

Marist Ex Students Annual Mass & Reunion



Wednesday 20 January 2021
Mass 4.30pm
Champagnat Chapel
Newman College, 216 Empire
Avenue, Churchlands
(Entry via Driveway #5 or #6)

" We can believe in the
LOVE
of the people we have
around us, and there we can find
HOPE."
- Pope Francis
on COVID-19

From the Desk of the Co-ordinator

The year of 2020 has been one of many challenges for our community. The COVID-19 pandemic has had a major impact on travel plans for many of our retirees and has also caused some to be deprived of the joy of sharing time with rapidly growing grandchildren. Hopefully, we are coming towards the end of this challenge when we will be able to freely share the joy of Christmas gatherings with our families.

As previously requested, both Br Noel and I would greatly appreciate your assistance in advising us when any Old Boy has died. We are not across all generations and do not always pick up names on the death notices, hence our need for your help. Better that we have multiple phone calls or emails than hearing that members had passed even a year or two previously, without our having been made aware. Sometimes we are being told by families who are upset that we have sent the deceased person a newsletter, so please help by letting us know when you know.

Likewise, when you change your contact details, please let us know. It may be changes to your residential address or simply your email information. Often, and mostly at this time of year, I hear about members complaining because they are not getting information, and that's when we learn from asking questions that contact details have changed. To offer you a COVID-19 quote: "We are all in this together."

We like to recognise special achievements of members within our group. This year I have not received any information, there have not been any snippets to relay. I am grateful though to Fr David Barry OSB for helping with an update on what is happening at New Norcia.

We will again be holding our Annual Mass and gathering at Newman college where we are hopeful you would join us for the occasion. I look forward to seeing you on 20 January, and in the meantime I wish you a blessed and joyful Christmas.

Legacy of US Presidents:

GEORGE WASHINGTON
I cannot tell a lie.
RICHARD NIXON
I cannot tell the truth.
DONALD TRUMP
I cannot tell the difference.

Did You Know?

Frank Camarri (SIC 1958-62) has just completed a year as District Governor of Lions, covering the lower portion of WA and the 64 clubs operating therein.

It is even better to see that the leaving class of 1962 has now produced two Governors for this role and even more importantly to add that both were members of Salvado House!

The Annual Catch up & BBQ

- **Following the conclusion of Mass**
- **BYO Everything:** Food and drinks of your choice, Eating utensils (plates, cutlery glasses)
- **Barbecues:** are provided for those who require them (and will be lit at 6.00pm)
- **Identification badge:** to be worn if you have one, otherwise, you may obtain one as you register
- **Registration Fee:** \$5.00

New Norcia 2020 Update

Early in January the decision to close the hotel (operating as such since September 1955) came into effect, and the premises returned to their original use as a hostel, for group events and functions. We retain a liquor license which allows the serving of alcohol with meals, and sale of Abbey Ale and wine in the Museum shop. We have also established a liquor license for the Roadhouse, which will come into effect next year.

The COVID-19 pandemic closed down practically all our income-earning departments (Guesthouse groups covering school camps and tour groups), and Museum-Art Gallery with its shop) and the community embraced the self-isolation, social distancing and other inconveniences arising. Concelebration was suspended at our daily conventual mass, and for eleven Sundays in a row (apart from Easter Sunday) Mass was held in the monastery oratory with only the monks taking part. Our first Sunday Mass with a limited congregation was, fittingly, on Trinity Sunday, as both the Abbey Church and NN parish are dedicated to the Holy Trinity.

The restrictions resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic provided an opportunity to attend to a number of areas in the town in need of a facelift. In the weeks when the only business in town open and operating was the Roadhouse-Post Office, large parts of the hostel, Museum/Art Gallery, Old Convent and Guesthouse interiors were painted, the hostel refurbished and adorned with a fresh display of paintings from collections, and the 'rougher' signs of its hotel service removed. Exhibits in the museum/art gallery were further updated and an impressive collection of works from the Namatjira family and restored vestments collections are now on display.

Small groups (minimum of 12) can book for a meal in the hostel, the meal being prepared at the central kitchen in St Ildephonsus'; for 40 or more the meal is prepared in the hostel kitchen.

There have been a good number of first-time West Australian visitors, thanks to the 'hard' border. We look forward to the time when interstate and overseas visitors will be able to visit and share some of what New Norcia has to offer the spiritually hungry and thirsty.

A rock of remembrance has been installed just north of the main church entrance, as a memorial to anyone who in the past suffered any kind of neglect or abuse while in the care of one or other of New Norcia's institutions. Significant advances have been made in the areas of formation, professional standards and Safeguarding of Children and vulnerable adults. And you can keep in touch with recent, current and planned events via the New Norcia website.

David Barry OSB, New Norcia



RECENTLY DECEASED OLD BOYS.

It is with sadness we advise that the following ex-students have been reported as having passed away since our last newsletter.

- Brian Ashby 14/8/19 SIC 1956-57
- Michael Antalpy 2/9/19 SIC 1958-60
- Geoff Burrow 2018 SIC 1954-56
- Dr Joseph Di Camillo 11/8/19 Subiaco 1956-62
- Francis Sutherland 05/18 SIC 1957-58
- Gerard Callaghan 8/12/19 St Mungo's Glasgow – early 1960's
- Clem Hill 13/12/19 SIC 1947-51
- Brian Kelly 20/12/19 SIC 1948-50
- Keith Moylan 21/12/19 SIC 1959-61
- Syd Chesson 23/12/2019 SIC 1963
- Robin Lea 12/1/20 SIC 1954-56
- Adrian Redmond 30/1/20 Subi 1960-63
- David Hodby 8/2/20 SIC 1962
- George Daly (Dellar) 14/3/20 SIC 1955-57
- Terry Le May 14/4/20 SIC 1950-53
- Richard Szczechanski 18/4/20 SIC 1961-63
- John Bona 4/20 SIC 1953-54
- Trevor Corry 11/5/20 SIC 1946
- Alex Brown 14/1/20 Subi/Newman 1961-69
- Kevin Donovan 5/6/20 Subiaco 1954-61
- Joe Kerekes 21/6/20 Subiaco 1958-61
- Frank Merry 6/20 SIC 1943-49
- Barry Gelmi 24/6/20 SIC 1950-52
- Alan Bird 30/6/20 SIC 1949-50
- Ron Byrnes SIC 1951-55
- Joseph Veersteeg 28/6/20 SIC 1961
- Denis Jackson 31/7/20 SIC 1960
- John Carrigg 18/8/20 SIC 1948-51
- Bessell Hanekamp SIC 1937
- Peter Barbetti 25/9/20 SIC 1954-55
- Robert Reynolds 9/11/20 SIC 1954-58
- Francis Watson 12/11/20 SIC 1960-61

From the Archives.....

Br Kevin (Callixtus) Hogan's sister, Peg, recently died. Upon the sorting of her belongings, this photo was found.

Can you identify the year and any of the boys in the photo (believed to be early 1950s)?