



SERRA CLUB of MELBOURNE Newsletter

September 2018

SCANZSPAC CONVENTION

The 11th Biennial Convention of SCANZSPAC will be held at the Catholic Leadership Centre, 576 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne, as has been previously announced, on Friday evening, 19th October and Saturday 20th October.

The opening Mass on Friday evening will be celebrated by Reverend Father Kevin Dillon, at St John's Church, which is part of the complex, at 6.00pm. This will be followed by an informal Dinner.

The Convention, the Theme of which is "The Universal Call to Holiness", commences at 9.00am on Saturday 20th October. The speakers are:

Father Kevin Dillon
Sister Melanie Edwards MGL
Father Marcus Goulding
Father Nicholas Pearce
Father Denis Stanley

The Convention Mass on Saturday evening will be celebrated by Bishop Leslie Thomlinson, Episcopal Advisor to SCANZSPAC, at 6.00pm, followed by the Convention Dinner. The cost is \$300.00 per person, and unfortunately there is not an early booking discount, as the overheads are quite substantial. Accommodation is available at the Catholic Leadership Centre for \$150.00 per room per night, with breakfast included. Accommodation enquiries and bookings by telephone **03 9200 5200** or email: **clc@cem.edu.au**

The success of the Convention depends upon you. Further enquiries may be made to the Secretary of SCANZSPAC, Frank McCulloch, phone 03 9763 1590, or email: frankmarg.72@bigpond.com

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.

CATHEDRAL MASS

Sunday 19th August, was the occasion when Serrans attended the 11.00am Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral, to honour the parents and relatives of priests and religious, which is sponsored by Serra District 89. The Serra Banner was displayed and mention was made at the commencement of the Mass.

K.S.C. CRUSADE PRAYER

Each year, the Knights of the Southern Cross promote prayers for Vocations, and invite individual clubs to sponsor a particular week. Serra has been invited to also participate and District 89 has registered for Week 5 30th September to 6th October.

The K.S.C. Prayer:

Heavenly Father, you know the faith, courage and generosity of your people throughout Australia, including the men and women serving at home and overseas with the Australian Defence Force. Please provide your people in Australia with sufficient Priests, Deacons and Religious to meet their needs and be with them always as the endeavour to meet the challenges of their daily lives. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son. Amen.

THE ARCHBISHOP'S DINNER

The Knights of the Southern Cross once again organised a fundraising dinner to assist the Dioceses of Victoria and the Military Ordinariate in the education of Seminarians, and further education of priests.

This prestigious event was held at Moonee Valley Racecourse on Friday 24th August, and was the 20th such Dinner. Melbourne's new Archbishop, Peter A Comesoli, was the Guest of Honour, and was warmly welcomed by the over 400 men and women present. The Archbishop was presented with a cheque for \$75,000.00 which makes the sum of almost \$1.2 million that has been raised to date. The Archbishop mingled with those in attendance prior to the commencement of the Dinner, and also tried to visit the various tables throughout the evening.

The Guest Speaker was Andrew Bolt, a very well known journalist and commentator on T.V. and radio. The compere for the evening was Shane Healy, who has extensive experience in the media, and in 2015 was appointed the Director of Media and Communications for the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. While the principal purpose of the evening is to raise funds, there is a deeper and broader reason for holding these dinners. It is an opportunity to demonstrate in a tangible way, our support for the Archbishop, the Bishops of Victoria, and Clergy and Seminarians. The Seminarians are invited to attend as guests, and it shows them that the Catholics of Victoria hold them in great esteem.

PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS LUNCHEON

Once again the Serra Club of Melbourne organised a Luncheon to demonstrate our regard and support for our priests and religious. The venue was the Bentleigh R.S.L, which has been very good from the point of accessibility with good parking and fairly central location for those attending. A total of 28 attended, and all appeared to enjoy the themselves. President John Short welcomed our guests, and this was the only formal thing, as the object of the Luncheon is for our guests to be able to relax and enjoy the company, and it is an annual event which has been held each year since the Club was Chartered in 1970. As usual, members of Oakleigh Deanery Club were well represented.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Sept 26th St. Catherine's Church, 2 Buchan Street, Moorabbin
 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.

Nov 28th

SATURDAY MORNING MASS for VOCATIONS

September	St Patrick's, Murrumbeena	9.10am
October	Immaculate Heart, East Hampton	9.00am
November	Our Lady of the Assumption, Cheltenham	9.00am

MASS ROSTER

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