

Holy Spirit Province

NOT-SO-NEWSY NEWSLETTER



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Dear Brothers, Sisters and Friends in the Passionist Family

Around the Province

Lockdown, as we know is beginning to ease, at different rates in our different communities, states and countries. Some communities are staying more strictly locked down for another week or two, with more vulnerable brothers in the community. Port Moresby for masses and funerals etc. it is business as usual. In Vietnam all our students are back at face to face college, whereas in Melbourne our theological college, YTU, is keeping online classes for the whole semester. In community lingering-longer meals are the go, movie nights, midweek brunch. For others, work continues with exponentially multiplying Zoom Conferences. Our parish teams are becoming expert at videoing. And, apart from the already illnesses and disabilities, we are all coping well with life in lockdown.

We have begun a series of meetings in each community about what we have learned from this time so far, and what we want to make sure we carry forward. We want to return to our ministry and mission. However, we in community and in ministry we are learning - in some cases relearning – more satisfying and deeply human ways of being together



Prayers Please.

Fr. Pat Rogers is a member of our St Patrick, Hibernian (Ireland-Scotland) province. He is a brilliant scripture scholar, a great scholar and wisdom carrier; a born story teller, raconteur and inviable guest at any dinner table or Trivia Night. At multiple General Chapters, Synods and Assemblies he has been our English-Italian translator (and sometimes Dutch, French, German and Spanish as well). He did this with such a light touch, witty side-comments, voice impersonations, that he kept us delighted (and Fr General Paul Boyle totally annoyed).



We have just heard that Fr. Pat is in intensive care for the past two weeks, he is unconscious, suffering from encephalitis and other complications.

Here is a little video of Pat at the launch of the Loyola Institute of Theology College, [Click here](#)

Please add Fr. Pat to your prayer list for us.

Passionist PFGM International Mass

I mentioned this wonderful mass in an earlier newsletter. Many wrote to express how wonderful they found the mass. One of them was Mary Ingham. Mary was, with Fr. Peter and the first generation, a co-founder really of the Family Groups. Until just a year ago or so she worked in the PFGM NSW, Nation, International offices. She wrote this response:

Many thanks for your lovely message to me after the IFG Mass. It was a wonderful Mass and it brought back many memories of all my years with Peter and the PFGM. I helped Peter set up Family Groups in Ireland and so knew Yvonne Grey who read the first reading very well, and



also John Cassidy from England. I vividly remember the time in Ireland as when we arrived all ready to set up the groups, Fr Eugene McCarthy was the PP as he had spoken about Family Groups and got a huge number of people who wanted to join, but was so disorganized had no leaders, no people to assist us in forming the groups . It was utter chaos, very Irish but somehow we ended up forming 10 groups, with Peter rushing around talking to everyone, and me having to sort out the finer details of each group.

For all who worked with Peter, the scenario is all too familiar.

Mothers' Day

I am never sure where the apostrophe should go in Mothers' Day. However, I hope all the mothers reading this were able to have some rewarding contact with their children. One of our Vietnam English Language Postulants wrote this poem for Mothers' Day. And he wrote it in English.

It's never too late and it can never be too often to let our mothers know our love for you,

I hope you enjoy it. [Click here](#)

Free at Last

When last Sunday we were able to spread our wings a little, our newly arrived Fr. Giltus wanted to see our old monastery at St Ives, originally a very beautiful monastery with a gorgeous cloister. Only the front wing



remains, and the cloister is no more. Here are the front and rear views today.



In Christ Crucified
Tom cp
Provincial Superior

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<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/>

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