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Father Peter Daly OMI Provincial of Australia Province/China Delegation from February 2016

The Father Louis Lougen OMI, Superior General of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, after consulting the Oblates of the Province and with the consent of the General Council, has announced that Fr Peter will be our next Provincial. We are now in the process of being consulted by Fr General regarding the four Oblates who will be appointed with Fr Peter to be the Provincial Council. Once the Council has been named Fr Peter will be installed as Provincial. This will probably be in February 2016.



Fr Peter Daly

Fr Peter was born in Brisbane on 28th July 1955 and is the first past student of the Oblate Iona College to be appointed Provincial. Fr Peter received the Oblate habit 17th February 1973; made his First Vows 17th February 1974 and was ordained in Brisbane, 7th Dec 1979.

Fr Peter brings to the office of Provincial, experiences of most of the works of the Province in Australia. He has ministered in the parishes of St John Vianney in Victoria, St Paul's Massey in New Zealand and St Eugene's in Queensland. Most of his ministry has been in the three Oblate Colleges especially in Iona College Brisbane and Mazenod College Western Australia, in both of which he has been Rector.

Fr Peter has been known for his outreaching to people in need. He has been active in the Rosies Outreaches in Queensland. In Mazenod WA where he is currently Rector, he reserves one Sunday each month to celebrate Mass in one of the State's prisons.

He has the distinction among the 'younger Oblates' of having preached the traditional parish missions when in 1992 he undertook a number of such missions in South Africa.

Fr Peter has Masters degrees in Theology and Educational Leadership, and a Diploma of Education.

Oblates at seminar for new bishops



In September, the Vatican Congregation for Bishops held a seminar for bishops nominated in the course of the previous year. There were 125 bishops, including three Missionary

Oblates of Mary Immaculate: Bishops Jan KOT (Bishop of Zé Doca, Brazil); Wilhelm STECKLING (Bishop of Ciudad del Este, Paraguay); and Mark EDWARDS (Auxiliary Bishop of Melbourne, Australia).

News from our Oblates in Korea

"No man's land" that's what they call the minefield on the border [ed. between North and South Korea]. Since Pope Francis arrived at the Vatican, it is fashionable to speak of the "peripheries." For us at Anna's House, where we have been living in the peripheries or suburbs for 23 years, it's time to go beyond, into "no man's land." It's a minefield where life does not count because at any moment, a mine could explode. In these long years living in the suburbs, we have met the street children, runaway teenagers, abandoned by their families and by the State, who have run away from everyone and everything. For them, we have created a network of solidarity which welcomes them and supports them and once again inserts them into the family and society.



Oblates on their 2015 retreat



Director's Update

As I prepared this newsletter, the Synod on the Family was meeting with Pope Francis in Rome. Pope Francis has the gift of touching the most mundane aspects of living, and showing that the simplest things can help or destroy relationships in the family, with friends and the wider community. He also frequently reminds us of the healing Presence of Jesus at every moment of our lives.

I then reminded myself that you would be reading this newsletter during November and December. November is a special remembrance for our deceased relatives and friends. Some cultures are great at having Masses celebrated for the deceased. I remember at St Patrick's Fremantle when the diary for the next year was already filling in September, there was a rush to arrange for anniversary Masses of the death of relatives and friends. Sometimes in other communities I experienced very few Masses for deceased relatives. How about making this November a special remembrance for our deceased relatives and friends?

Then my mind focused on December and the celebration of the birth of Christ. While it can be a hectic time, may it be a time of genuine joy and healing because we have allowed Christ to be with us.

Fr John Wotherspoon OMI sent me this email of Christmas for the poor in Hong Kong. It reminded me that Christmas joy is not measured in dollars.

Fr John Sherman OMI
MAMI Director



Oblate Spanish Martyrs



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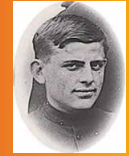
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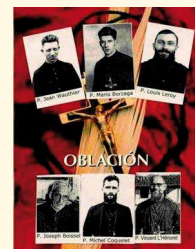
BL. JUSTO PARDO

During 1936 in Spain 21 Oblates and an associate layman were martyred. 18 of these men were aged between 18 and 30 years. Their feast day is on 28th November.

This year we are hoping for the beatification of 17 Martyrs of Laos. Pope Francis has already declared them martyrs. Six of these martyrs were Oblates:

- Fr. Jean Wauthier, OMI
- Fr. Mario Borzaga, OMI
- Fr. Louis Leroy, OMI
- Fr. Joseph Boissel, OMI
- Fr. Michel Coquelet, OMI
- Fr. Vincent L'Henoret, OMI

Martyrs of Laos



Fr Ian Mackintosh OMI

50 not out! Sounds like cricket, but it's not. We are celebrating the achievement of Fr Ian Mackintosh, born in Little River on 7th November 1939, ordained 8th December 1965. None of us have anything to say about our birth, but our life is in our hands. Fr. Ian made his choice to be an Oblate and it is the fifty years of Priesthood that we celebrate with him now. Congratulations Fr. Ian.

Growing up in his family, his school days, were all part of his preparation for launching him into his future life as Oblate and Priest. What he was in his youth, namely a great sportsman, was what he continued to develop as he added years to his life. The Scholasticate days in South Africa were a bonus for all those who lived with Ian in Cedara. While Ian, as a Victorian, was focused on Aussie football, he quickly adapted his skills and love of sport to Rugby and a bit of Soccer. The footy was never far from our hands, and

often enough in the break between lectures, while resting the brain, we would be throwing the footy to one another, and engaging in neck-wrestling to strengthen the body for the scrum. We know Ian as one who is a passionate sportsman, and that is what he is. We could say it is his DNA. It is that same passion that he brings with him to whatever he does.



stands out in his life is his love for history. An avid reader, his homilies about the saints are so colourful that they can bring to life the one being commemorated. He is not only a reader of the more serious things, his day always begins with devouring the newspaper. So intense is it, that some Oblates have commented, that 'He almost wears out the print on the page'. Best to get in and read it before he does.

Fr Ian brings to his parish ministry the same passion that is his DNA.

He has the practice like many teachers of writing notes on his hand and sometimes the palm of his hand will be black and blue. The ballpoint is never far away. He knows the people. Calling on the homes in the parish is a regular activity, and even though many houses are empty or have been pulled down, he doesn't give up. For Fr. Ian, 'knocking on doors' is an essential part of the life of a priest. He much prefers this to sitting in a meeting. While his dislike for meetings may be part of his character, he is very dedicated to his regular meeting with the candidates for the RCIA. He is passionate about that as well. While the numbers each year may only be a few, he gives his 100% each week for those meetings.

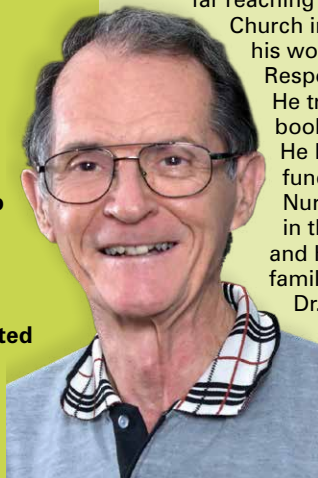
Unlike Sorrento and St John Vianney's, Dernancourt didn't have a house chapel when Fr Ian arrived. This was the first thing that he wanted to put right. When picking me up at the airport when I arrived a week later to join him in the Parish, almost the first question he asked me on the drive home was what I thought about a little house chapel. I couldn't think of anything more important. That little space in the house has been our special meeting place four days each week, and even on occasions on a Monday when we would both happen to be there at the same time. One or other would ask, "Want to say office?". Sure, okay.

For the past 23 years of his life, Fr Ian has been in Parish ministry. The earlier part of his ministry was in teaching. Many are the stories about his exploits in and out of the classroom. I leave you to reflect yourselves on those interesting and often funny times. Whether the stories are true or not he does leave behind him a great legend that will live on into the future. One thing that

All Australians know about "The Man from Snowy River". We too have our 'MAN', the "Man from Little River". Go well Fr Ian Mackintosh, Priest and Oblate. Like every cricketer, feel good about your half century. We thank God for your life, and may you still have more fuel in the tank to score more years in the vineyard of the Lord.

Golden Jubilee of Priesthood for Fr John McLaughlin OMI

Fr John McLaughlin was born in Victoria Park, Perth in 1939. He was educated at North Dandellup State School, and the C.B.C. College at Highgate. He came to the Oblate Juniorate in 1955 and from there attended St. Joseph's C.B.C in Geelong. Having completed his Leaving Certificate in 1957, he entered the Novitiate in 1958 and the following year began his priestly studies at the Oblate International Seminary in Rome. On the 18th December 1965 he was ordained to the Priesthood. Returning to Australia he worked for a short while in Fremantle and Sefton parishes, and then joined the Staff at St. Mary's Seminary as lecturer in Philosophy and assistant Novice Master. In 1973 he was appointed to our mission in Indonesia and served as



assistant Priest in Purwokerto, Parish Priest of Cilacap and 7 years as P. P. of Cengkareng in Jakarta. From 1984 to the beginning of 1990 he was Superior of our Indonesian Seminary Wisma de Mazenod in the city of Jogjakarta. From 1999-2005 he was the second Provincial of the Indonesian Province.

Father John has made a notable and far reaching contribution to the Church in Indonesia through his work in the field of Responsible Parenthood. He translated Dr. Billings' books into Indonesian. He has trained and raised funds for a number of Nursing Teams to work in the villages of Java and Kalimantan teaching family planning through Dr. Billings' methods and during the past 15 years these teams have been amazingly well received, as well as being successful in their efforts.

Father John worked for some time with the Indonesian Catholic journalists and artists, essentially he focused on those journalists involved in newspapers and journals. At that time there were about 2,300 journalists. Half of all the journalists were Catholics. Because of government censorship being a journalist especially at that time was very stressful.

In 2005, after finishing as Provincial of Indonesia he returned to Jakarta hoping to continue with the journalists but the Archbishop asked him to look after the health ministry commission of the Diocese. This included all who are involved with the medical profession, and was a big task. There are three Catholic hospitals in Jakarta and many clinics. He would do visitations and also assist with seminars on health issues, such as awareness programs on AIDS and family, immunization, also on natural family planning and helping the general health of the poor in Jakarta.

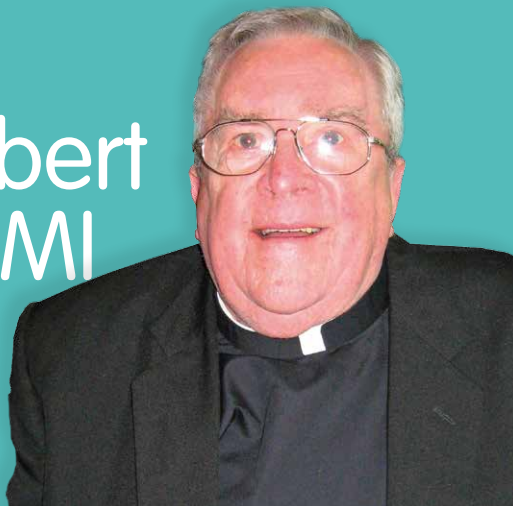
His passion is in the field of Right to Life. He also has participated in programs such as Rachael's Garden (single mothers programs) and also with families in crisis relating to post abortion. At present he is working on implementing the Bradshaw Program which helps for acceptance and healing of the past, especially from one's earliest years.

Fr John is attached to the Oblate community in Jakarta where he willingly assists in our two parishes especially with Masses. He is a good Oblate Priest; a man of faith and devotion, and these qualities bear fruit. He is also a scholar, a man of refinement and learning, whose manner, dignity, keen sense of humour and bearing enhance the Priesthood. Although it is many years since he worked in Australia, people still remember him well for his dignified bearing, his affable manner and his willingness to do any and every kind of work.

Fr John Robert Hannah OMI

(1930–2015)

Vale old colleague and friend



John Hannah was eminently likeable. He had an infectious charm largely due to his ability to be interested in others and warmly respond to their concerns. For over 50 years he has devoted these gifts to being a humane and kindly pastor. Even in the last months of his life, when painfully short of breath, he was unstinting in warmly welcoming, patiently listening and generously encouraging all comers.

As a student the impish prank intermingled effortlessly with the solemn and the serious. Many years after John's ordination his former Seminary Rector (Peter O'Neill OMI) asked me 'How is that loveable rogue, John Hannah?' The wily rector had kept a step ahead of his lively student.

The same rector enabled John to find scope to indulge his great gift for church music. An excellent musician, John trained the seminary choir and Sunday High Mass was on occasion broadcast over *Raidio Eireann*. Providing excellence in Church music remained a passion and happily John found the right niche when he was appointed to Fremantle. Here was the ideal setting: the spacious neo-gothic church built with great foresight by the early Irish Oblates; a splendid organ (lovingly restored) and a supply of young voices from the local Christian Brothers' College. Good Church

music gives fitting praise to God. It also improves the human spirit. A Doctor of the Church St Hildegard of Bingen, (d. 1179), summed it up admirably writing: 'music softens hard hearts'. She was echoing the teaching of Ezekiel 'I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh' (Ez. 36:26). So at Fremantle John organised great Sunday liturgies and the Bach Festivals in what (under his promptings) was elevated to the rank of Minor Basilica. And the tradition continued later in Sorrento with the production of Handel's *Messiah* (in conjunction with St. John's Anglican parish). We all owe John a great debt in combining good liturgy with a humanizing cultural influence through music. No slovenly, minimalist approach to things here!

The harmony associated with music was also evident in John's preaching. He had a splendid speaking voice, easily understood; an instinctive facility with language; a quick mind which could readily pick up ideas with a remarkable ability to make use of (and often improve) other peoples' ideas! Above all, he always presented the faith in a warm and humane manner. He was one to bring healing to troubled hearts.

He served in a remarkable variety of ministries and left us a large number of buildings he planned, adapted or renovated: always in good taste and of abiding value to the work of the Province. He was a friendly and humane presence

throughout, with a readily encouraging word for his fellow Oblates. He thrived on company and enjoyed a drink (and betimes even another). He was unfailingly great company.

A text message informed me of my old friend's death while I was speeding to Oxford by train with my 2015 Church History Tour. John had a fascination for trains. As I offered a prayer I instinctively recalled the moving words C.S. Lewis wrote on the last page of *The Great Battle* in which a railway journey was involved. The Christ figure gently told the children: "Your father and mother and all of you are – as you used to call it in the Shadowlands – dead. The term is over: the holidays have begun. The dream is ended: this is the morning." What Lewis wrote for children echoes what St Peter said remembering the Transfiguration 'until the day dawns' (2 Peter 1:19). John loved administering sacraments, those transfiguring events when we encounter Christ. As his day dawned, one can be sure Father John has had a great home coming: the 'term is over . . . the dream is ended.' Now he is in the real world. May he rest in peace.

Fr Austin Cooper OMI

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Oblate musician wins a music prize

Father Elio Dennis LÓPEZ PAREDES is the winner of a contest for religious music conducted by the National Conference of Religious of Peru. Elio communicates with music about his own vocation: Compendium of a vocation – the gift of love.



Singing priests of Peru

China tour



The China Immersion tour is on again! The tour will run from 16th – 28th May 2016. This is a great opportunity to experience the work we do within our China Mission and to enjoy some sightseeing.

If you are interested in this opportunity or know of someone who is, please contact Luisa Amati at pims@oblates.com.au

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Re-tracing my footsteps

Towards the end of September I took a 10 day trip to Indonesia, to visit the places where I had worked from 1982 to 2011. It was great to see the development and progress since the beginning of our Mission from the Australian Province in 1971. I flew first to Jakarta where the Trinity Parish had been divided into two Parishes at the end of August. The new Parish is called Mary Immaculate, and both Parishes have been entrusted to the care of the Oblates. The new Church of Mary Immaculate was completed in 2013 and has 12,000 Catholics, which includes an outstation Church called Palloti. At the main Mass on Sunday the Church of Mary Immaculate can seat 2000 people. The original Parish of Trinity has 9,500, and at the main Mass on Sunday 1500 people can be seated comfortably. Each Parish has two Oblates to minister to the people. The original Trinity Church was renovated and enlarged and a Blessed Sacrament chapel has been built for daily Adoration. Both Churches have a separate daily Mass Chapel accommodating 150 people. It is great to see how everything flows so smoothly, with great involvement of the people.



For the bigger Masses on the Sunday there would be 20 Eucharistic ministers distributing communion under one species. Each minister is accompanied by a "Putri Ekaristi" (a Eucharist girl). She carries a lighted candle and escorts the minister to the appropriate station. With all these people the procession into the Church can be quite long. It is all well done, disciplined and prayerful and adds something special to the occasion. It is wonderful to experience such numbers. Indonesia has a Church that is alive and active. There are still big numbers becoming Catholics through the RCIA program. In the two parishes entrusted to the Oblates, a total of about 200 adults are baptised each year, down from what was once 400-500.



The Province has a strong plan for Formation, and preparing Formators for the future is of top priority. At present there are 12 Scholastics (including 2 Brothers) and 7 novices. The First year Novitiate has 3 and the second year 4. The Scholasticate complex has undergone a major transformation. In recent years there have been many groups coming for live-in seminars, retreats and conferences.

Cilacap continues to thrive. Fr Peter Stoll will be moving there in October as Parish Priest. Fr Charlie has lost none of his drive and the many and varied projects continue. The Marine Academy is flourishing with a big intake this year. It is well established now as an important centre of education for future Mariners.

Kaliori known as one of the Marian centres in Indonesia, continues to attract large numbers. Each Sunday there is a Mass in the Church at the Shrine. The Shrine itself has undergone a face lift as well as enlarging the prayer area and all the other necessary facilities. It is now possible to drive to the shrine, a big help for people with disabilities. I went to the mausoleum where two Oblates are buried, and prayed at the tomb of Fr Kevin Casey OMI. Kaliori is also the home for the Provincial Administration.



To accommodate this need part of the accommodation has been up-graded and is very well done. Once a month there is a Mass for disabled people and ramps are in place to make the complex more 'wheel-chair friendly'. The original foundation stone from the Blessing by Austin Cooper OMI, the Provincial of Australia, has been inserted into a 5 ton rock which was spewed up from the volcano in 2010 and brought from the base of the volcano in 2013. This is a solid monument for a strong and vital future Church, and a symbol of the strength of the Oblate presence in Indonesia.

John O'Doherty OMI
4th October 2015



Vocations



Fr Paul Shen OMI is the first Oblate to be ordained in mainland China. Frs. Andrew Chen and Luc Young were able to attend his ordination. Let us pray for more Chinese vocations.



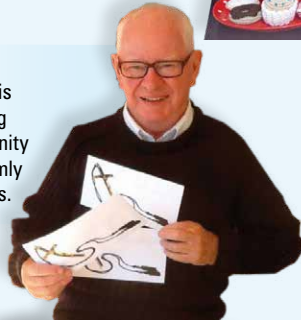
Bros. Anthony and Casmir come from our Indian Province. They have been studying for the Priesthood at St Mary's Oblate Seminary for a number of years and in November return to India to continue their preparation for Final Vows and Ordination. Please keep them in your prayers. We are very grateful to Anthony and Casmir for their assistance with the vocations ministry. They have also been regular members of the Rosies team.

'The harvest is great but the labourers are few'. The challenge of being a missionary in today's Australian secular society or overseas is indeed great. The Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate invite those who feel called to be a Priest or Brother to come and spend some time in an Oblate community discerning if their CALL is to be a Missionary Oblate. For more information contact Fr John Sherman OMI at jsherman@oblates.com.au or mobile 0418 825 701.



Fr Brian Harris after a recent hip operation is now back in Burpengary.

Fr Lewy Keelty, Superior of Iona is kept busy looking after the community and always warmly welcomes guests.



Fr Peter King from Hong Kong recently had a stroke. Please keep him in your prayers.



Fr Subash Fernando OMI is with us from Sri Lanka for at least three years studying at Notre Dame University. He is also serving as Chaplain of the Fremantle campus of the university.

Pray for:

- Please remember in your prayers Mrs May Dyer, mother of Fr. Harry Dyer OMI who died at the age of 91 on 14th Oct. 2015 'May she rest in Peace'

As we go to press:

- Fr George Ryan OMI is battling his illness and is being well cared for, supported by his family and the Oblates in Dublin.
- We have just heard that Fr Leon Anderson OMI entered eternal life last night 17th Oct. after a long illness. 'May Fr Leon rest in peace'. We will reflect on Fr Leon's life in the next edition of the MAMI newsletter.



Fr Leon Anderson

Important Information

- The MAMI office closes on Wednesday 23rd December and reopens Monday 18th January 2016.

MAMI Pilgrimage 2016



Itinerary and costing have been finalised and registration is now open. To mark the 200th anniversary for the founding of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate you are invited to participate in the MAMI Pilgrimage. The year 1816 is significant as it was the year in which St Eugene De Mazenod, Founder of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, began to live in common with the first group of companions in the Mission House in Aix-en-Provence.

In 2016, Fr Christian Fini OMI, will be leading a MAMI Pilgrimage visiting Rome, Florence and Assisi in Italy followed by Lourdes, Aix, Marseilles, and Paris in France. The highlight of the pilgrimage will be time exploring Aix, the town where St Eugene De Mazenod was born and where the Congregation was born. The trip will depart from WA, SA, VIC, NSW and QLD on 3rd July and return on the 22nd July. The cost for Twin share is \$6900 and Single Room \$7800. This costing is based on minimum 30 pilgrims and includes tipping but does not include travel insurance. Pilgrims need to be over 18 years of age and with good health able to walk unassisted and navigate stairs.

Need to finalise bookings soon. Full itinerary and registration details are available at www.oblates.com.au or call Emma Rice (03) 9795 5077.



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