



NEWSLETTER

AUGUSTINIAN FORMATION ASSOCIATION (AFA)

Supporting the training of brothers and priests for the Augustinian Order

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Dear Friends and Members

Well, here we are again, 2005 is here and we are already in March and Easter fast approaching. AFA held its Annual General Meeting on the 1st March at St Kieran's Church, Manly Vale. All positions were declared vacant. The new executive is unchanged except that Lyn Martin has now taken over the position of Social Secretary after Sue Colwell stood down this year. On behalf of the committee we would like to thank Sue for her dedication and commitment to AFA over the years as social secretary and hope she will continue her involvement with AFA for many years to come. So the committee is as follows:

President:	Trudi McFadden
Vice President:	Carl Martin
Treasurer	Eddie Robinson
Secretary	Yvonne Clarke
Vice Secretary	Betty Epps
Social Secretary	Lyn Martin
Ordinary Committee	Lesley Singh Rebecca McFadden
Chaplain	Father Peter Jones osa

This year we have decided to introduce a few changes, the first being we are going to increase awareness throughout the parishes being served by the Augustinians about what AFA stands for. The first port of call will be going over to

Holy Spirit Parish at St Clair and attending Sunday Mass on the 10th April and speaking at that Mass, then asking the parishioners to join us for bacon and eggs and tea and coffee, so they can ask questions. Membership has been dropping off slightly and for us to continue to support the training of the religious we need your support.

We have a few fundraising events scheduled for this year and anyone is invited to attend these functions including those members from interstate if they are in Sydney at the times of the function.

The dates for these functions are as follows:

		
AFA Fundraising Events 2005		
Dutch Auction Saturday 16th July	St Kieran's Community Centre	1.30 pm
Annual Mass and BBQ Sunday 21st August	More details to come	
Bus Trip to the Benedictine Sisters at Jamberoo Sunday 25th September	More details to come	
Christmas Dinner Friday 25th November	More details to come	

We had an eventful 2004 with the Manly fundraising activities eg The Trivia night, the Manly Corso stall, the cake stall, the bus trip which is always well supported and of course our Christmas dinner which saw us go to a new venue this year and this was well attended and by all accounts was thoroughly enjoyed.

Please remember all members who have died and also all those working in helping AFA in your prayers and ask God to protect and guide us in our daily lives.

I hope that I will be able to lead you all again this year as best I can as President and hope that our efforts in trying to raise awareness of AFA throughout the parishes will be fruitful.

Yours sincerely,

Trudi McFadden
President
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NFr Peter Jones writes

I write in the early part of the week known as the Easter Octave. In terms of the liturgy the joy that the *Lord is Risen* is sustained. This is clear in the Gospels for the week which are the various narratives of the Resurrection appearances. As the Easter season progresses beyond the Octave there is a clear emphasis on going forth from one's own Resurrection faith to witness that faith to others. There is a great attractiveness in the enthusiastic and convinced faith of the first disciples.

For ourselves this highlighting of our faith that the *Lord is Risen* helps us to return to what is essential. Quite understandably our lives can be complex. This can be true of our life of faith. At the basis of all that has been built up over time to give expression to Christian faith is the conviction that the *Lord is Risen*. The unique reality of the passage of Christ through death into Life with all that it reveals about God and humanity touches our life in its many transitions from death into life.

For each of us in whatever way we are living out our Christian baptism our faith pledges us to be witnesses that the *Lord is Risen*! A Happy Easter season to all!

Peter Jones OSA
Formation Director

As the academic year has begun, the Augustinians in formation are undertaking the following programme:

Minh-Tan Hoang (Tan) OSA. (Candidate for the Australian Province).
2nd year of philosophical and theological studies at the Catholic Institute of Sydney. Italian language studies at Manly-Warringah Community College.
Tan was recently instituted into the ministry of acolyte (3rd December, 2004) and serves as a senior server in Manly Vale parish.

Jin Young Jeong (Lino) OSA (Candidate for the Korean Delegation).
English language studies at Insearch, University of Technology, Sydney.
Lino was instituted into the ministry of reader on 25th February, 2005

Prayers for those not enjoying good health



**Dorothy Brennan
Harley Cullen
Peter Keogh
Veronica Muller
Ethel O'Connell
Pat Stephenson**

If you know of AFA members who are not enjoying good health and wish to be included in this newsletter's prayer list please contact

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REST IN PEACE

Todd Molloy

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