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Sister Marguerite Moloney presenting the Charity Award

At the end of 2001 Sister Marguerite retired from the staff at St Columba's College where she had ministered in administration since 1991.

Marguerite had previously taught at the College for seven years until 1961.



For the last two years she was involved with the HSC students who held her in great esteem and affection.



St Vincent's College Potts Point

Blessing and Opening of the Technological and Applied Studies (TAS) Centre

On Sunday 4th November 2001 the TAS centre was blessed by the College Chaplain, Father Gerard Moore, SM and officially opened by Dr Louis McGuigan, Chairman of the College Foundation. Sister Annette Cunliffe, Congregational Leader of the Sisters of Charity addressed the gathering.

A family Mass in the grounds preceded the blessing and opening. Following the formalities many stayed on to enjoy a BBQ lunch and to catch up with friends.

The TAS centre is located in the building, known to many as the old boarder's dining room.

Editorial

Celebration is the central theme of this edition of K.I.T. Recorded are accounts of celebrations of various kinds. Jubilee celebrations of significant milestones in the lives of several of our sisters, a celebration of Prague House's twenty fifth anniversary and investiture celebrations associated with the commissioning of two new College principals. Celebrations that were filled with sadness were those held to celebrate the lives of three of our sisters, Imelda, Kathleen and Barbara who died recently.

Time marches on. It will be Holy Week when you read these pages, a week during which we commemorate and reflect on the central mysteries of our faith. May it be a time of deepening of your faith and of rejoicing with the Risen Jesus.

A joyous Easter to all.

Maria Wheeler, RSC

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Commissioning of New Principals for:

St Vincent's College

Ms Michelle Hugonnet was installed as the second lay-principal of St Vincent's College Potts Point at the Opening Mass for the year at St Mary's Cathedral on Tuesday 5th February 2002. Bishop David Cremin was the celebrant and preached the homily. He spoke warmly of Michelle's personal qualities of enthusiasm, integrity, openness and care as well as her outstanding involvement and leadership in Catholic Education. Bishop Cremin said he was confident Michelle would carry on the great traditions of the College and be a role model for the young women entrusted to her care.



Prior to commissioning Michelle as Principal of the College, Sr Annette Cunliffe, Congregational Leader spoke of Michelle's long involvement with the Sisters of Charity as a student, as the first lay principal at St Mary's Liverpool and more recently as Chair of the Sisters of Charity Education Council.

The College Captain, Lucy Campion welcomed Michelle saying that new leadership of its very nature brings change, which is at once exciting and challenging. Lucy exhorted all to support Michelle in this process. Present in the Cathedral for the Mass and commissioning ceremony were staff and students as well as a large gathering of parents, ex-students, board members and a number of Sisters of Charity including the Sisters on Congregational Council. An especially proud guest at the ceremony was Michelle's father.



Mt St Michael's College



On 6th February 2002, before an audience of students, teachers, parents, various school Principals, College Board members, Sisters of Charity, representatives of Catholic Education in Queensland, and members of her family and friends, Ms Alison Terrey was commissioned as the second lay Principal of Mt St Michael's College.

In the tradition of the College, the ceremony, prepared by the Chaplain, Sr Maree Hutchinson, was simple, deeply spiritual and dignified. The ceremony featured three symbols, the Bible representing the word of God, a basket woven by Zambian women symbolising our connection with a world larger than ourselves and flowers taken from the College gardens as a sign of growth. Sr Annette Cunliffe, Congregational Leader, gave a moving reflection before officially investing Ms Terrey with the office of Principal.

This was followed by a series of blessings offered by the Sisters of Charity present at the ceremony, the College Board Members, College Staff and Students. After the ceremony, Ms Terrey had time to mingle with her guests at a morning tea served by the Hospitality students.



Village Life in the Solomon Islands



Sister Karan Varker is currently working in the Diocese of Gizo in the Solomon Islands at the request of Bishop Bernard O'Grady OP. Karen is assisting the Diocese in setting up Catholic schools by providing in-service for the Catholic Teachers.

“Life in the Solomon Islands is so different from life in Australia” says Karan. “Here most of the people have no electricity, no refrigeration and no running water. They depend wholly on the rainfall, which can be unpredictable. The heat makes it difficult to sleep at night. Food is mainly root crops such as taro plus rice and fish. Fortunately the people are good at fishing and some of the fish are very big. Because most of the locals make their living diving in the sea, there are many drownings. Their equipment consists of a dugout canoe, a glass mask, an air tank and a home made spear.

There is a small hospital here in Gizo, and two volunteer doctors from St Vincent's Hospital Sydney work here for three months at a time. Malaria, carried by mosquitos and there are plenty of mosquitos in this tropical climate, the cause of a lot of sickness and many deaths. Out in the villages there is very little in the way of medical help. The other day we offered to give up our airline tickets on a flight to another island for a seminar, for a young 18 year old man dying with bone cancer. He wanted to go back to his village before he died. He said the cancer in his lower back made it too difficult to sit so he said he would make the six-hour sea journey lying down in a canoe. He died in his village the day before we arrived by plane.

For myself, where I am staying we have no refrigeration, so have no means of storing any food so what food we have, and there's little enough of it, has to be eaten then and there. Each evening we have electricity from 7pm to 9.45pm, provided the generator is working or the electricity wires haven't been cut. Often we have no running water, which means carrying buckets for the toilet and shower.

Also the tank for our drinking water has leaked so we have had problems getting drinking water. We have nothing else to drink except tea and coffee (THANK GOD).

People depend mostly on dugout wooden canoes for transport. Some have outboard motors but the cost of fuel is beyond the budget of the majority so they use paddles or at times small material sails. When I travel by canoe I have learnt by sad (sunburn) experience to cover my nose and lips. Most times when I finish the trip, my clothes are soaked with salt water.



Recently I had almost a week in a village. Here I had to sleep on boards (quite a challenge for someone who likes her comfortable bed) in a little shelter that in addition to the two wooden beds had a little plain text and two wooden chairs.

There was no tank water and no piped water in the village so we had to find a spot in the stream for the daily wash. I wore my clothes into the stream and washed them on me and then went back to the shelter in the wet clothes. This small stream is used by the villagers for everything! The village people mostly live in leaf houses, with bamboo or sand floors and leaf walls and roofs.

The children in the villages I visit have never seen a white woman before so they just stare at me but they are quick to laugh when I make funny faces for them. They have little clothing and what they do have is often old and torn. In the school, a leaf structure with a sand floor, seldom have pens or pencils or exercise books, which makes teaching difficult. Teaching is therefore mainly repeating things eg tables. They have no musical instruments but sing a lot, harmonising naturally. The Catholic teachers are very impressed with the beautiful religious education program books, financed by the Sisters of Charity Foundation. They are very grateful for the help being given them as they are so deprived of teaching materials.

Because of the difficult lifestyle here, the people become very aware of and dependent on, the providence of God”.

Thank you Karan for sharing your experience with us.

Golden Jubilarians

Our congratulations to Sisters

Christine Madden, Maureen Walters, Maria Carmel Cullen & Eileen Browne who celebrated their Golden Jubilee of Profession on 24th January 2002.

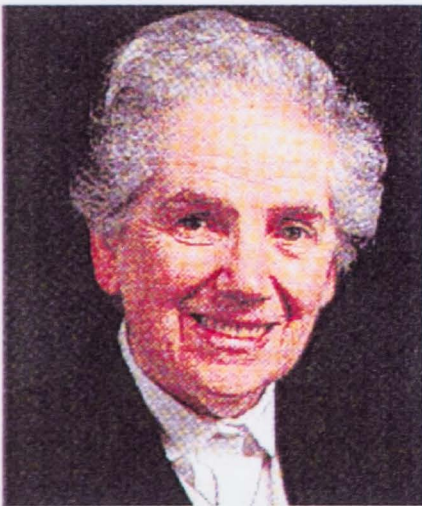
In early December a number of Sisters joined **Sister Christine Madden** and her immediate family for a special Mass, the liturgy for which was organised by Sr Laureen Dixon, followed by afternoon tea, to mark the occasion.

Christine had requested a very low-key celebration however Bishop David Cremin who was the celebrant at the Mass in Our Lady of the Rosary Church at Kensington spoke about Christine's religious commitment and the contribution she had made to the Congregation and the wider Church.

At the end of Mass Sr Annette Cunliffe, Congregational Leader, presented Christine with a Papal Blessing and she too disobeyed and spoke of Christine's loyalty and generosity and the positive influence she has had on so many young women over the years.



Sister Eileen Browne chose to mark the occasion very quietly with her Liverpool community.



Sister Maureen Walters recently celebrated the Golden Jubilee of her religious profession as a Sister of Charity. On Saturday 26th January 2002, in the chapel at St Vincent's Hospital, Melbourne, members of Maureen's family, her community and many Sisters of Charity, gathered for Mass, to pray with and for Maureen in thanksgiving for 50 years of dedicated commitment as a Sister of Charity. To Maureen's great joy, two of the Sisters who entered with her - Sisters Eileen Browne and Christine Madden travelled to Melbourne from Sydney to celebrate with her. A fourth member of their original group, Sister Maria Carmel Cullen was unable to be present, but joined them in spirit and prayer.

The Eucharistic celebration was one of thanksgiving and joy and the scriptural readings, prayers and hymns which were chosen by Maureen, reflected her deep spirituality, her prayerfulness and her gratitude to God for her vocation. During his homily Father Malcolm Crawford paid tribute to Maureen, to her total commitment to the healing ministry of Christ, to her ministry in nursing and leadership in many of the Congregation's health care facilities, and to her vision and practical care for those who are poor and disadvantaged.

The celebrations continued over afternoon tea with many stories and happy memories shared by all who have been part of Maureen's life as a Sister of Charity over the past 50 years.

Maureen's prayerfulness, her trust in Divine Providence, together with the motto of the Sisters of Charity - "the love of Christ urges us" have been the inspiration for Maureen over these 50 years of dedicated service as a Sister of Charity.

Congratulations Maureen, and thank you.

Vale - Sister Barbara Mary McGregor, RSC



Sister Barbara Mary died peacefully on Sunday evening 10th February 2002 and her requiem Mass was celebrated at All Saints Church, Fitzroy on Thursday 14th February 2002. The chief concelebrant was her long time friend Father Christopher Gouling OFM. Other celebrants included Fathers Pat Harvey PP, Michael Elligate PP.

Barbara entered the Sisters of Charity Novitiate in 1960 and was professed on 24th August 1962. A nurse, she spent extended periods of time nursing in both St Vincent's Sydney and Melbourne where she was greatly respected and loved by her colleagues and patients. Her care for the individual and her generosity were exemplary. A keen musician, she was very generous in using this talent to enrich the liturgy in both her community and the parish.

On hearing news of Barbara's death, Mr Adrian Verryt, Director of Mission at St Vincent's Hospital Sydney issued the following e-mail message to campus personnel. Adrian captures many of those attributes, which we so fondly remember:

"Many of you will remember Sr Barbara more recently in her capacity as Staff Ministry sister working alongside Sr Margaret O'Brien. Barbara brought much passion and energy to her ministry and would be remembered for only one speed - Full Speed Ahead.

Even after being diagnosed with cancer Sr Barbara still went about her daily work with the same vitality and enthusiasm. A recent move to Melbourne was to allow Barbara the opportunity to catch up with family and friends. Here she undertook volunteer work at St Vincent's Melbourne until such time as her illness made it no longer possible for her to do so."

A memorial Mass was celebrated in the Campus Chapel on Monday 18th February 2002.

Vale - Sister Mary Imelda Green, RSC

Sister Mary Imelda died in late January, following a short spell in hospital as a consequence of a fall.

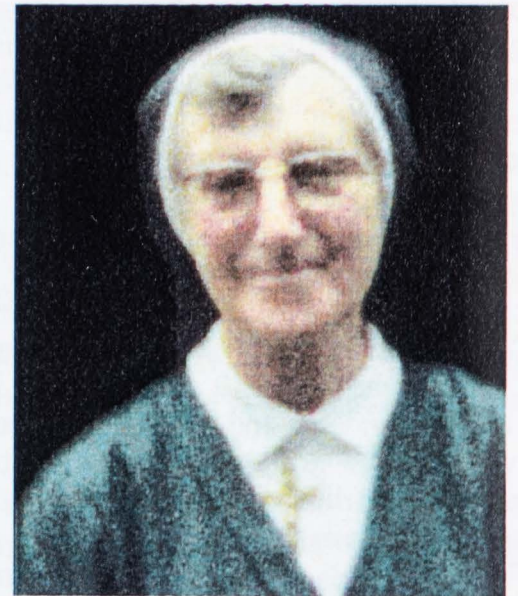
Sr Mary Imelda was born Kathleen (Kitty) Green in 1907 and entered the Sisters of Charity in 1926. Her sister Eileen also entered the Sisters of Charity and took the name Sister Monica and two of their brothers became Redemptorist Priests.

As a Sister of Charity she had a long teaching career, spending many years at East Melbourne (35 years) and St Teresa's Essendon; upon retiring from teaching she took on a second career, that of visiting the sick, aged and lonely in the Essendon and Moonee Ponds areas. Finally on retirement when she went to live at Caritas Christi Hostel (Convent), Kew. Sister turned her hand to helping the work of the Overseas Aid helpers by repairing clothing to be sent to the Missions.

In more recent times, Sr Mary Imelda took up handicraft including ceramics, card making and painting. Sister was first at all activities and the last to leave.

She appreciated visits from her friends, relatives and her many past pupils and always expressed her gratitude with a very firm "thankyou" and shake of hand or cuddle.

Another great interest Sr Imelda had was her Friday selection of the horses and her tipping competition during the football season – both these interests gave her great pleasure and she was a successful punter.



Sr Mary Imelda's funeral Mass took place at Sacred Heart Church, Kew where the celebrants who had been associated with Sister over the years joined Fr Malcolm Crawford, the Parish Priest.

Fr Peter O'Donnell CSsR, a past pupil gave the homily and Frs Peter Kenny, Pat McQuillan and John Mullally all worked with Sister in her Parish visitation.

Vale - Sister Kathleen Fanning, RSC

Died in St Vincent's Private Hospital, Melbourne on Saturday 2nd February 2002, the 47th anniversary of her entrance into the Sisters of Charity novitiate

Elizabeth Costigan, who entered the novitiate on that day with Kathleen shared the following thoughts at Kathleen's Requiem Mass.

"Throughout the celebration today, we have already been reminded of so many of Kathleen's attributes contained in her life story of 65 years – 44 of which she lived as a Sister of Charity."

Through the symbols placed on her coffin at the beginning, the readings from Proverbs and John's Gospel, the prayers of intercession, Fr Christopher Goulding's Homily, the hymns we have sung, some of them chosen by Kathleen and Family when they celebrated her mother's life in this church 5 years ago; Loreto's tribute: we have had placed before us the woman who is far beyond the price of pearls and who is loved, admired and respected by all of us here present and many others who have been influenced by her in so many ways.

Kathleen's influence extended to P.N.G. where she spent seventeen years in Bundi and Megiar to her eleven years of teaching the little ones in N.S.W. and here in Melbourne at Oak Park and Airport West; her Renewal in 1976 at the N.P.I. and then these last fifteen years when she ministered to the marginalised in Fitzroy and Healesville, including her more recent ministry to the carers of the eastern region situated at Comely Bank, the place she loved so dearly. Kathleen lived to the full her vow of service to the poor.

Kathleen never pushed herself forward or sought any limelight or wanted things for herself. She was completely selfless, lived simply and as an acquaintance described her yesterday – she oozed serenity.

However, a few years ago Kathleen shared with some friends her three wishes and they were to visit Perth, to visit the Hall of Fame at the M.C.G. and to visit ASSISI. Unfortunately her first two wishes weren't fulfilled but in 2000 she had the most wonderful experience of her life when with Patricia and Lossie she travelled overseas and fulfilled her third wish when she spent time in Assisi.

St Francis Assisi, speaks to us of simplicity, humility, peace, love, truth, hope, compassion, trust, virtues that shone out in Kathleen. During these last weeks when she faced her own vulnerability and she knew that her days on this earth were numbered the words "thank you" were uttered by her so many times and she couldn't believe how so many were expressing their love and care for her.

Her beautiful sense of humor, which was so much part of her, was present to the end. There was always that twinkle in her eye, which made her accessible to us.



*Kathleen our lives are all richer for having known you
Whether just for a moment or indeed for your whole life span
Your kindness so unsurpassed, your humor so infectious
Your nature so beautiful, your love for us so precious
Your gentleness, simplicity and goodness so inspiring
Your faithfulness to your God so constant
Your quiet speech, your intense listening such a treasure
Your constancy in expressing God's love to family, friends,
strangers and colleagues Your courage to conquer any hurdle
that life threw in your way
An inspiration to all of us to enjoy each and every day.*

One of many legacies Kathleen leaves us is one we'll not forget **REMAIN YOUNG AT HEART** and **ACTIVE OF MIND** to **LIVE LIFE WITH NO REGRET**. Knowing this great woman has touched us all, for each, in a different way.

*Kathleen Fanning thank you so much for sharing your
life with us every single day.*

A tribute from Kathleen's niece, Loretta.

Loretta spoke of Kathleen just being a name to she & her siblings as young children and whom they sang to on tapes and for whom their Nana made Christmas cakes, which Dad iced.

When Kathleen returned to live in Melbourne, Loreto said, *"we quickly learnt that she was one more person who loved them and made them feel special. Someone who shared a special bond with their father and who would laugh at his jokes. We never quite worked out how at times Dad would tell us not to shout and yet on more than one occasion he was heard to say to Kathleen "for God sake woman would you open your bloody mouth". Kathleen spoke ever so softly. (One sister later reflected on the fact that she only ever heard Kath lose her cool on one occasion- that being when a back seat driver was issuing instructions). Kathleen was a great lover of all sport, but particularly her Mighty Demons. She was a loyal supporter and even though she did her best to be on side with us all she could never side with Mum and Katrina to support the Cats. The mystery was that she could go to the football with Trish and they still remained friends."*

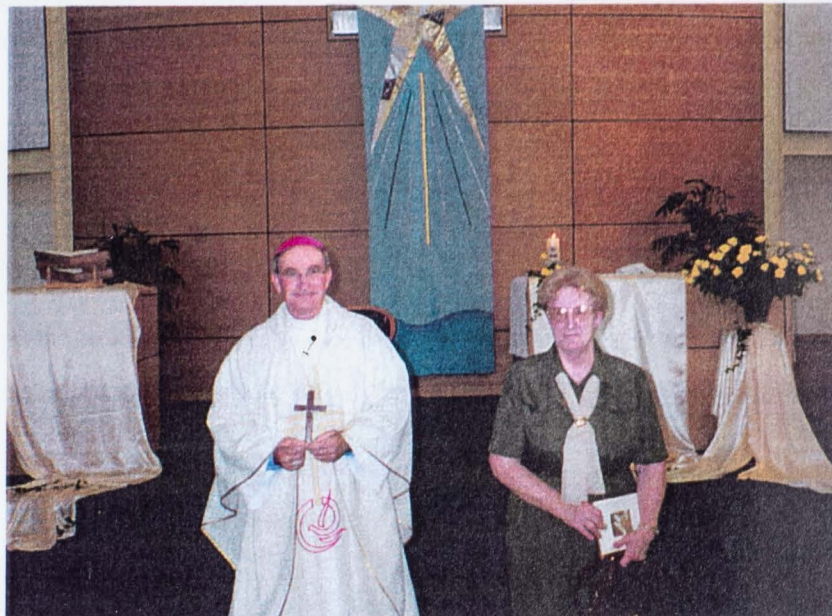
Golden Jubilarians (Con't.)

Sister Maria Carmel Cullen celebrated her Jubilee in Toowoomba on Sunday 20th January 2002.

Family, friends and Sisters of Charity gathered together at St. Theresa's in Toowoomba to celebrate with Sister Maria Carmel Cullen on the occasion of her Golden Jubilee on 20th January. Maria Carmel is a true daughter of the Darling Downs having left from Toowoomba in 1950 to travel to Sydney to the novitiate of the Sisters of Charity.

Bishop 'Bill' Morris, who is well known to many Sisters of Charity, celebrated the Eucharist and he spoke warmly of the 50 years of dedicated service Maria Carmel has given to the Church, with energy, skill and compassion particularly through her ministry in our Congregational hospitals. Sister Annette Cunliffe presented Maria Carmel with a Papal Blessing at the end of the Eucharist.

Of special delight to Maria Carmel was the ability of so many of her large and close family to be present. Three of her sisters and her brother carried the Offertory Gifts to the Altar, which was decorated with a simple gold cloth with the gold roses chosen by Maria as a background.



Silver Jubilarian

Sister Linda Ferrington who celebrated her jubilee in October 2001 with a concelebrated Mass in the chapel at St Vincent's College.



The chief celebrant was Father Paul Slyney, a long time friend of Linda's. Other celebrants included Fr Michael Foster, rector of the Seminary, Fr Terry Bell, Fr Richard Gates, Fr Martin Kershaw (*from England*) and Fr Barney Lynch from Cobargo who was parish priest of Curtin ACT when Linda taught at Holy Trinity.

The liturgical celebration reflected Linda's love of celebrating with a rich and colourful ritual and involved members of Linda's family, friends and fellow Sisters of Charity.

Father Slyney spoke of Linda's fidelity, her enthusiasm and her ability to get you to say "yes". He also referred to the fact that when Linda was around you had to be prepared for the unexpected.

This same celebrating atmosphere was evident at the afternoon tea enjoyed by the 150 guests. Special guests at the celebrations were her Mother, Maud, Aunt Rita, her sisters and brother and their families.

Her sister Ruth proposed the toast to Linda and spoke of the family's love for Linda and how proud they all were of her. The one regret being that her Father, Frank did not live long enough to celebrate the occasion with his favourite daughter.



Back to Strathmore

Celebration of Sixty Years for the Parish of St Vincent de Paul

Something worth celebrating? Sixty years of faith, dedication, joy, sacrifice, friendship. YES, it definitely was.

Earlier last year a committee including amongst its members Sisters of Charity was formed to plan the celebration. St Vincent's Primary School students visited historical Rosebank, built in 1892. It view the wall hanging depicting the history of Sisters of Charity since 1937, which was the year they opened the school at Strathmore.



The dedicated committee had also prepared an historical exhibition in the school – even a model of a sister wearing the traditional habit of the Sisters of Charity. This exhibition was open over the three days of the celebrations.



On the Saturday over 200 people came for a tour of 'Rosebank'. There were many Sisters on hand to welcome people and show them around the building and the guests were encouraged to view the city from the rooftop. Of course the day would have been incomplete without the Devonshire tea.

The ultimate celebration was on the Sunday when past priests, parishioners and sisters, both past and present, gathered to celebrate the liturgy. The church was filled to overflowing and the atmosphere was one of gratitude.



Fathers Frank Larsen, Brassier and several Columban priests assisted Father Dom de Giorgio, and Father Gerard Dowling, ex student and parishioner of the parish, preached the homily. Many were delighted at the presence of Sisters Eleanor, Philip and de Ricci at the celebrations.

*A great celebration – a great reunion
– a great day to give thanks*

Margaret Nabbs RSC

PRAGUE HOUSE

celebrates 25 years

of providing accommodation and care for men who are socially and financially disadvantaged.

The 25th anniversary of the opening of Prague House was 21st November 2001.

A celebration to mark the occasion was held on 8th November 2001.

Sister Mary Gabrielle Clarke shares her reflections on the day.

What a beautiful day in every way! The weather was kind and the front lawn a picture to behold- at least ten tables beautifully decorated with cloths, ivy and small flowers. The most important decoration was of course the people gathered- visitors and friends of our Prague House men, the staff and volunteers.

Judy MacWilliams introduced the day; Sister Mary Gabrielle RSC gave a concise history of Prague House; Terry Clair spoke as a volunteer; Sister Maria Cunningham added to the Sisters of Charity connection; Val provided the music, Sister Joan introduced the Reflection and Jill continued the line of speakers. It was a very inspiring experience- Sister Francesca would have been very pleased with the result of her dreams.

The formal proceedings were followed by a smorgasbord lunch and a group of people significant to Prague House blew out the candles on the cake while we all sang "Happy Birthday".

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CURRAJEEN Retreat Centre

Currajeen is located at Doreen, which is a semi rural retreat about 45 minutes drive from Melbourne, so it has the best of both worlds. For city girls like ourselves (Margaret Dwyer and Ann Conway), life at Doreen is beautiful and we have a wonderful garden and peaceful surroundings which make it an ideal place for retreats. This year we ran six directed retreats and seven guided retreats that were well attended. Unfortunately for retreat houses, people do not think of making their retreat until later in the year. Our retreats in November-December could be booked three times over.

In August for the Congregational feast we had a visit from the sisters from Caritas, Kew. It was a great afternoon. It was the only fine, sunny day that week, Mary was looking after us, no doubt!



The garden was ablaze with clouds of daffodils; the daphne bushes were doing their bit, as was everything else in the garden.

Afternoon tea was interspersed with trivia quiz, and various prizes were awarded for speed and accuracy. It was a really good afternoon and allowed the sisters from Kew to see the developments and changes that had taken place. As a reminder of the event each sister was presented with a colourful potted polyanthus to take home. It was a successful afternoon, which we intend to repeat soon.

Ann Conway RSC



The Sisters of Charity Congregational Offices and the Foundation Office have relocated from Paddington to Bondi Junction and the Sisters of Charity Health Services (National Office) have relocated from Darlinghurst to the same location at Bondi Junction.

The new premises provide the needed space that was required for the personnel working in the various offices. The office layout and décor, thanks to Ms Jenner Plomley's direction and supervision, provide a much more pleasant working environment.

New Congregational Offices



In mid November Sister Annette Cunliffe and Council gathered with all those working in the new offices for a very moving prayer ritual led by Sister Linda Ferrington. As part of the prayer each one present was invited to put forward a symbol of her/his ministry and to share their thoughts on their symbol.

This was followed by a symbolic blessing of the premises carried out by the Congregational Leader, Sister Annette and Dr Stuart Spring, National Chief Executive Officer of the Sisters of Charity Health Services.

Those present then enjoyed refreshments during which a vote of thanks was made to Jenner by Sister Annette congratulating her on the finished office set up and on orchestrating such a smooth transition to the new premises.

Volunteers: Cheap at Double the Price

I occasionally attend Briar Terrace a small cottage in Fitzroy conducted by the Sisters of Charity, where people come to talk, listen, play cards or have their lunch in pleasant surroundings. If they are fortunate they might receive home made scones but always there is the welcoming tea, coffee and biscuits.

We would seldom have more than six people at any one time but there is a constant stream throughout the day. Either to come off the streets, hear the gossip or give some. It is a welcoming place where people receive a personal human touch and a listening ear. It lacks the bluster of larger organisations.

You are part of a community where all need to contribute to the well being of the place. It is small, personal, caring and provides few services other than a very personal touch and a good listening ear for those worried or have few people to talk to and are lonely.

On one occasion a caller broke our only ashtray and he was most upset. Next day he returned with a bright new stainless steel ash tray that has done service ever since. We really appreciated his gracious gesture despite the fact that on the bottom of the ashtray is the engraved name of the original owner. He wanted to belong and feel part of the place and return thanks and appreciation for being able to come and be welcomed. Others also bring small items when they notice a need. There is more a family atmosphere here as we sit around the round table and share our stories, sometimes of the past generally about the present.



There is a short reflection at the commencement and end of the day for the volunteers and this self reflective moment is where you find

out how much the callers have enriched your life in trusting you with an insight into their lives, a revelation, a truth and most of all much homespun wisdom from the university of life.

Some of the volunteers go visiting people who are unable to move out of their homes and visits here are most appreciated. Giving help with making beds, assisting with shopping but mainly bringing a friendly comforting stance that brings dignity to the person.

Briar Terrace is a fine example of the mustard seed or the yeast in the loaf of the Gospel story, from a very small base it achieves great things in the lives of all that attend whether they are callers or volunteers. It is a place for making friendships, meeting unforgettable people but expecting grand results, just a simple thank you.

Sr Cathy Meese RSC

Shellharbour in January

In January Ellen O'Carrigan and Judith Clark organised a holiday at Shellharbour for a group of senior sisters. Forgotten were the knee replacements and the like as the bathing beauties, led by Helena, Catherine O'Carrigan and Rose Anne headed for the local pool meeting other bathing beauties in Josephine, Anne Louise, Kerry Anne and Frances.



The spies report that not too many laps were completed but that there was lots of talking and laughing going on in the pool.

In between the swimming, walking along the beach and visiting friends many games of scrabble and canasta were hotly contested by the holidaymakers.

What's the date for next year's holiday?



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