

# The Augustinian



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## AUGUSTINIAN PARISH—MAREEBA

### Annual Aboriginal Culture Mass

Mareeba Parish's annual Aboriginal Culture Mass was held on Sunday, 29th October 2006 at 10.00am in St Thomas's Church.

This annual Mass has been celebrated in Mareeba since 1995. Mareeba is an Augustinian parish in the Diocese of Cairns, in the tropical northern fifth of the State of Queensland, Australia.

For the Aboriginal Culture Mass, the singing was led by the Cairns-based AICC Singers (Aboriginal and Islanders Catholic Commission).



The parish priest of Mareeba, Fr Rob Greenup O.S.A., was the presider. He began on the front steps of the church with an Aboriginal "smoking ceremony", and was led to the sanctuary by local Aboriginal children playing traditional clap sticks.

The concelebrants of the Mass were two visiting Augustinians who formerly served at Mareeba, Frs Rod Cameron O.S.A. and Joseph Walsh O.S.A. A member of the Aboriginal people, the retired Anglican Bishop, Arthur Malcolm from Yarrabah, was a special guest speaker.

Happiness is joy in the truth because it is joy in You, O Lord.  
Who are truth, my light, my salvation, my God.

(Confessions 10, 23)



## Augustinian Parish, St Clair



All went well at the silver jubilee celebrations late in October 2006 to mark the founding in 1981 of Holy Spirit Parish, which is located at Saint Clair in western Sydney (Diocese of Parramatta). The Augustinians assumed staffing this parish in 1995.

Fr Brian Fitzpatrick O.S.A. (parish moderator) commented, "All went well with the celebrations. It was a fitting celebration to mark this stage of growth of a vibrant Catholic community." The parish web site is <http://www.holyspiritstclair.com.au/>

## Augustinian Parish, South Yarra

The renovation work nears completion on the former St. Joseph's Primary School building (*photo below*) on the Augustinian parish grounds at South Yarra, Melbourne, Australia. It will re-open as the new St. Joseph's Parish Centre shortly. The Parish continues to offer pastoral care to the many older and isolated people in our community with two part time pastoral workers kept busy at this.



With a November move in mind, the Parish is planning a grand opening for this new St. Joseph's Parish Centre on Sunday, 3rd December 2006.

Anyone interested in being included in the invitation list can contact South Yarra Parish on 03 9827-4689.

## Catholic Community of North Harbour



*Fr Dave Austin OSA*

Fr Dave Austin, Acting Moderator of the Catholic Community of North Harbour, is no stranger to this area. From 1983 to 1993, he was Rector of St Augustine's College at Brookvale and lived in the Augustinian Community there until early 1997 when he moved to Greystanes to help establish the Centre for Augustinian Spirituality.

For the last seven years Dave was Parish Priest of Kyabram in Northern Victoria and for 2 of those years PP of Echuca also (2003-2004). Dave's appointment to North Harbour is for the duration of Fr Peter Wieneke's absence on sabbatical, until January 2007. If things continue as they are, he says, 'It will be among the best of times!' The web site of the new Parish of North Harbour is <http://www.northharbour.catholicau.com>

## Augustinian professions in Korea

On 10th September 2006 in the Augustinian Delegation of Korea, Kyu-Dong Jonah Kim O.S.A. and Chang-Ho Johan Kim O.S.A. made their solemn profession in Korea. Australian and English Augustinians introduced the Order to Korea twenty years ago, and their two decades of work are now being blessed by a series of solemn professions and priestly ordinations. Two of the locally-born Augustinians in Korea are now priests, and another one is a deacon.

Numerous photos of the Augustinian activities and personnel in Korea are available by going to <http://www.augnet.org/default.asp?ipageid=6>, and then choose the gallery named *Korea*.

- ## ST AUGUSTINE'S COLLEGE HELPING THE ORPHANS IN THE PHILIPPINES



St Augustine's College – Sydney, have a strong connection with the Augustinian Sisters of Consolation who run educational facilities in the Philippines along with an Orphanage, in Bulacan not far from Manila. The Orphanage houses up to 20 children who have come to them in sad circumstances, the underlying theme being poverty. Each year St Augustine's College students raise funds to send to the Orphanage to help with their day to day running of this important charitable organisation. In true Augustinian spirit, 'community' is a paramount part of the College's values. The students at the College are keen to make a difference to these children's lives.

At the Orphanage they desperately need an infirmary to allow the children to be isolated from their peers and to dramatically reduce cross contamination. Diseases can consist of mumps, chicken pox, scabies and mosquito related infections. The heat can intensify transferring of the infections at a faster rate.

Titled "**The Augustinian Orphanage Project**", the College proposes to build an addition to the Orphanage consisting of a simple two room area housing up to eight children, with a separate bathroom area. This would enable staff to quarantine the children until their health has returned.

St Augustine's College TAS Teachers Craig Jeffery and Peter Jones have investigated building the new

facility at the premises, but due to restrictions on materials, tools and heat of the Philippino summer, plans are to build the facility in a prefabricated kit form, here in Sydney and ship the kit along with tools and materials over to Manila.

This school term, the College will be calling on their students to support this worthy cause via fundraising projects to help pay for the \$30,000 bill to complete this much needed project. To date the parent and Augustinian community have been very supportive. It is planned in April 2007, that ten students will accompany the two teachers to assemble the infirmary. The construction will have occurred here at the College. We will ship the prefabrication in a container from the College along with other donations and materials. The College is also calling on the general public for support, both financially and in materials and transportation.

### Augustinian Sisters of Our Lady of Consolation—Brookvale

On 4th September 2006, the Augustinian Sisters of Our Lady of Consolation (ASOLC) assigned in Australia celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Consolation together with the Augustinians from nearby communities and some members of the Filipino community. The celebration began with a Mass, at which the presider was Fr Pat Fahey OSA, the *Provincial emeritus*.

The first ASOLC Sisters, Sr Gavina "Gavi" Barrera OSA and Sr Josefa "Josie" Mabini OSA arrived in Australia on 6th October 2002, at the invitation of the Australian Province of the Order of Saint Augustine. The Sisters assist in the Augustinian parish and school ministries in the northern beaches of Sydney.

When Sr Gavi returned to the Philippines in 18th October 2005, Sr Joan Infante OSA was sent to replace her at St Augustine's College.

Sr Josie said, "On this third year of our celebration of the Feast of our Lady of Consolation here in Sydney, we convey our gratitude to the Augustinians of Australasia for their continued loving support to our mission here and in the Philippines. We also thank all those who have become a part of our journey in this Great Southland of the Holy Spirit."

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### Augnet



Augnet, a comprehensive web site on Saint Augustine and the Order of Saint Augustine, has just been re-designed and renovated. It contains over 1,150 pages of text, and also thirty photo galleries with over 1,700 large photographs.

New technical features in the renovated Augnet include a search engine, which searches every page of Augnet for any word or phrase that is nominated by a user, and a site map, which quickly allows a visitor to see and understand the local arrangement of Augnet's sections and sub-sections.

There were 14,542 separate visits to the site during the calendar month of September 2006, which is an average of almost 500 visitors a day. For the first time, on 19th October 2006 Augnet received 1,000 visitors within twenty-four hours.

Visit this web site at <http://www.augnet.org>

### Third National Augustinian Congress for the Laity, April 2007

Planning for the Third Augustinian Australian National Congress for the Laity is now well advanced. This Congress, to be held in the parish centre of the Augustinian Parish of South Yarra, Melbourne, runs from Friday 20th April 2007 to Sunday 22nd April 2007.

The keynote speaker will be Fr Art Purcaro O.S.A.. He is from the United States, and is presently stationed in Rome as an Assistant General of the Order.

The title is: *Augustine, Ancient & New Vision for the Future*. So how about coming to Melbourne in 2007 to experience Augustine in Autumn?!



#### AGENDA:

##### Friday April 20<sup>th</sup>

9.00am Welcome Morning Tea  
11.00am **Community of Friendship**  
12.00 Lunch  
1.00pm **Goold in Melbourne** (Tour)  
6.00pm Evening Supper **In Community**

##### Saturday April 21<sup>st</sup>

9.00 am Morning Prayer  
**The Spirituality of Communion**  
10.30am Morning Tea Workshops -  
1.00pm Lunch  
2.30pm **Signs of Hope :**  
**the Global Community**  
Responses  
6.30pm **Congress Dinner**

##### Sunday April 22<sup>nd</sup>

9.00am Prayer  
**Vision for the Future**  
11.15am General Business  
12.30pm **Congress Eucharist**  
1.30pm Lunch BBQ Farewells

For further information about the Augustinian lay congress in Melbourne in April 2007, contact Augustinian Friends via the parish office of the Augustinian parish of South Yarra (ph. 03 9827 9117), or contact Fr Paul Maloney O.S.A. at the Centre for Augustinian Spirituality, 2 Hewitt Avenue, Greystanes, NSW 2145 (phone 02 9361 0340) or by e-mail at [paulmal@bigpond.com.au](mailto:paulmal@bigpond.com.au)