

The Vine

Lay Carmelite Newsletter for Australia & New Zealand

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I have written these things briefly to you establishing a way of life for you, according to which you are to conduct yourselves. If anyone does more the Lord himself, when he comes again, will repay him. You are, however, to use discretion, which is the moderator of virtue.

Rule of St Albert 24 [Epil., xxi]

Editorial

Peter White TOC



Greetings to you and your Communities.

Our cover for this Issue depicts St Albert of Jerusalem whose Feast Day is on 17 September.

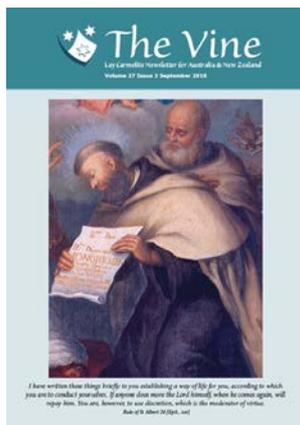
In recent months, there have been a number of meetings, the Carmelite Provincial Chapter, the Lay Carmelite Assembly and the election of our current Lay Carmelite Council and their inaugural meeting. Each of these has sought to demonstrate an open and transparent approach to decision making. Lay Carmelites were present and participated in the Provincial Chapter. For the first time, the Assembly elected members of the Lay Carmelite Council, and most recently the Lay Carmelite Council has engaged more Lay Carmelites in the activities of the Council.

I want to therefore take the time in this Issue to bring you up to date on some of the decisions and changes that have occurred as a result. Fr Paul Cahill, the newly elected Prior Provincial, has provided a message to all Lay Carmelites and an article on changes at the broader Carmelite level. I have a report on the Lay Carmelite Assembly at Jamberoo and Fr Paul Gurr, as our Lay Carmelite Provincial Delegate, provides the details of the election of the Lay Carmelite Council and what happened at the first Council meeting.

There is Community News as always and we remember with great fondness and love Pam Dewhurst and Grahame Sievers. Included in our list of birthdays, I just want to single out Peter Cody who has celebrated his 90th birthday – congratulations Peter. Finally, Anita Renehan has a lovely story about her cousin Tom Fisher to share with us.

Thank you for your contributions. Please enjoy.

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From the Prior Provincial

Fr Paul Cahill, OCarm

Dear sisters and brothers in Carmel,

Since assuming the role of Prior Provincial, following our Provincial Chapter at the end of April, I have enjoyed a number of privileged experiences of the Carmelite Family, building on the wonderful family experience of the Chapter itself. With a large number of our Timorese friars present at the Chapter alongside the Australian friars, together with representatives of the Lay Carmelites, people who work alongside us in our management and ministries and others who are drawn to the “Carmelite Way”, without any formal association with the Order, the Chapter was a very special experience of living in a Carmelite family.

We were drawn together in prayer and reflection, in conversation – both formal and informal, in celebration, in recreation and in consideration of how we saw the Carmelite Family, how we identified with it, how we saw it developing and what we might need to do to foster its development. Since the Chapter, the newly elected Provincial Council has met twice, with a principal focus of determining appointments of the friars to communities and ministries in both Australia and Timor Leste. You will find these appointments listed elsewhere in this publication. As part of the process of making these appointments, I consulted personally with each of the brothers in both Timor Leste and Australia. Whilst this was a fairly demanding process to undertake in a relatively short time frame, it was a very enjoyable and rewarding experience. I thank the brothers for their hospitality, their openness, their generosity and their enthusiasm in supporting each other and other members of the Carmelite family in living the “Carmelite Way”. I also congratulate them for their enthusiasm to draw the people whom they are called to serve more closely into the way of Jesus and particularly through sharing their Carmelite spirituality with them.

In order to help bring about the Vision and Purpose of the Carmelite Family, the Chapter gave the Provincial and Council the responsibility of

appointing a Provincial Delegate for the Carmelite Family who will liaise with the wider Carmelite family, including non-Carmelite employees and advisers as well as Provincial Commissions and agencies to:

- Provide appropriate opportunities for their formation and integration into the Carmelite Family and its charism

- Identify, in conjunction with local Carmelites, a Carmelite Family Liaison person who would act as a contact person to assist the Provincial Delegate in promoting Carmelite life and spirituality in their local area or sphere of influence.

The Provincial Council is still working on this task and hopes to make an appointment to this important position before the end of the year. Obviously, the Lay Carmelites are an integral part of the Carmelite Family and will be central to the successful implementation of its Vision and Purpose.

In light of the recently approved revised Statutes for the Lay Carmelites of Australia and New Zealand, the Provincial Council was also delighted to appoint Paul Gurr as National Delegate to the Lay Carmelites and Christine Wade and Paula Newcombe to the Lay Carmelite National Council as Moderator and Secretary, respectively. The Provincial Council also appointed Wayne Stanhope, Anthony Scerri, Paul Gurr and Matthew McPhee as Chaplains to the Lay Carmelite communities of Coorparoo, Central Coast & Wentworthville, Wollongong & Jamberoo and Melbourne, respectively.

My interactions with the Carmelite Family, in general, and the Lay Carmelites, in particular, since our Provincial Chapter have been both enriching and enjoyable. I look forward to further encounters with Lay Carmelites and other members of the Carmelite Family over the coming years, both supporting you in whatever way I can and being supported by you all. Please remember me in your prayers, as I will you in mine.

Yours in Carmel,
Fr Paul Cahill, O.Carm



Happy Birthday

- ☪ 16 August - Happy 90th Peter Cody (Melbourne)
- 11 August - Antonietta Skelton (Adelaide)
- 13 September - Joy Darby (Coorparoo)
- 28 September - Mary Howard (Coorparoo)
- 29 September - Mary Jacobsen (Warwick)
- 3 October - Elaine Thomas (Melbourne)
- 15 November - Mary Tom (Coorparoo)

Communities & Ministries

Australia 2016-2019

Name	Ministry, Commissions & Committees
Coorparoo	
Wayne Stanhope (Prior)	Parish Priest, Lay Carmelite Chaplain, Chair, Formation Commission
Jerome Watt	Assistant Priest
Augusto Galhos	English Student & Assistant Priest
Paskalis Patut	Student & Sacramental Assistance
Fausto Tilman De Araujo	English Student (end 2016 & part 2017)
Paul Chandler	Spiritual Director, Banyo Seminary
Laurie Timms	Chaplain St, Augustine's College & Cairns Diocese ministry
Donvale	
Sean Keefe (Prior)	Chaplain, Whitefriars College
Angelino Dos Santos	Chaplain, Whitefriars College, Formator from 2017, Formation Commission & Formation Team, Carmelites Together
Marius Dawson	Spirituality Ministry at Warnbro, WA
4 Students (from 2017)	Studies
Middle Park	
David Hofman (Prior)	Communications Ministry, Formator, Provincial Council, Formation Commission & Formation Team, Whitefriars College Board, Finance Commission
Matthew McPhee	Sacramental Assistance, Lay Carmelite Chaplain
Pat Harney	Sacramental Assistance
Ken Petersen	Spirituality Ministry at Warburton
6 students (from 2017)	Studies
Port Melbourne	
Leo Richmond (Prior)	Pastoral Visitation
Hugh Brown	Parish Priest, Provincial Council, Whitefriars College Board
Michael Brundell	Sacramental Assistance
Maurice Barry	Geelong Hospital Chaplaincy, Assistance in Geelong Parish
Januario Pinto (2017)	Deacon in Parish
Paul Sireh	Sabbatical
Paul Cahill	Provincial, Finance Commission
Wentworthville	
Denis Andrew (Prior)	Parish Priest
John Powell	Parish Assistant
Martinho Da Costa	Parish Assistant, JPIC Commission
Anthony Scerri	Sacramental Assistance, Lay Carmelite Chaplain
Paul Gurr	Benedictine Abbey Sacramental support, Lay Carmelite Delegate, Lay Carmelite Chaplain, JPIC Commission, Carmelites Together
Agostinho Exposto	English Student (end 2016 & part 2017)
Aniceto Maia Da Costa	English Student (until Dec 2016), Provincial Delegate for Timor-Leste (from December 2016), Provincial Council



As Carmelites We live our life of allegiance to Jesus Christ and to serve Him faithfully with a pure heart and a clear conscience through a commitment to seek the face of the living God (the contemplative dimension of life), through prayer, through fraternity, and through service (diakonia). These three fundamental elements of the charism are not distinct and unrelated values, but closely interwoven.

National Assembly of Lay Carmelites

Jamberoo 2016



Fr Paul Gurr leads the Assembly in reflection

On the 25-28 July, the Assembly of Lay Carmelites from Australia and New Zealand was held in Jamberoo. The Assembly was an historic event in that, for the first time, Lay Carmelites were elected to the Council. Previously, these representatives were appointed by the Friars' Provincial Council. It was also the first time New Zealand was represented.

About 20 participants, representing the Communities of Melbourne, Coorparoo, Palmerston North (New Zealand), Wollongong, Adelaide, Central Coast (New South Wales), Wentworthville, Perth and Jamberoo, attended the Assembly.

The meeting was held at "The Abbey", a community of about 25 Benedictine Nuns ranging in age from 30 to 90 years. They lead a life of ministry and prayer, particularly liturgical prayer.

The Assembly began each day with morning prayer and ended with evening prayer. During the day,

the program included talks by Fr Paul Gurr exploring the themes of "transformation" as it applied to Mary Magdalen, the apostle Thomas, and the apostle Peter

At the business end of the Assembly were discussions on a change of name from the National Council to the Lay Carmelite Council and the relevant statutes that would require amending and, for the first time, the election of two new members to the Council.

Fr Paul Cahill, in his new role as Provincial, attended and spoke to the Assembly and shared these thoughts. "I enjoyed the opportunity to visit the Lay Carmelite National Assembly at Jamberoo. I joined the Assembly on its last day, 28 July, for Eucharist and the elections of the other two members of the National Council – Gwenda Gopperth and Angela Zakarias. After the celebration of the Eucharist, I was invited to address the Assembly and I spoke about the experience and the discussion of the Carmelite Family at the Provincial Chapter.

"I outlined that the recent Carmelite Chapter in Brisbane identified the Carmelite Family as people or groups who are identifiably aligned to the Carmelite tradition. The Chapter expressed the Vision of the Carmelite Family as being to facilitate the spiritual growth of groups of people and individuals who seek to be enriched by Carmelite Spirituality, with the Purpose of supporting all of the people who make up the Carmelite Family in their journey and to offer a wider invitation to the broader community to also seek enrichment in the Carmelite tradition."



Maria Goral (Melbourne), Gabrielle Fogarty (Jamberoo), Oby Emechete (Coorparoo) and Emily Bridgett (Central Coast) at the Assembly

The new Lay Carmelite Council

An introduction



Fr Paul Gurr, O.Carm
Provincial
Delegate

Chris Wade
(Moderator)
Jamberoo Community

Angela Zakarias
Adelaide
Community

Paula Newcombe
Jamberoo
Community

Gwenda Gopperth
Palmerston North
Community, NZ

Following the recommendation of the Lay Carmelite Assembly held in Jamberoo on 25–28 July, the newly elected/appointed members of the Lay Carmelite Council met for the first time. Fr Paul Gurr (Provincial Delegate), Paula Newcombe (Secretary), Gwenda Gopperth and Angela Zakarias were in attendance. Christine Wade, Moderator, wasn't able to be present because of illness.

Our first task was to attend to the matters given to us at the Assembly: A change of name from Lay Carmelite National Council of Australia [LCNCA] to Lay Carmelite Council [LCC]. The Council noted the changes to the Statutes suggested by the Assembly and the 'new' Statutes will be sent to the Provincial Council for approval at their October meeting.

Vera Cleary (Wollongong Community) has agreed to take responsibility for the Bookshop and Ron Taliana (Wollongong Community) has agreed to take on the responsibility of Treasurer, with the support of Ben Bekema (Melbourne Community) in the background. The Council asked Angela Zakarias to be a "Pastoral Person" for those who ask for prayer or who are celebrating significant anniversaries of Profession or birthdays.

The Council saw a need to establish a Formation Team to care of the on-going formation of all Carmelites. Although [at the time of writing] the make-up of that team is still to be finalised, we have been greatly encouraged by the willingness of people to step into the team.

There is always the pleasant task of addressing the applications for Professions and we are happy to tell you that Ben Bekema from the Melbourne Community and Mary Tom and Rossy Minata from the Coorparoo Community have applied to make Final Profession. Alicja Shaw and Margaret Stolke from the Melbourne Community have applied to make their First Profession.

We agreed to look into the possibility of holding our next Council meeting by SKYPE. It will certainly be a big financial saving if those of us who are a bit digitally challenged can make it work.



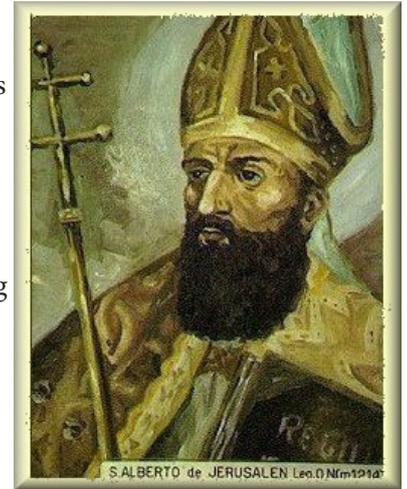
Finally - THANK YOU BEN. A big thank-you to Ben Bekema for his valiant effort as Treasurer and coordinating the Bookshop over the past few years. Ben has made available to all a list of good Carmelite Reading for our on-going formation. The bookshop has also provided Carmelite badges and other symbols for us. He has also generously organized the subscriptions to CARMEL IN THE WORLD and ASSUMPTA.

St Albert of Jerusalem

17 September

Albert Avogadro was born in the middle of the twelfth century in Castel Gualteri in Italy. He became a Canon Regular of the Holy Cross at Mortara and was elected their prior in 1180. Named Bishop of Bobbio in 1184 and Bishop of Vercelli in 1185, he was made Latin Patriarch (Roman Catholic Bishop) of Jerusalem in 1205 where, in word and example, he was the model of a good pastor and peacemaker.

While he was Patriarch (1206-1214) he united the hermits of Mount Carmel into one community and wrote a way of life document for them that became known as the Carmelite Rule of Saint Albert. This is one of the shortest of the great rules originating with St. Albert of Jerusalem (d. 1214), with some modifications sanctioned by Innocent IV in *Quem Honorem* (1247). The Rule of Saint Albert inspires the whole worldwide Carmelite family. He was murdered at Acre on 14th September 1214.



The Rule of St Albert can be downloaded at: www.carmelites.ie/Rule.pdf

Let us pray.

Lord God,
through Saint Albert of Jerusalem
you have given us a Rule of life according to your Gospel
to help us attain perfect love.
Through his prayers may we always live in
allegiance to Jesus Christ
and serve faithfully until death him
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever.
Amen.



Fr Paul Sireh and Fr Matthew McPhee are farewelled from Coorparoo Parish.

Fr Paul is on sabbatical and Fr Matthew takes up the role of Lay Carmelite Chaplain to the Melbourne Community.



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Annual Contributions

We wish to give Lay Carmelites early notice that Annual Contributions are due and payable by the end of November. The amount remains the same as in previous years. It is requested that individual Lay Carmelites make their payments direct to their Community Treasurer where possible.

Annual Subscriptions to "Carmel in the World" & "Assumpta"

If you wish to renew your Subscription to one, or both of these Magazines, could you please use the enclosed Subscription Notice. The notice and payment will need to be sent to the name and address at the bottom of the Notice, preferably before the end of November 2016, but no later than mid-December. The Subscription rate for "Carmel in the World" remains at \$20.00. For "Assumpta", we are pleased to advise that the rate for next year will be reduced to \$70.00.

Lay Carmelite Community News

Adelaide



Frank Vnuk, a member of the Adelaide Community has received a Papal Knighthood. He is now a Knight Commander of the Order of St Gregory the Great, an honour bestowed upon Laity in recognition of their personal service to the Holy See and to the Roman Catholic Church, through their unusual labours, their support of the

Holy See, and their excellent examples set forth in their communities and their countries. In Frank's situation, it was given to him for his service to the Church in Slovakia before and after the collapse of communism in that country.

Frank came to Australia as a refugee in February 1950, initially residing in the Carmelite Parish of Pennington. He was received into the Lay

Carmelites with the Port Adelaide Community. Upon his retirement as a lecturer in metallurgy at the Institute of Technology (now University of South Australia) in 1985, Frank made frequent trips to Rome where he worked for the Slovakian Church on Vatican Radio. He was asked by the Bishops in Slovakia to assist with the education of students for the priesthood and for some years taught modern Church history in the Archdiocesan Seminary in Bratislava. In this busy life, Frank met and married Anna (past Prior of the Adelaide Community) and they have 8 children. One of their sons, Joseph, is a member of the Dominican Order and was ordained in September 1994.

Frank has now celebrated his 90th birthday (9 April) and both he and Anna, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary (19 May). Fr Joseph O.P., their son, came down from New Guinea to celebrate the Eucharist on their special day, which apart from the Mass, was highlighted with a celebratory luncheon with their large family and numerous friends.

Significant Milestones

Reception

Toto Olita (Adelaide) - One year since received.
Keep her in your prayers as she continues formation.

First Profession

Patricia Grabham (Central Coast) Alicja Shaw and Margaret Stolke (Middle Park)

Final Professions

Michael Kelly (Adelaide), Maureen Johnstone (Central Coast) Ben Bekema (Middle Park),
Mary Tom (Coorparoo), and Rossy Minata Coorparoo).

Anniversaries

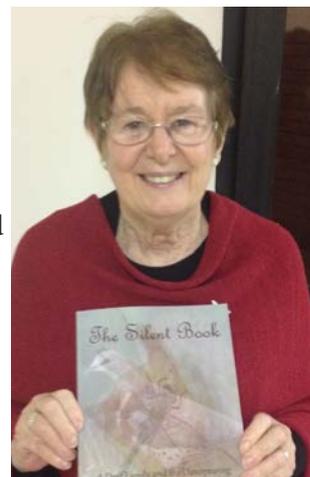
Margaret Gunning (Central Coast) celebrates 25 years of Final Profession
Megawati Liesman (Melbourne) celebrates 20 Years since Final Profession.

Mary White (Coorparoo Community) recently attended the book launch in Brisbane of "The Silent Book" by Sister Bernadette T Wallis.

The book is about her growing up with deaf parents and the disappearing Australian-Irish Sign Language. Peter Bonser (CODA) reviewed the book by saying "A beautiful sensitively written account of two hearing-impaired families, their resilience, faith, heartbreak and joy and the three generational journey to find their identities, languages and cultures."

All proceeds from the sale of the book go to the John Wallis Foundation.
For more information, visit:

www.missionarysisters.org.au or
www.johnwallisfoundation.org.au



Lay Carmelite Community News

Melbourne Community

(Ben Bekema & Maria Goral)

Our Community is continuing to meet every third Sunday of the Month at the Carmelite Centre, Middle Park. After some time without a Chaplain following Fr Jim's death, we are very happy that Fr Matthew McPhee has agreed to step into the role.

The Mothers' Mass celebrated at Middle Park in honour of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and for all mothers was very well represented by the whole Carmelite family. Fr David Hofman celebrated the Mass with Fr Hugh Brown and other Carmelite Friars. Irene and Damien from the Carmelite Centre led us in the prayers of the faithful. Lay Carmelites, Ben Bekema and Maria Goral, were special ministers. The Indonesian and Zimbabwean communities assisted with the offertory, members of the Timorese community danced and Brothers Januario and Matthew read the first reading. A member of the Filipino community read the second

reading. The Middle Park Parish community also assisted with the Mass as well as preparing the luncheon in the Pilkington room - a lovely get-together for all.

A raffle was held for a painting donated by Ben Bekema's sister Margaret and a box of lotions donated by Jessie Prendergast. Fr. David Hofman drew the winning tickets and presented Margaret Stolke's grandson Ryan with the first prize. Ben's brother won the 2nd prize. A sum of \$200 was raised for the Timorese students.



The Community held its Annual Retreat on 1-3 August at the Campion Centre in Kew. Only five members were able to attend this year, but the retreat was considered a success thanks to Fr. Ken Petersen, who was willing to take time out from his busy schedule to lead the retreat for us.

Central Coast

(Teresa Hassett)

Two ladies from our community made their professions on 17 June at St Mary's Church Toukley. Patricia Grabham made her first profession and Maureen Johnston her final. Fr. Paul Gurr O.Carm, Fr. Anthony O.Carm and our parish priest Fr. Stephen Wayoyi and Fr. Michael from India concelebrated. After mass we all gathered at the parish centre for a wonderful meal and "yummy cake". While Fr. Paul and Fr. Anthony were with us, it was decided to have a meeting to vote in the new Council. It was decided that Pam O'Connell would take the position of Prior, Maureen Dries as Formator, Emily Bridgett would stay as Treasurer and Teresa Hassett to stay as Secretary.

Previously I asked for prayers for two of our distant members, Zelda Bickerstaff and Pam Williston. The good news is they are both doing well. Our

dear sister in Carmel Eleanor Mathews who is not a hundred percent well herself keeps us up to date with our distant members. Another one of our dear member's, Maureen Flanagan has started a new type of physio treatment to help ease her back pain, I hope it all goes well for you.

Two of our community members Emily Bridgett and Vicki Laffan attended the Lay Carmelite Assembly at the Abbey in Jamberoo, where members from all over Australia and New Zealand gathered together. Congratulations to the new Council members elected and to the organisers for a wonderful and prayerful experience. The whole time spent at the Abbey was great and the food was beautiful. Fr. Anthony Scerri spoke about how he had travelled to lots of different places and he enjoyed helping start new communities - what a wonderful man.

Finally, I would like to let you know that both Maureen Dries and myself have become Great Grandmother of two adorable baby Grandsons - very exciting time.



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www.catholicearthcare.org.au

International News

New Website for Lay Carmelites

You may be interested in this website for the Lay Carmelites. This initiative is the result of the first meeting with the new General Commission for the Carmelite Laity and Youth of our Order.

Reflection by this international group has led to the desire to strengthen spiritual formation and communications.

“We are sure that this website will be a good way to learn more about our charism and spirituality, as well as the various projects of the laity and youth in different parts of the world” said Fr Raúl, General Councillor for the Carmelite Laity and Youth.

You can visit this website at
<http://www.ocarm.org/lay>



My Cousin - Tom Fisher

Anita Renehan

Anita Renehan asks for prayers for her cousin Tom Fisher who died in Perth on Saturday 4 June. Anita writes, “I will miss him. He was such a vital person and always so ‘with it’. He was 95 but very ‘on the ball’. He really was like a big brother to me. He was barely 18 when he enlisted and I was only 6 years old.”

Tom was the last living crewmember of HMAS Sydney. You may remember the wartime ship the HMAS Sydney that was sunk by Germans off the Western Australia coast in November 1941 with all 645 crew. It remained missing from 1941 until 2008. “Tom had been on that ship until 3 weeks prior to the sinking and has been most helpful to authorities in assisting them name, locate & explain various parts of the ship since it was discovered in 2008.” Anita recalls.

Tom was invited to a special viewing of a 3D reconstruction on 16 May. He described the experience of looking at the 3D reconstruction of the ship as “romantic”. “It brings back the different actions we were in and associating with the men I lived with and fought with,” he said. “75 years and I’m the only one alive that took part in that. Sometimes my memory misses a bit but 75 years is a long time.”

Keith Belton also knew Tom as they were each State Presidents of St Vincent de Paul at the same



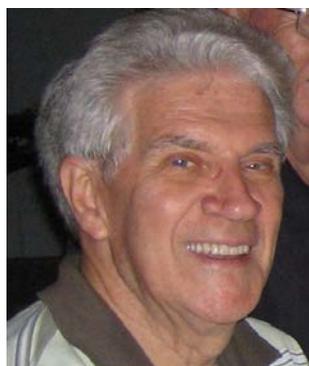
time and therefore met at meetings and became friends. Tom’s work with the St Vincent de Paul was such that a building is underway in Perth for a shelter for homeless men and will be named the Tom Fisher House. Tom also worked on the history and archives of the Perth Archdiocese.

You can read the full article at <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-05-16/hmas-sydney-wreck-3d-reconstruction/7408688>

Lay Carmelite Community News

Grahame Sievers

16 December 1939 - 19 June 2016



Grahame was finally professed in 1980. In 2005, Grahame moved from his hometown of Mackay in Queensland to Sydney where he resided at Marian Court Retirement Village in Strathfield. He quickly sought out the nearest Lay Carmelite

Community and became an integral part of the Wentworthville Community.

We were blessed to have Grahame as part of our community. He was totally devoted to his Carmelite vocation and happily shared his vast knowledge with us. Grahame was elected Prior of our community in 2007 and successfully fulfilled that role until 2010. Grahame was also selected for and served on the Lay Carmelite Council for many years with Fr Jim, Keith Belton, Gabrielle Fogarty, Anita Renehan, Sue Stuckey and Teresa Paradowski.

In December 2012, Grahame was given the devastating news that he was suffering from bone cancer together with Myeloma. Grahame accepted this news with his usual deep faith that God would help him through his journey. And it was indeed a prolonged journey. Grahame suffered greatly for four long years, and he was finally taken to his heavenly reward on the morning of Sunday 19 June. Grahame's Requiem Mass was celebrated at St Martha's, Strathfield on Wednesday 22 June. Fr Paul Gurr O.Carm, our Provincial Delegate and Fr Anthony Scerri O.Carm, Chaplain of Wentworthville and Central Coast Communities attended the Mass.

Grahame was indeed a true Carmelite and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Editor's Note: I last met Grahame about eight years ago at the Lay Carmelite Seminar at Mittagong. Grahame was tireless in his efforts to welcome people and ensure that our days together were both engaging and fruitful. This was the way Grahame approached life - both in service to others and sharing his enormous knowledge of the Carmelite Way. Grahame was and remains an inspiration to all who knew him.

Pam Dewhurst

11 January 1933 - 5 August 2016



Pam Dewhurst, TOC, AM and Canberra Distance Member. Pam joined the Carmelites just before her 21st birthday and was finally professed in May 1955.

Born on 11 January 1933, Pam was only 4 years old when

she lost her father in a fishing accident. With a mother incapable of caring for her, Pam spent the next 12 years between various relatives as far apart as Dubbo and Sydney. But Pam was a fighter. Completely self-educated, she studied by correspondence and passed her leaving certificate and became the first woman to be employed at the Bank of Australasia in Dubbo, later becoming the first female Bank Manager in Australia. Pam's illness troubled her all her life, but it never stopped her from enjoying herself and doing what she believed God was calling her to do. Always ready to help anyone in need, Pam took under her wing Ann van Thuan, sister of the Bishop of Hanoi. Pam was instrumental in getting the family out of Vietnam with the aid of the Australian Government just before Bishop Nuygen was taken prisoner. Pam supported the whole family through 13 years of stress and turmoil, until his release and transfer to Rome, where he was made a Cardinal. Pam was also witness to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, for the cause of his Beatification, which was successful. Pam will be remembered among her Carmelite family for her energy, her enthusiasm and sense of humour. In short her joy in living. Gathering together several other Distance Carmelites around Canberra, Pam organised regular trips to the Sydney Community then in existence and has continued to keep regular contact with her Carmelite family ever since. She worked tirelessly for the Church in many capacities including on finance committees and the Diocesan Marriage tribunal. In 1989 she was awarded the Order of Australia. Always full of stories right to her last days, full of fun and laughter, full of faith, Pam will remain an inspiration to all those lucky enough to have known her.

May she Rest in Peace.

Look in the mirror before judging others

Pope Francis



“Judgment belongs to God alone, so if we do not want to be judged, we should not judge others. It is for us to love, to understand, to pray for others when we see things that are not good” said Pope Francis, inviting us to talk kindly to others so that they may learn from their mistakes.

“When we judge others,” he continued, “we put ourselves in the place of God, but our judgment is poor judgment it can never be true judgment.” Pope Francis concluded, “May the Lord make us understand these things.” [Source: News.va]

PRAYERS AND INTENTIONS

Please keep the following people in your prayers and in the Intercessory Prayers at your Community Meetings.

Father:

Please bless my friends, relatives, brothers and sisters and those I care for deeply.

Where there is joy, give them continued joy.

Where there is pain or sorrow, give them your peace and mercy.

Where there is self-doubt, release a renewed confidence.

Where there is need, fulfil their needs.

Amen.

Anniversaries of Death

7 September, Fr Jim Des Lauriers O.Carm

10 September, Lucy Rainsford,

19 September, Maria Canale,

27 September, Eileen Brown,

27 September, Paul Cumberton

17 October, Vonda Tillig – all from the Melbourne Community.

Sick list

Jamberoo Community: Christine Wade; Frank Rech

Wollongong Community: Vera Cleary.

Rockhampton Community: Denise Carroll, Rae Smithers, June Hornung,

Tony Smith (Husband of Daphne Smith), Ian and Colleen Graham and

Family members: Jeff Graham (Ian and Colleen's son), Ion (Colleen's brother) and Paul Duncan (Jeff's wife's dad) RIP

Recent Deaths

Palmerston North Community: Justin – brother of Julie DuFresne.

David Hill, the youngest son of Mary Cox – Prior of the Wollongong Community died on the 28 June 2016. He had survived with cancer until now. Mary would certainly appreciate your prayer and fraternal Carmelite support. Mary doesn't have email, but Fr Paul Gurr would be happy to pass on any message of love you might want to send her.

Grahame Sievers (Sydney Community) 19 June 2016 - see tribute on page 11.

Pam Dewhurst (Canberra Distance Members) 5 August 2016 - see tribute on page 11.