



SERRA CLUB of MELBOURNE Newsletter

October-December 2022

NOVEMBER MEETING The Executive recently examined what for some people is a very busy time of the year. For many years the club has met on the second Wednesday of December.

In view of this, it was decided that the Mass and Meeting would be brought forward to the first Wednesday of December. As a result of this change, it was felt the usual a meeting in November would be too close, and so the decision was made to cancel the November meeting. The result of this change will be examined in the New Year.

CLUB CHARTER CELEBRATION

The Serra Club of Wagga Wagga will celebrate the 40th Anniversary of Charter on Saturday 8th October 2022, and Serrans, spouses and friends are invited. The milestone was actually in 2021, but COVID restrictions made this impossible, and the decision was made that this occasion still needed to be celebrated.

The Mass will be at St Michael's Cathedral at 5.00pm. The gathering will then adjourn to the RSL Club, Corner Kincaid and Dobbs Street, Wagga Wagga for the Dinner, the cost of which is \$75.00 per head.

vocation of those who have already chosen the call by God, and to urge parishioners to pray for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

The Mass was celebrated by Club Chaplain, Fr Gerard Dowling, and Fr Barry Tobin. Members from the Oakleigh Deanery Club and other guests joined to celebrate the occasion.

The Oakleigh Deanery Club celebrate the induction of their new Executive at a Mass at St Paul's, Bentleigh, on Thursday 7th July.

Vincent O'Brien was installed as President during the Mass, and the members and guests held a meeting in the Parish Offices and President Maureen Burrows gave a report on the club's activities for the past twelve months.

She announced the good news that Sister Elaine Cockrane has accepted the role of Spiritual Director for the Club.

Maureen also reported that as no club member was able to attend the Sale Club's Sports Day, they donated \$100 to them.

She also thanked John short, President of the Melbourne Club (our Club), who spoke about Serra and the Travelling Chalice at Sunday Mass on 28th April.

The club also sent a donation of \$200 to Bishop Raymond in Sri Lanka, who is a strong supporter of Serra.

Those wishing to attend are asked to contact Mrs Di Kennedy, mobile 0428.217769, or by email: kennbros@bigpond.com. Bookings must be confirmed by 1st October 2022.

THE SERRA CLUB OF BENDIGO will celebrate its 40th Anniversary of Charter on Saturday 5th November 2022 and Serrans, spouses and friends are invited.

The Mass will be at 11.00am, at St Kilian's Church, 161 McCrae Street Bendigo. The Principal Celebrant will be Bishop Shane Mackinlay, the Bishop of Sandhurst. Rosary will precede the Mass at 10.30am. Lunch will be at the Queen's Arms Hotel, 25 Russell Street, Quarry Hill, with own cost starting at \$22.00 per head.

Bookings must be made and confirmed with Secretary, Terry Clarke by 27th October 2022. His mobile: 0418.323126.

K.S.C. DINNER

The Annual Knights of the Southern Cross, Priest's Support and Education Dinner, was held on Friday 19th August. This function had to be cancelled in 2020 and 2021, due to COVID. The Dinner has raised over \$1.3 million since its inception, and a cheque for \$86,000 was presented to Archbishop Peter Comensoli. The Guest Speaker was Greg Craven AO who was Vice-Chancellor and President of the Australian Catholic University from January 2008 to January 2021.

Serrans once again organized a table, with three seminarians joining with the group. Approximately 400 were in attendance.

CHAPLAIN

Our Club Chaplain, Fr Gerard Dowling, celebrated 90 years of age in August, and it was felt that the club could not let this milestone go without recognition.

Sheelagh Connors offered to cater for the Dinner, rather than the club's usual fare. As well as Melbourne club members, the Oakleigh Deanery was invited as well, and some other guests.

Fr Dowling has had a lifetime association with North Melbourne Football Club, and has published two books about them. So Sheelagh contacted Paul Connors, who is a players Manager, and arranged with him for a contact at the club, to see if anyone was interested in attending this event. As a result, seven members of the club, including Past President Ron Joseph, were in attendance.

Anne Larkins very generously offered to cover the cost of the Dinner, and club President, John Short and Jo Rowswell also offered to contribute. It was a great evening, and to see the surprise of Fr Dowling was wonderful.

Sheelagh also made a huge birthday cake so that the 28 present all were able to have some.



NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Sept	28th	St. Catherine's Church, 2 Buchan Street, Moorabbin
Oct	26th	Rosary 6.15 pm. Mass 6.30 pm. followed by Dinner
Nov	NIL	Meeting in the Sweeney Centre.
Dec	7th	

SATURDAY MORNING MASS for VOCATIONS

Sept	St Patrick's, Murrumbeena	9.15am
Oct	Immaculate Heart, East Brighton	9.00am\
Nov	Our Lady of the Assumption, Cheltenham	9.00am
Dec	St Joseph's, Springvale	8.00am

MASS ROSTER:

	<i>Sept</i>	<i>Oct</i>	<i>Dec</i>
Reader:	Frank	Christine	John
Prayers of the Faithful:	Frank	Christine	John
Offertory Procession:	-	-	Guests
Minister of Communion:	Christine	Jo	Concelebrants
Meals Clean Up:	All Members urged to assist.		