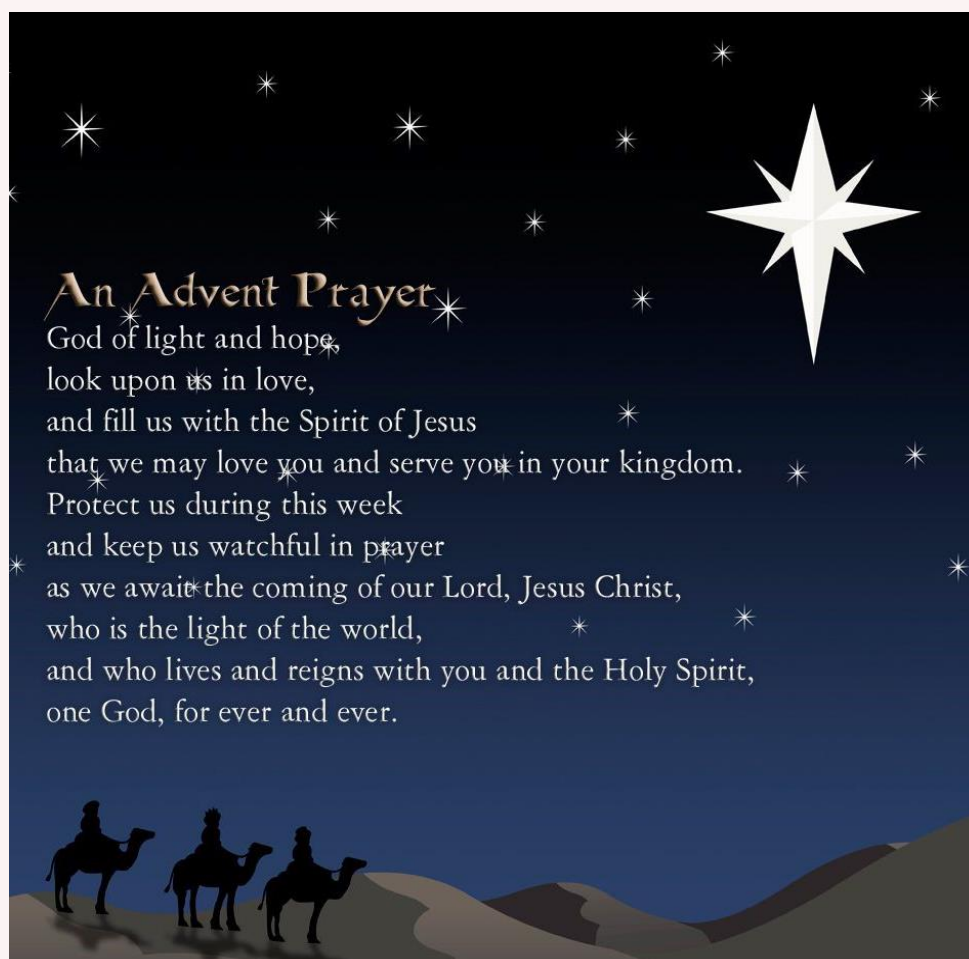


# STUDENT BULLETIN No 13

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## From the Academic Manager's Desk

Dear Students

As we approach the end of this semester there are a couple of activities that I want to highlight for you.

On Wednesday December 9<sup>th</sup> for those in Melbourne we will have a reflection and evaluation day. Due to COVID-19 restrictions this will be held at Ruffey Park, Victoria St entrance, Templestowe from 10.00am until 2.30pm

Thursday December 10<sup>th</sup> – Fun and games online for everyone! This will begin at 10.00am for those who can make it and formally at 11.00am when Vietnam can join in. I'll send you the link closer to the time.

Friday December 11<sup>th</sup> – Online Graduation. This will be at 11.30am and everyone is welcome, family, community, friends. It is a simple ceremony which takes about 45 mins. You can share the link for this.

Time: Dec 11, 2020 11:30 AM Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85186436678?pwd=emZlZlh3b0hlMEdWL2VrdmliUkRzZz09>

Meeting ID: 851 8643 6678      Passcode: 837074

Some classes will continue through the break, but most students will have a holiday until January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021. A well deserved rest, with no screens.

## News from Former Students

Dear Sister Margaret, the Manager of ELSPM and all the teachers and staff,

I am Joseph Nguyen Van Tuan (TJ), a member of the Passionists. I am very glad to read the bulletin from ELSPM at times to know what is happening. It was about two years ago, 2018 – 2019, as a student at ELSPM in Melbourne. In this year, I had lived in the Holy Cross Center with lots of supports, help, and love for me from people there to enrich my vocation life as well as improve my second language. I was blessed to be there to learn the second language and develop English skills and I have learned a lot from all teachers, volunteers and students, thus I was more confident than ever. It was also great time for me to know other students from other countries and their cultures as well.

Time has passed very quickly. After finishing ELSPM, I moved to Adelaide for the Novitiate from 2019 – 2020 for a further training year of my Congregation. Here I also received a lot of love, help, and generosity from the community. Perhaps because of learning English at ELSPM, my year of the Novitiate was more meaningful than I had ever thought before. I really appreciate the help of teachers at ELSPM

Because of the Covid-19, after my Novitiate, I could not go back to my own country, Viet Nam, with my two brothers and we transferred to the community in Sydney to wait for a flight about three months with a course of online classes from YTU. At this time, I also learned many things from the seniors and YTU. Eventually, after few months of waiting, we could book a ticket to go back to Viet Nam on October 7, 2020 and be in quarantine for fourteen days. We can almost meet our Vietnamese brothers in Vietnamese community, I am personally very happy to see them again after more than two years in Australia.

I suppose if I write more, there is not enough space for me to write...hihi...I am just kidding...but I think I should end my writing here. Once again, goodbye to you all and thank you very much for all things you have done for me personally during the time of learning English by different ways and I know not only in the school but also out of school and in prayers. With love to you all, on behalf of my two brothers, I wish you all well and may the Lord, God bless you, accompany you and be always with you all. We hope we can have another opportunity to see you all again in the future.

Perhaps, you have not watched this short video made by brother Vinh, we played this in Sydney, hopefully, you enjoy it.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3qQFj171iG8&fbclid=IwAR0I-BgavDxRa1Mc6HRILVwcZ\\_fA2YlW3DJRh4oh15uNr1-nT3Lv7aBqZ3U](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3qQFj171iG8&fbclid=IwAR0I-BgavDxRa1Mc6HRILVwcZ_fA2YlW3DJRh4oh15uNr1-nT3Lv7aBqZ3U)



Farewell also to Walter and Edward pictured above. While TJ, Peter Danh and Vinh went back in October, it has taken Walter and Edward a few extra weeks before getting a flight home to PNG two weeks ago. They will be continuing their theological studies back home.



Enjoy the launch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2IWti2O8Yr0&feature=youtu.be>

## Congratulations on Ordinations in Indonesia and Box Hill.



We are hoping for photos to share to celebrate the recent ordinations of several of our former students.

### **Redemptorists in Indonesia:**

Ivan (with family)  
Yolus and Linus.

### **SVDs at Box Hill:**

Yosef, John and  
Clement

## Current EAP Staff



**Margaret, Michael and Robyn**  
(so good to have Michael back – zooming from Sydney for gospel sharing but here in person for a visit last week)

## Continuing the ELSPM Story: The Move to Melbourne

ELSPM as you know had a great story to tell in Adelaide but it was time to move. The number of students would not increase as Religious Congregations within the Catholic Church were small in number in Adelaide and Melbourne was the best place to be located. ELSPM has a licence to teach English anywhere in the Commonwealth of Australia. The board of ELSPM thought the campus of YTU at Box Hill, was the best place to be. Fr. Chris Monaghan who is a member of ELSPM board and the Franciscans warmly welcomed the Language Centre to share the classrooms with YTU a centre of learning Theology. So a new exciting venture started in the state of Victoria.

Br. Peter cfc continued as our first manager as Br. Pat came across to begin interviews for new teachers. Fr. Chris and Br. Pat interviewed so many applications. From memory there were over 70 teachers applying to teach in this great centre of learning ELSPM. Of course we chose the best!

Those first staff were Mary Dearing who taught English as a second language at the University of Victoria, Pamela Lawrence (who sadly passed away in 2017) from the University of Melbourne and Ian Harris, who was a teacher at Deakin University. Sr. Liz Tham fdcc continued as our official counsellor. She travelled every six weeks from Adelaide by bus to be part of the story of ELSPM in caring for the students.

### Student profiles



Hang  
Vietnam



Thanh  
Vietnam



Manuel  
Mexico



Margarita  
Indonesia



Truc  
Vietnam



Christina  
Korea

**First Melbourne Class  
Semester 2 2015**

Our numbers grew as other Congregations became aware of our language centre through our written material promotion on the website that went out all over the world. Enquiries came through Major Superiors of International Congregations, Religious in Australia, Bishops and from other Churches. Our first student who enabled us to be recognised as an English provider for the University of Divinity, was Christina from the Baptist Church of Korea. Though at first her church leaders had reservations about the language centre being placed in a Catholic environment, Christina showed great openness to people of other Christian traditions and subsequently achieved her Masters Degree.





Fr. Clement Pappa from Papua New Guinea after gaining accreditation to enter University through ELSPM went on to get his Doctorate. Next time we will understand the changeover of Managers from Br. Peter Downs to Sr. Margaret Bentley and the role that Ian Harris played as a fantastic support to me.

Kevin Hennessy CP

## Emails

Dear Margaret

Hope things are well with you.

Thank you so much for the newsletter, and especially for all the expressions of warmth and appreciation the students put in it. I don't know them now, like I once did, but it's great to see the wonderful quality of the connections that are living there at ELSPM, which was stuff of our dreams when we first started off. It's all that we wished for, and the solid confirmation of our starting goals.

Nice to see that people survived through the long, slow dark "winter" of a Melbourne lockdown.

With God's blessing,

Peter Downs.

Dearest Sr Margaret, Margaret H, Jackie, Mary, and friends!

How are you all there? How is your studying and community and family as well? Wishing you are very doing well and I hope that you enjoy your studying and life there.

Thank you very much for your big love of remembrance of my birthday, I'm very happy with that news. Thank you for your card, lovely words and great cake.

For me, I'm very good here and also enjoy my life too. Even though I don't see you face to face, but you are always in my mind, love, heart and prayers. Sometimes in my meditation I was thinking about you too.

This special time of flooding in the middle of Vietnam, I've often thought about my country where many people have died, hungry and lost. I ask you to remember them in your special prayers. May our loving God heal, comfort and accompany them with their suffering.

Once again, thank you so much for your kindness and love, may the Lord always be with you in your life. God bless you all.

Yours faithfully

My regards and love  
Your friend and brother.  
Paul. Cầu

## Winner of Colouring-in and Reflection Competition

### HOPE

Hope is a simple word but full of meaning.  
It is a magic word.

The word allows a person to endure.

Even though the surroundings are dark,  
grey and unclear,  
hope still shines from the depths of itself.

Hope for something makes humans  
continue to struggle in difficult situations.

If hope remains in the soul, even if love  
and faith have died, be grateful!

Because, hope can bring back the love and faith.

But if hope dies, everything dies, including love and faith.

Hope in all things, so life will shine.

The hope of communion with the Divine makes our struggles meaningful.

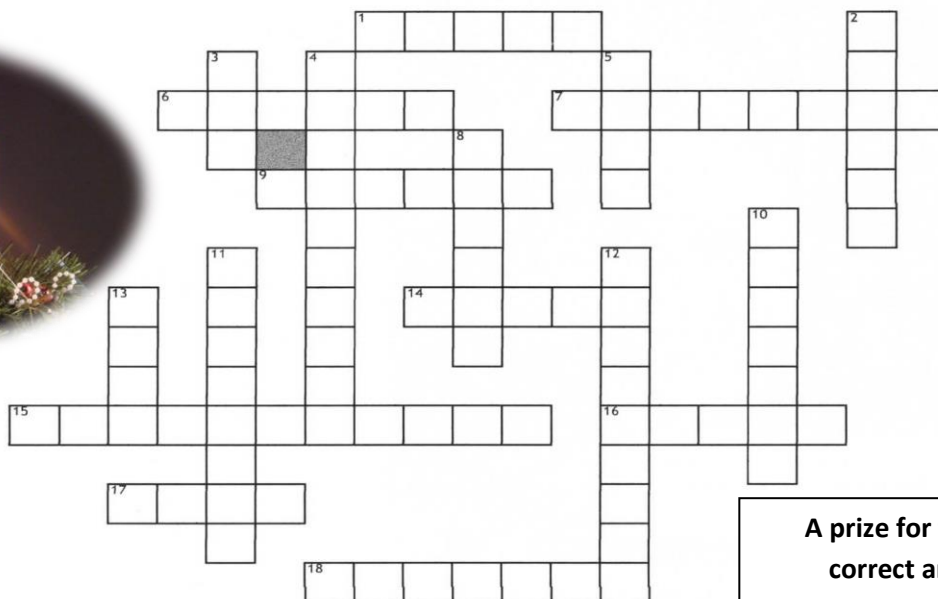


ERNA MARIANA

**CONGRATULATIONS MARIANA**



# Advent



**A prize for the first  
correct answer  
submitted to  
email address below!**

## Across

1. The candle lit on the last Sunday symbolises \_\_\_\_\_.
6. The meaning of Advent
7. This year Advent begins on 29th \_\_\_\_\_.
9. The traditional colour of the season.
14. In which century did this season begin?
15. What do the evergreen branches symbolise? (2 words 7 & 4)
16. In which century was it reduced to the current length
17. A contemporary colour of the season
18. There are four \_\_\_\_\_ in the season

## Down

2. The evergreen branches are shaped into a \_\_\_\_\_
3. The rose (pink) candle on the third Sunday symbolises \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Advent is the beginning of the \_\_\_\_\_ year.
5. What does the first candle lit on the first Sunday symbolise?
8. What is not sung or recited during Advent?
10. The Latin name for the Sunday which is a joyous celebration?
11. The Latin for Advent is \_\_\_\_\_
12. Which feast follows the season?
13. The candle on the second Sunday symbolises \_\_\_\_\_.



Peter Zin – winner of a previous crossword won a jigsaw - successfully completed!

*Don't forget to send in photos as we love to remember and join in celebrating what is happening in the lives of our current and former students.*

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The Staff and students of  
ELSPM wish you a Happy  
and Holy Christmas

