders from the South Coast, NSW, a truly delightful book: *A Family for All : Life Stories from the Culburra Beach Family Group*.

The book contains the most wonderful personal stories of the members of the Group. They are just great stores of ordinary

people who are in fact extraordinary, sharing their life journeys. The stories are moving, funny, surprising and inspiring in turn. Life is far, far better than fiction.



Rest in Peace : Adrian Gallagher

For those of us around my age, we will remember Adrian, a student with us at the St Ives Juniorate, Goulburn Novitiate and Holy Cross Seminary. Adrian was in Brian Traynor and Peter Addicoat's class. We received word that Adrian had passed away from leukemia in Bendigo on January 3rd, the birthday of Paul of the Cross.

Adrian was the loveliest, gentle person, one of those absolutely authentic, genuine, quiet Australians. The tribute from his daughter and the photo seems he didn't change over all these years.

Dad, you were always there for us kids. Through good times and bad, your door was always open. You loved your footy, and here you are here

with a Hawthorn football player (I don't know who he is) You sent me this photo dad, and I just thought it was some random guy.

See you when I get to the pearly gates dad, I know you'll have a drink waiting for me. Thank you for all you taught us.

Love Jo.



In Christ Crucified

Tom cp

Provincial Superior

Further Information

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The Passionists Holy Spirit Province :

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/HolySpiritProvince/posts/>

Our Holy Spirit Province website:

<https://www.passionists.com/>

For regular Charism & Spirituality updates visit Fr. Gary's Blog: The Passionist Charism

<https://passionistcharism.wordpress.com/>

For Passionist International news, visit the Congregational website

“Passio Christi”:

<http://www.passiochristi.org/>

For news from our Passionist Youth Ministry

<https://www.passionistyouth.com.au/>

For those discerning their future, our Vocation website is

<https://www.beapassionist.org.au/>

For those wishing to financially assist our missions and ministries through our Foundation: A Passionist Heart, visit:

<https://www.apassionistheartfoundation.com/>

For news from our Passionist Family Groups:

Australia: <http://www.pfgm.org/>

New Zealand Aotearoa : <https://www.passionistfamily.org.nz/>

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