

Newsletter

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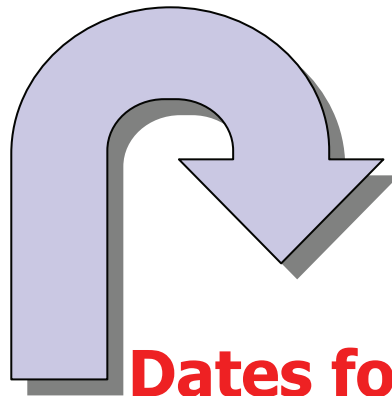
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Supporting the training of brothers and priests for the Augustinian Order

Dear Friends and Members,

What a joyous occasion we had on the 25th June when Tan made his Solemn Profession. The huge number of priests, family and parishioners were a true sign of how much Tan was loved by us all. Even the Bishop was there. The whole day went off without a hitch. I would personally like to thank everyone involved in the preparations. It was also a fitting way for Father Pat to say farewell as his role as Provincial has now concluded. I and all the members of AFA would like to wish him a happy and healthy retirement.

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Dates for Your Diary

Sunday 20th August—Annual Mass and BBQ (including Dutch Auction)
12.30pm St Kieran's Church, Manly Vale.
\$20.00 per family

Sunday 17th September—Bus trip to Mt Tomah Botanical Gardens
\$45.00 includes entry

Saturday 25th November at 7.30 pm—Christmas Dinner
Master Builders Club (Manly Warringah), 18 Fisher Road, Dee Why
\$35.00 per head - delicious buffet meal

Lift up Your Hearts

Put the things of creation in the second place. You have to leave this world some day, for you are not going to remain here forever. Each day you hear, "Lift up your hearts." But you sink your heart into this world as though you heard the very opposite.

Listen to me, you who are poor: what is lacking to you if you have God? Listen to me, you who are rich: what do you possess if you do not have God?

St Augustine. Sermon 311, 14-15



Tan cuts the delicious cake provided by AFA at his Solenn Profession

AFA Committee have been busy and are now in the process of organizing our annual Mass and Barbecue to be held at St Kieran's on the 20th August at 12.30 pm. The format will be a little different this year as we will be having a Dutch Auction on the day. The famous Stella Baihn will be auctioneer. Everyone is asked to bring an unwanted gift or something they no longer want in new or good condition and these items will be auctioned to the highest bidder. All profits will go to AFA. We decided to hold this auction in place of the annual Charity Stall that we have in the Corso because our committee is very small and the work involved in setting up and taking down is quite a mammoth task. We do ask for your support. The cost of the barbecue will remain the same as previous years at \$20 per family despite the meat cost going up. Please put the date in your calendar so that we can make this a great success.

We will have our bus trip to Mount Tomah Gardens on the 17th September and seats are limited as the bus holds only 46. These bus trips have always proved very popular. The cost of the bus trip will be \$45.00 and this also includes entry to Gardens. More information will be printed in the Parish newsletter. So first in will be guaranteed a seat.

And finally on the calendar for this year will be the Christmas party at the Master Builders Club on the 25th November at 7.30 pm. Same procedure as last year where every person is asked to bring a gift for the Tombola. I trust you have all had a wonderful year so far.

We send Tan our greetings and also welcome Nathan to the Augustinian community and will keep him in our prayers. Also Sue Colwell, we wish her a speedy recovery back to good health and hope she will be back on deck soon.

All members who have died since the last newsletter we pray for their eternal rest.

Trudi McFadden
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✠ Peter Jones writes

These past weeks have been very busy ones for the Formation House at Brookvale. In early June we were saddened by the **death of Fr Bernie Connolly** from the Manly Vale community. Bernie was a great supporter of AFA activities and very visible at key events. He joined us for last year's bus trip to Jamberoo. Although his increasing frailty was becoming more evident for Bernie to be out with friends gave him immense enjoyment. Bernie took an interest in the progress of Augustinian students and they found in him a person of encouragement and example. May Bernie rest in God's peace.

On 21st June **Luke (Yong Tae) Park** OSA (professed) and **Paul (Seunghoon) Choi** (pre-novitiate student) arrived from Korea to spend two months in Australia. The purpose of their visit is to develop their English language skills and experience Augustinian life in Australia.



L to R: **Paul (Seunghoon) Choi** and **Luke (Yong Tae) Park** OSA

They have quickly got involved with life here. Already they have visited the parishes of Coorparoo (Brisbane), North Harbour and St Clair (both in Sydney) as well as the two Colleges. We wish Luke and Paul well for their time in Australia.

The celebration of **Tan's** (Minh-Tan Hoang) **profession** on 25th June at St Kieran's was a great one. By this profession Tan made a life long commitment to live as an Augustinian religious. The vows were received by Fr Pat Fahey at the conclusion of his term as Provincial. **A big thank you to the committee and membership of AFA for their support and help on the day as well as their encouragement of Tan over the years – Tan and the Augustinians are grateful to you.** On 10th July Tan left for Rome where he will conclude theology studies in preparation for ordained ministry. I know he will be missed by AFA members. In later editions there will be updates from Tan in Rome.



L. to R: Tan receiving instruction from Formation Director Fr Peter Jones OSA

I welcome **Nathan Lunardi** to Brookvale. Nathan is in the Come and See programme which is for people before formal admission to the formation programme who wish to have a prior experience of Augustinian community life. Nathan while with us is undertaking some part-time study and employment.

The **Augustinian Chapter** took place in the last week in June. At its commencement Fr Pat Fahey formally concluded his term as Provincial and Fr Tony Banks was installed as the new Provincial

I wrote in the last issue of the newsletter of my gratitude for Fr Pat's support of the Province's formation programme and our good wishes for the future as well as congratulations to Fr Tony. The Chapter set clear directions for Fr Tony and the Council



Fr Tony Banks OSA being installed as Prior Provincial of the Order of St Augustine—Australia.

A happy St Augustine's Day to all of you.

Fr Peter Jones OSA
Formation Director

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You will be warmly welcomed



Prayers for those not enjoying good health

Dorothy Brennan, Sue Colwell, Peter Keogh, Veronica Muller, Pat Stephenson and Yvonne McLoughlin.

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 Fr Peter Jones OSA , C/- PO Box 679, Brookvale NSW 2100. Ph. 9938-3782. Email: peterjonesosa@augustinians.org.au

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REST IN PEACE

**Fr Bernie Connolly OSA
Mary Merrigan (Kyabram)**