



SERRA CLUB of MELBOURNE Newsletter

August 2018

SCANZSPAC CONVENTION

A booking has been made at Catholic Leadership Centre, East Melbourne, for 19th and 20th October. The SCANZSPAC Board Meeting would be held on the previous day. Registration is anticipated to be \$300 per person, with a \$25 discount for 'early bird' bookings. Accommodation is available at the Centre at an additional cost. Serrans should remember that this was the venue for the Serra International Convention held in Melbourne in 2015, and what a wonderful occasion this was.

The Theme of the Convention is "The Universal Call to Holiness". Speakers will be Fr Marcus Goulding, Sister Melanie Edwards MGL, Father Nick Pearce, assistant Vocations Director for the Melbourne Archdiocese, and Father Denis Stanley, Rector of Corpus Christi College Seminary, and Fr Kevin Dillon, who will celebrate the Mass on Friday evening, and as a speaker on Saturday morning.

CATHEDRAL MASS

On Sunday 19th August the Annual Mass to honour the parents and relatives of priests and religious will be celebrated at the 11.00am Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral, which is sponsored by Serra District 89. At this stage it is not known if it will be celebrated by Archbishop Peter Comensoli or Archbishop Emeritus August Denis Hart.

RETREAT AND SEMINARY VISIT

The Annual Serra District 89 Retreat has been booked at Holy Cross Retreat Centre at Templestowe for Saturday 6th April 2019, and as it was such a success this year, the Mass and Luncheon visit to Corpus Christi Seminary will be on Sunday 7th April 2019. 2018 provided a great opportunity to gather on the one weekend and resulted in the best attendance at the Retreat in many years.

PRIEST'S AND RELIGIOUS LUNCHEON

The Annual Luncheon that this club organizes, will once again be held on the second Wednesday in September. The date is 12th September. The venue is once again the Bentleigh R.S.L. 538 Centre Road, Bentleigh. It is on the corner of Arthur Street, which has ample parking at the end of the street, and some parking at the rear of the R.S.L. It is alongside Woolworths Supermarket, which is on the corner of Centre and Jasper Roads. The Lunch will be at noon for 12.30pm and the cost for members is the same as last year at \$40.00.

JULY MEETING

Our Club Chaplain, Fr Gerard Dowling, had been ordained a priest on 27th July 1958, and so it was an occasion for celebration at the Club meeting on Wednesday 25th July. Serrans from Oakleigh Deanery Club joined with Melbourne members for this very special event. Fr Clem Cafarella, who

lives at St Catherine's Presbytery, was ordained at the same time as Fr Dowling and he was also invited. Fr Cafarella celebrates Mass and other pastoral duties, even though he is well past retirement age. Bishop Hilton Deakin and Fr Jack Brady were also Ordained on the same day and were invited, but were unable to come. Both Fr Dowling and Fr Cafarella had other functions to honour their 60th Anniversary, which was very fitting to celebrate the fact that they had devoted their lives to serve others.

Holy Trinity Parish, of which St Catherine's community is part, suggested to Fr Cafarella that it would like to recognize his achievement, and though reluctant, he agreed to have a small afternoon tea on Sunday 29th July. The small afternoon tea resulted in 200 people, including several of his relatives, helped him celebrate this wonderful occasion. Magnificently decorated cakes were made for both functions, and Fr Clem was presented with a book voucher and golf balls by the organizing committee, as Fr Clem still enjoys playing a game of golf on most Mondays.

PETER A COMENSOLI, the NEW ARCHBISHOP

Wednesday 1st August, was an occasion for great celebration for the Archdiocese of Melbourne, with over 3000 people filling St Patrick's Cathedral to witness the installation Mass of the former Bishop of Broken Bay Diocese, as the Archbishop of Melbourne. There were approximately 45 Bishops and 250 Priests present as concelebrants, with the Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Adolfo Tito Yilana, who read the Papal Bull—the letter from Pope Francis appointing Archbishop Comensoli to lead the Archdiocese.

Archbishop Emeritus Denis Hart, Australian Bishops Conference President, Brisbane Archbishop Mark Coleridge were among the Principal Concelebrants.

In his homily, Archbishop Comensoli said that the Church had to be a Church of action. He made particular mention of Australia's first Saint, Mary of the Cross MacKillop, and said that he had come from the city where Mary had completed her missionary journey, to the city where she began it. He urged everyone to visit the location where Mary is honoured, not far from the Cathedral.

He reminded the congregation of their proud Catholic legacy.

As evidence of his priorities, the first thing that he did on arrival in Melbourne was to meet with abuse survivor groups, a deliberate gesture he said, to show that he is genuine about helping survivors.

Deceased

Kevin Crough, who was president of the Serra Club of Melbourne in 1977-78, died on 3rd May 2018. May his soul rest in peace.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

August 22nd	St. Catherine's Church, 2 Buchan Street, Moorabbin
Sept 26th	Rosary 6.15 pm. Mass 6.30 pm. followed by Dinner Meeting in the Sweeney Centre.

October 24th THIS MEETING WILL BE CANCELLED, as the SCANZSPAC Convention has just been held.

SATURDAY MORNING MASS for VOCATIONS

August	St Anthony's, Glen Huntly	9.15am
September	St Patrick's, Murrumbena	9.10am
October	Immaculate Heart, East Hampton	9.00am

MASS ROSTER:

	<i>August</i>	<i>September</i>	<i>October</i>
Reader:	Frank	John	<i>Meeting</i>
Prayers of the Faithful:	Terry	Frank	<i>Cancelled</i>
Offertory Procession:	Max/Alison	Dan/Jo	
Minister of Communion:	John/Dan	Anne/Terry	
Meals Clean Up:	All Members urged to assist.		