

The Associates Newsletter

Sisters of St Joseph of the Apparition
May Edition 2012



IN ST EMILIE'S OWN WORDS

When she was eighteen, St. Emilie tells us, *“The spirit of piety made me anxious not to make any mistake about my choice of a way of life. I was then eighteen years of age. This state of uncertainty was very painful to me. God took pity on me and told me formally ‘**In two years you will know your Vocation**’. No sooner had I received this assurance than I found myself in a state of perfect tranquility regarding the future, my only desire being to do the Will of God.”* She then goes on to say, *“I gave myself up to the inclination He had inspired in me to practice charity towards my neighbours, either by visiting the sick in their own homes and caring for them in their needs, or by labouring for the conversion of sinners.”*

Acknowledging Sister Janet Arrowsmith's book, “St. Emilie, 2006” p.32, celebrating 60 years since the Miracle in Bowden, U.K.

Glen Stevenson (Brindley)

*“Go, and with what you have and will receive
do all the good you can”*

St Emilie de Vialar

Significant Event for the Australia/Thailand Province in 2012

Provincial Chapter 15th – 20th July

WHAT IS A PROVINCIAL CHAPTER?

Every six years, our Congregation holds a General Chapter in Rome. During the previous year, a Provincial Chapter is held in every province of the Congregation in preparation for the General Chapter. The members of the Chapter are Sisters elected from Australia and Thailand.

The purpose of the Chapter is to:

- ◆ **elect** from among the finally professed Sisters of the Province, those Sisters who will be delegates and substitutes to attend the General Chapter
- ◆ **reflect** on the way in which our lives as Sisters of St Joseph of the Apparition have been affected by changes in our world, the Church, religious life and, in particular, our Congregation
- ◆ **ask relevant questions -**
 - ◆ where are we now in this lived reality of our life?
 - ◆ in what direction do we move forward in the future?

The Sisters would appreciate the support of your prayers as we prepare for this very important event.

INVITATION to OUR ASSOCIATES

Our Associates are invited to attend a Mass to mark the opening of our Provincial Chapter. This Mass will be celebrated at St Emilie's Parish Church, Amherst Road, Canning Vale on Sunday, 15th July 2012 at 9.00am. A Morning Tea will follow at 96 Campbell Road, Canning Vale.



NOTE: *This Mass will replace the Mass usually held in June to celebrate the Feast of St Emilie.*

God bless.

Sister Gemma Grant

Sister Jeanette writes

Welcome to the first edition of the Associate Newsletter for 2012 coming to you in a changed format. I would like to extend a sincere thanks to all who have so generously contributed financially towards the costs of the Newsletter.

Our thanks also to all who have contributed towards the content with various articles of interest. Any Associates who would like to share an item of news are invited to please send the information to Regina at rbarnett@corpus.wa.edu.au OR to Sister Jeanette at srjeanette@powerdsl.com.au

Your continued prayers and financial support for all our Missions, particularly for the Thailand Project is much appreciated by all the Sisters and those with whom they are working. Thank you and may God bless you.

Sister Jeanette Hevron

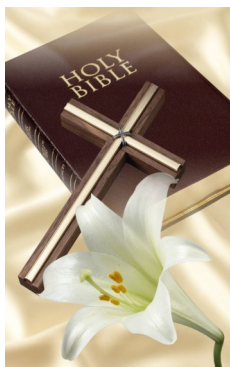
Change to Newsletter

The Newsletter is taking a change in format with a reduction of content (pages) due to increased printing and postage costs. We are also looking at the possibility of sending the Newsletter by email for those who have access to this facility. If you would like to receive future editions via email please email me at:

rbarnett@corpus.wa.edu.au so that we can ascertain whether this would be a possible option.

Many thanks.

Regina



Our deceased Sisters, Associates, Relatives and Friends

“Eternal Rest Grant to them O Lord”

Jim Matison	Brother of Sister Germaine and father of Germaine
Stanley Hughes	Husband of Lil, brother of Sister Anne-Marie, Alwin, Margaret, John and Pat.
Margaret Mary Thompson-O’Loughlin	Sister of Shirley Verjans, mother of Monsignor O’Loughlin
Theresa Tan	Mother of Angeline Farm

We pray for all our sick Sisters, Associates, relatives and friends, especially Sister Irene’s sister Beryl and for all who have asked our prayers at this time.

A Retreat Day for Associates
will be held at
The Epiphany Retreat Centre
on
Sunday 20 May 2012, from 10:00am to 3:00pm
50 Fifth Avenue
Rossmoyne
(Fifth Avenue runs off Leach Highway
just past the Freeway coming from Fremantle)

Sister Gemma Grant will facilitate the day
"The Wondrous Mystery of God in our Universe"

In exploring more about our Universe and the mystery of God,
we can be prepared for a unique and astonishing understanding
of God.

the day will also include
Opportunity for discussion/sharing
Time for quiet reflection and prayer.

For those who would like to begin with Mass there is a 9:00am
Mass in the little church on
Fifth Avenue adjacent to the Centre.

BYO Lunch
Morning and afternoon tea provided

Cost of \$15 to cover the cost of the venue.
Please mark the date on your calendar

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Item of Interest

On Monday 7 May 2012, members of the Associate Committee addressed a gathering of people at the Canning Vale Parish Centre to explain about the Associate Movement prior to setting up something for interested people from the south eastern suburbs. In future Newsletters we will keep you in touch with further development of this group.