



NEWSLETTER

AUGUSTINIAN FORMATION ASSOCIATION (AFA)

Supporting the training of brothers and priests for the Augustinian Order

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Important AFA Fundraising Events 2005

**Annual Mass and BBQ at 12.30 pm St Kieran's Church Manly Vale, Sunday 21st August.
Cost for BBQ - \$20 per family or \$10 per single.**

Bus Trip to the Benedictine Sisters at Jamberoo, Sunday 25th September - More details to come

Christmas Dinner, Friday 25th November - More details to come

Dear Friends and Members,

Well, just to let you know what has been happening since our last newsletter. The year is passing by very quickly. We had a Dutch Auction which was held on the 16th July instead of our annual Corso street stall. It was not very well supported but those who came spent up large.

On the 25th September we are having a bus trip to the Benedictine Monastery at Jamberoo where we will be attending Mass, looking in the shop and sharing lunch together. If anyone is interested in going they are most welcome. It is limited to 48 persons. If you would like to go, you could ring me on 9972 4326.

On August 21st we are having our Annual Mass and Barbecue at St Kieran's, Manly Vale and we would like as many of our AFA members to attend. After all this is the Year of the Eucharist, the coming together as one body which is the

Church. The cost is \$20 per family or \$10 single. And then finally the Annual Xmas Party in November, but more to come later.

It has been an interesting first 6 months as we ventured out to St Clair and attended mass there and then we put on a barbecue after mass of bacon and eggs and tea and coffee. It was well received. The reason for the visit was to make the parishioners aware of what AFA stands for and to recruit more members and to establish a committee in St Clair. We also ran a raffle of a painting done by Br Tan which was of Mother and Child. A St Clair parishioner won it. We are still waiting to hear whether the membership recruitment or a new committee was successful. Thanks to all my hard working Committee. We have had a few masses said for deceased members and their families.

Thank you to all members for your continued support of AFA, for without your generosity and prayers AFA would cease to run. Could I ask you to remember Lino in your prayers as he continues his studies back in Korea. Also to thank God to keep and bless Tan and our formation director Father Peter Jones.

Yours sincerely,

Trudi McFadden
President
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NFr Peter Jones writes

This month we farewelled **Jin Young Jeong (Brother Lino)** who returned to Korea after 15 months in the formation community at Brookvale. Lino pursued English language studies while here in Australia. He became known to many of the Formation Association members through meeting you at the various events. Lino returns to his native Korea to pursue theological studies there. His quiet, gentle and friendly presence will be missed by the community at Brookvale and the many of you who came to know him. Our prayers and best wishes go with Lino as he continues his Augustinian journey.

In August **Minh-Tan Hoang (Tan)** will attend the Institute of Augustinian Spirituality seminar taking place for the Asia-Pacific Region of the Order at Cebu, Philippines. The seminar lasts a week though Tan will be away about ten days so as to also visit the formation houses of the Cebu Province of the Order (which has around 100 students in formation!) One of the presenters at the seminar is Fr Laurie Mooney. For Tan this will be a valuable opportunity to deepen his knowledge of Augustinian spirituality and to become more acquainted with the presence of the Order in the wider Asia Pacific area

The year marks the **700th anniversary of the death of St Nicholas of Tolentine**. St Nicholas was the first Augustinian friar to be canonized a saint. With this newsletter is included an edition of *The Augustinian* prepared by Fr Tony Banks which tells you about St Nicholas' life. The anniversary is being

celebrated throughout the Augustinian world. In Augustinian parishes throughout Australia the Mass of St Nicholas will be celebrated on the weekend of 10th and 11th of September. Nicholas in his love of God expressed in attentive prayer, his love of community, his spirit of self-sacrifice in ministry, his attention to those in great need and his care to pray for the deceased remains an enduring model for Augustinians today and for those who are in preparation for life in the Order and ministry.

My best wishes and prayers as we prepare to celebrate the solemnity of Saint Augustine (28th August) and the feast of St Nicholas of Tolentine (10th September).

Fr Peter Jones OSA, Formation Director

Prayers for those not enjoying good health



**Dorothy Brennan, Harley Cullen, Peter Keogh
Veronica Muller, Pat Stephenson, Yvonne
McLoughlin and Fr Bernie Connolly osa**

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

**Ethel O'Connell,
Monica Mooney (mother of Fr
Laurence Mooney osa)**

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