

The Holy Spirit Province NEWSLETTER



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Dear sisters, brothers and friends in the Passionist Family

January 26th. A Pray-For-Australia Day



This day every year arouses deep feelings in most of us. For our First Nation peoples, we know how deeply distressing celebrating this day is, with its living memories of the pain, dispossession and hurt. For others, it is pride and gratitude and hope that is celebrated.

For many of us, both of these feelings are present sorrow and shame for what has happened - and continues to happen for our Aboriginal people, thankfulness for the blessings we also share, and a depending commitment and hope for growing acknowledgements wrongs done, healing of hurts and inequalities that still exist and building, together, a better and brighter future

As Amanda Gorman said so eloquently and movingly last week:

.....We will rebuild, reconcile, and recover.

In every known nook of our nation, in every corner called our country,
our people, diverse and beautiful, will emerge, battered and beautiful.

When day comes, we step out of the shade, aflame and unafraid.

The new dawn blooms as we free it.

For there is always light,

if only we're brave enough to see it.

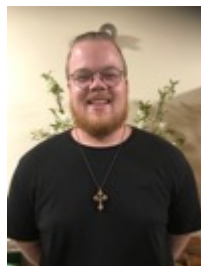
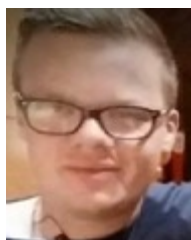
If only we're brave enough to be it.

(The Hill We Climb - Amanda Gorman)

Don't Miss : The Diaconate Ordination of Br Luke Bulley CP
Saturday Jan 30th @ 10.am AEDT

The Ordination mass, with Bishop Terry Curtin will be streamed live from St Paul Apostle Church, Endeavour Hills.

Online Connection details will be sent out later in the week



India's Republic Day. January 26th



India gained its independence from British Rule in August 1947. However, the country continued to be governed under the British Government of India Act in place since 1925. It was in 1950 that the new Constitution for India was enacted into law, and the Republic of India was formally declared.

So we send best wishes to our Indian parishioners, companions and friends. In particular we send best wishes to Fr Giltus in St Brigid's, Fr Justin in the novitiate in Hobart and to Fr Jose and Fr James working with the Melbourne and Sale dioceses respectively. And of course to all our brothers in the Indian Vice province, our prayers and best wishes.

International Holocaust Remembrance Day, January 27th



January 27th 2021 marks International Holocaust Remembrance Day and the 76th anniversary of the Liberation of the Nazi Concentration and Extermination Camp of Auschwitz-Birkenau in 1945. On this day, tribute is paid to all the victims of the Holocaust and gives an opportunity to reaffirm a commitment to combat all forms of antisemitism,

racism and intolerance of any groups of people. Observing this day continues to be of great importance as genocide and group-targeted violence still occur today across several global regions, and antisemitism and hateful discourses are on the rise around the world.

This year, on 27 January at 7pm AEDT (NSW, VIC, TAS, & ACT) and at 4.30pm (ASWT) the Holocaust Museums of Sydney, Melbourne Adelaide Museum will be uniting to present a moving and memorable virtual commemoration.

Register for the online event here: bit.ly/IHRD2021

Congratulation to Our Cross and Passion Sisters.



It was wonderful to receive the news that the founders of the Cross and Passion Sisters, Elizabeth Prout, has received the new stage of acceptance towards her canonization. She is now Venerable Elizabeth Prout. While the Sisters have never doubted that Elizabeth is a saint, it is so rewarding for them to receive the Church's public's acknowledgement of the holiness and generosity of Elizabeth's life, and also the affirming of the lasting worth of her charism of service to women and the poor.

As the Provincial of our St Joseph's Province wrote;

A Letter from Br. John Kearns, CP, Provincial, St. Joseph's Province:

"Dear All

You may have already heard the wonderful news that Elizabeth Prout CP (Mother Mary Joseph) has officially been declared Venerable by Pope Francis.

The official notice states:

Promulgation of Decrees of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints,
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the heroic virtues of the Servant of God Maria Giuseppa di Gesù (born Elizabeth Prout), Foundress of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Cross and of the

Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ; born on 2 September 1820 in Shrewsbury (England) and died in Sutton (England) on 11 January 1864;

Congratulations to all the Sisters of the Cross and Passion and the whole Passionist family. Elizabeth was a remarkable woman in so many ways and we continue to ask her intercession for us and for the whole world.

May the Passion of Christ and the Sorrows of Mary our Mother remain always in our hearts.

John CP

Our Prayer List

The mother of our student, Br Dalset (PNG) has been in hospital in Vanimo for a number of weeks with complication from Malaria. Please add her to your prayers.

And Fr. Francis Xavier Chenampally also in Vanimo accidentally imbibed battery acid from what should have been a water bottle - a small amount at mass to cleanse the chalice. He is recovering well, but is recommended ice cream and yoghurt. Sadly these aren't available in Vanimo.

Fr Lex is recovering from pneumonia. He still has to develop great resilience in his lung capacity, but is recovering well.

Fr Truc's father in Vietnam has also recovered well from his hospitalization. Fr Tony Egar and Brother Mark continue to stay well after their hospitalizations last year.

Fr John Curtis' brother-in-law, Tim, is still recovering slowly from the stroke and still needs our prayers.

Our Passionist brothers in the Philippines send their thanks for the prayers for their recently deceased Fr Archie.

Returning Home

Our novices, and their Formators, Br Larry and Fr Matthew, return to Adelaide this week, after seven months of being in Holy Cross due to State border lockdowns and emergency building repairs to the novitiate section of The Monastery, Glen Osmond. I thank the Holy Cross community for their ready hospitality for the novitiate community. And I thank the Novitiate community for their patient living with the disruptions of COVID.



In Christ Crucified

Tom cp

Provincial Superior

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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

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<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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