

# Paduans' Newsletter

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**Old Boys' Assoc.**  
First established in 1964

**Autumn 2009**



*Commissioning of the 2009 College leaders in La Cordelle*

## **A Prayer for the Intentions of Padua**

(The College, its students, past pupils, parents, and teachers)

*Lord, fill our hearts with your grace, that we may understand and support young people, as we would like them to understand and support us.*

*St Anthony of Padua, patron of our School – Pray for us*

*St Clare of Assisi, model for praising God – Pray for us*

*St Francis of Assisi, model of Gospel living – Pray for us*

*Blessed Mary MacKillop, compassionate educator of the poor and disadvantaged – Pray for us*

*Our Lady Help of Christians, patroness of Australia – Pray for us*

*Holy God, source of all goodness we place before you the needs of Padua College. May it continue nourishing the spiritual, physical and educational needs of the boys it serves.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

*Amen*

# Old Boys News

## Welcome to our newest Old Boys – the Class of 2008.

Approximately 140 of you joined our ranks in December last year. (I don't think anyone has ever done the counting/calculations, but there would be thousands of us who are Old Boys ranging in age from 17 to 62.)

We hope that you enjoy reading the Newsletter and will include yourself in some of the activities this year and in years to come.

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Jim Stephenson, who finished grade 12 at Padua in 1971 was found and recognised by another ex-Paduan Mark Cullinan in Anstead. Mark, who is a consulting engineer in Ipswich, was doing a certification inspection of a pool fence installation at Jim's Anstead home and told him about this newsletter. Jim is married with two daughters 17 & 22. He has been a architect since 1983 and self-employed as a residential architect since 1996. He trades under the name James Stephenson Architect and has a website [www.js-architect.com.au](http://www.js-architect.com.au) and a visual blog of some recent projects at [www.jsarecent.blogspot.com](http://www.jsarecent.blogspot.com). Jim has kept in touch over the years with classmate John Evans, who is a solicitor on the Gold Coast, but would like to hear from other former class mates. email is [midgemiles@gmail.com](mailto:midgemiles@gmail.com). (The fence passed, by the way.)

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### **VALE Peter James Alcorn** (Senior Class of 1966)

The Old Boys' Association will be saddened by the sudden passing on 22 February 2009 of Paduan Old Boy, Peter Alcorn (Senior Class of 1966). After leaving Padua, Peter started work as a Teller in the Commonwealth Bank. He studied at the University of Queensland part time and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree. He then commenced work as a Probation Officer with the Queensland government. He then undertook part time study with the Barristers' Board and was admitted as a Barrister of the Supreme Court of Queensland. Peter's love of study (no doubt developed as a Paduan) saw him undertaking further study culminating in the award of a Masters Degree in Law (University of Melbourne); Graduate Certificate in Higher Education (University of Queensland) and Graduate Certificate in Alternative Dispute Resolution (Griffith University).

Peter left the Probation Service and commenced practice as a private barrister in Brisbane. He developed a very successful practice and became very well regarded by the legal fraternity for his integrity and fairness. Peter was also active in the Army Reserve and held the rank of Captain in the Army Legal Corps. He was a member of the United Services Club. Peter was particularly active in community affairs. He was a voluntary advocate for Group 61 which is an organisation whose aim is to help those with intellectual difficulties. Peter was an organist at St Agatha's Catholic Church, Clayfield and the Director of Music at St Patrick's Catholic Church, Fortitude Valley. In 2008 Peter was created a Chevalier in the Sovereign Order of St John of Jerusalem.

Peter's funeral was held at St Stephen's Catholic Cathedral on Friday 27 February 2009. Peter is survived by his wife, Narelle and their three children, Dominic, Nigel and Victoria. Peter's sudden passing will leave a void in the lives of his many friends and associates. Peter's life was an outstanding tribute to his old school. Of all his attributes, the one that was dearest to his heart was his claim to be an 'Old Boy of Padua'.

*Insert by his Paduan class mate and friend, Jeff Ahern (Paduan old boy 1958 -1964)*

Peter's brother, Michael, also went to Padua (Senior 1973).

# Memories...

*Patrick McShane remembers being among those of the first Outward Bound in 1978, as listed in the last Newsletter.*

I was in the group that went on the first Outward Bound trip to Lake Cootharaba, Cooloola National Park, with Frank Buckley, the PE teacher, and I think possibly Alain Sauvage.

We went up in a bus after school on Thursday and camped at Boreen Point. Next morning (Friday) we split into two groups, one group canoed up through the everglades and past Harry's Hut to their site, and the other group went on foot.

I was in the canoe group and we got there with no worries, but the walking group were slow and got to the camp site after dark.

We cooked on the camp fire, swam in the river, and had a lot of fun mucking around.

We spent the Saturday hiking to the sand blow, one boy got a tick and the teacher got it out after some time. It was slow going. We walked for ages and before we got to the sand blow we had to turn around and go back to get back to the camp site before dark.

The last day was the return trip from the camp site back to Boreen Point. The group who walked up canoed back this time. The walk back was slow, we were tired and many of us had run out of food. We missed a turn along the track. We were supposed to find a weir somewhere, and had to cut across the bush to find our way back to Boreen Point.



We all went straight to the Kiosk to buy chocolate and snacks and then got on the bus and went home.

*(Photos from The Paduan 1978.)*

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## Seeking Information

Michael Jones (Senior 1987) is wondering whether his son Daniel, in Year 6 this year having started in Yr 5 last year, is the first of the 3<sup>rd</sup> generation Paduans. Michael's father Leyland was from one of the first classes in the 50s.

Does anyone know of any other third generation Paduans? Let us know through Robyn Alexander ([ralexander@padua.qld.edu.au](mailto:ralexander@padua.qld.edu.au)) or Chris Fitzpatrick ([paduafitz@hotmail.com.au](mailto:paduafitz@hotmail.com.au)). It would be interesting to find out.



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## Significant Anniversary

Fr Alban Mitchell ofm – Called to God 2 March (2006)

## The Heat is On and Off the Field in 2009

Well the Padua Old Boys Cricket Day always seems to attract interesting weather conditions year on year. In 2009, the weather forecast was fine, hot and 36 degrees. On arriving to the ground we knew that this forecast was likely to be correct as you could almost see the humidity in the air. As such the four teams that arrived to play decided wisely to get the cricket out of the way early by playing Twenty20.

Field one saw the rematch of the Stower/Beattie teams from last year under the new names of 'The Anthony Hoiberg Experiment' and 'Team (Torn) Patella' (a tribute to Greg Khan's injury from 2008).

The Anthony Hoiberg Experiment won the toss and elected to bat with the team's name sake taking strike with Smithy at the other end. Although looking the part and displaying excellent technique, Hoiberg only managed one's and two's with no boundaries coming off the willow. Smithy on the other hand, showed typically old boys technique and managed a few flashy strokes before being bowled in the 3<sup>rd</sup> over. Next in was Damien Currie who with

Hoiberg made us feel like we were in line for a great day and possibly a win. However, on the fall of Damien's wicket, we watched the rest of the team occupy the crease for only small amounts of time. Hoiberg on the other hand was determined to see the innings through to the end and almost did. However, his run rate was still under par and didn't Torn Patella let him know throughout the match! With a last ditched effort by Daniel Barnard and ring in Martin Raadschelders, The Anthony Hoiberg Experiment got to a reasonable 153.

After a 15 minute mid innings break of the usual steak burgers and XXXX (thanks to Webby and Martin for their catering duties), we were back on the field to hopefully close this match out. Torn Patella had other ideas, however, immediately taking to our bowlers. What seemed a fairly competitive score soon became under threat as we watched the boundary rope being breached on a regular basis. With only a few wickets down past the 10 over mark, Simon decided to demote himself down the order (obviously knowing the strength of his batting line up) and spend more time keeping score of the cricket and the number of tinnies being consumed. Torn Patella continued strongly throughout the remaining overs reaching the total with two overs to spare.

The day was again a great one for those Old Boys who came along and as I have said in the past few years, we all can't wait for the rematch next year!

Clayton Hill



# Reunions

## 40 Years – the Senior class of 1969

Michael McMahon ([michaelshanemcmahon@bigpond.com](mailto:michaelshanemcmahon@bigpond.com)) is in the process of organising the 40 year reunion for around mid-October. This year's one will be different from last year's, which Michael also organised.



*Photos from the Cricket Day*



# DATE CLAIMERS

## Padua College Old Boys & Foundation Sportsmans Dinner

The Padua College Foundation and Old Boys Association are pleased to announce that they have secured a very popular guest speaker for its annual Sportsman's Dinner. Come and see ex referee and Gladiators star

### **Bill Harrigan**

**Friday 29 May 2009 at 7:00pm**

**Padua College Sports Hall (*La Cordelle*)**

This will be as popular as last year so to secure a table or a couple of seats, please email Simon Stower – [sshower@padua.qld.edu.au](mailto:sshower@padua.qld.edu.au). Money is not required yet but tickets will sell for \$65 each or \$600 for a table of ten.

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## Old Boys Weekend

**9 - 10 October**

*Amaroo* (Pomona)

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## Padua College Race Day

**31 October**

Eagle Farm

For any enquiries contact Simon Stower at [sshower@padua.qld.edu.au](mailto:sshower@padua.qld.edu.au)



**PADUA COLLEGE AND STAFFORD ROTARY**

*present*

# **Artscape 2009**



***La Cordelle*** 15 - 17 May

Come and see the work of some of Queensland finest artists. Buy yourself something memorable.

**Opening night tickets available soon from the College Office, 3857 9999.**

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**Padua College Open Day** 17 May 11am-2pm

**Feast Day of St Anthony of Padua** 13 June

**Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi** 4 October

# Around the College

(from the College Bulletins)

## College Leaders:

### Western Campus

Anthony Cau - College Captain  
Liam MacAndrews - College Vice Captain  
David Longhurst - Beirne Captain  
Tom Gurney - Beirne Vice Captain  
Giuseppe Pastore - Grigg Captain  
Liam O'Donnell - Grigg Vice Captain  
Dean Bilton - Mitchell Captain  
Joel Fernandes - Mitchell Vice Captain  
Tom Gibbs - Odoric Captain  
Trent Corley - Odoric Vice Captain

### Eastern Campus

Stewart Ryan – School Captain  
James Weston & Liam Attwood – Beirne House Leaders  
Aaron Bell & Jack Woodbridge – Grigg House Leaders  
Edward Hess & Cameron Caldwell – Mitchell House Leaders  
Adam Battams & Gurkirat Shergill – Odoric House Leaders



## Bob Out's Words

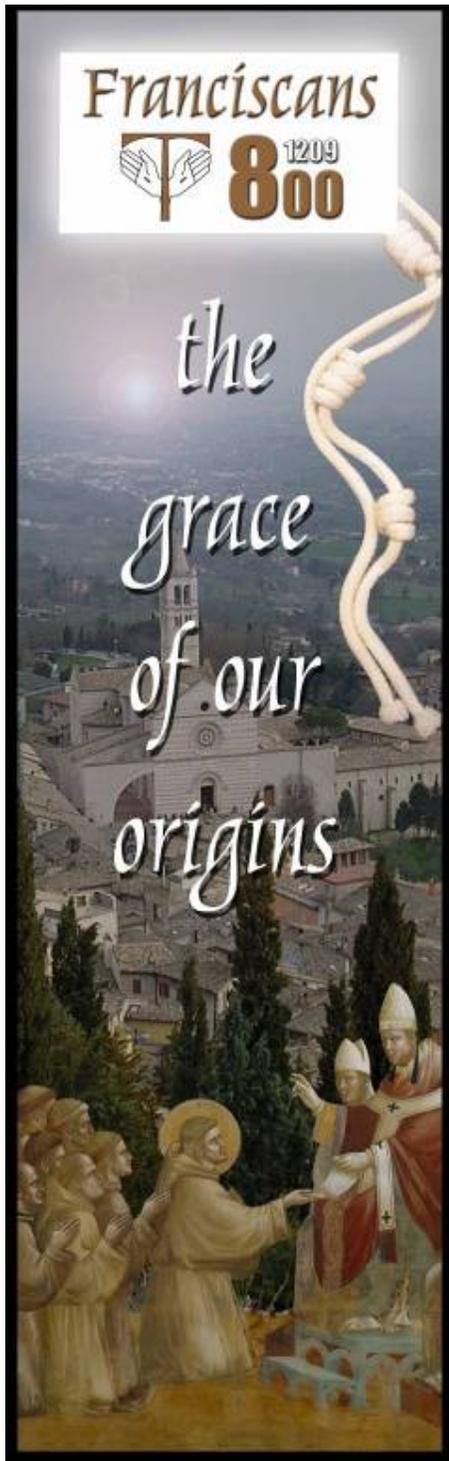
Our Student Leaders have adopted Respect, Fraternity and Passion as their vision statement for the year. I am positive that this year will stand out for us all as one to treasure in Padua's rich heritage.

Many would be interested in news of the results of our 2008 Seniors. Seven students received an OP1. It is my pleasure to congratulate Alister Culpitt, Ben Garamy, Matthew Goddard, Luke O'Shea, Josh Skyring, Chris Ward and Chris Wheate on their achievement. (At the liturgy for the Commissioning of the College Leaders these seven students were presented with plaques in recognition of their success.) In the range of OP 1-10 there were 49.5% of OP eligible students and 86.4% of students achieved in the range of OP1-15. These are outstanding results. Additionally, 13 students completed school-based apprenticeships and 80% of OP ineligible students achieved Certificate II or III at TAFE. Once again, these are outstanding results and I congratulate all of the boys and their teachers.



Whilst catching up with the boys at the Liturgy, I found out that Luke O'Shea and Josh Skyring had been awarded Vice Chancellor's Scholarships at QUT in their respective areas of study and Matthew Goddard had received an Excellence Scholarship to the University of Queensland. These are significant recognitions of the excellence of our scholars and we wish them well in their academic futures.

Many of you would have noticed the demolition of some houses in Jardine Street. Padua College is in the process of demolishing five houses, seeking BCC approval for the demolition of another, and retaining one for school use. We are also looking into the process of rezoning the area for educational use. However, no one is to get too excited. Any building in this area is a number of years away. We are planning for this area to be developed as the cultural precinct of the College. More of this development later.



## The Grace of our Origins

(from the Franciscan Calendar 2009)

Franciscans around the world are commemorating 800 years since the approval of the way of life proposed by Francis of Assisi to Pope Innocent III, a celebration of the 'Grace of our Origins'.

The story begins with the 'conversion of Francis' as recorded at the beginning of his *Testament*: "The Lord gave me, Brother Francis, thus to begin doing penance in this way: for when I was in sin, it seemed too bitter for me to see lepers. And the Lord Himself led me among them and I showed mercy to them. And when I left them, what had seemed bitter to me was turned into sweetness of soul and body. And afterwards I delayed a little and left the world."

After the encounter with the leper, the Lord led Francis to the church of San Damiano where the Crucifix addressed him with the words, "Francis, go and repair my house which, as you can see, is all being destroyed". It was, however, at the Portiuncula chapel that he understood his vocation better and received the gift of brothers with whom he set out on their first mission.

According to historians, 1209 was the year in which Francis received approval of his *forma vitae* (way of life) from 'the Lord Pope'. He recounts this moment in his *Testament*: "And after the Lord gave me some brothers, no one showed me what I had to do, but the Most High Himself revealed to me that I should live according to the pattern of the Holy Gospel. And I had this written down simply and in a few words and the Lord Pope confirmed it for me. And those who came to receive life gave whatever they had to the poor and were content with one tunic, patched inside and out, with a cord ...we desired nothing more ...and we were simple and subject to all."

The precise written text of the early form of life has been lost to history, but the words and spirit developed in light of the experiences of the brothers, the teachings of the Church and the teachings of Francis himself. They were the basis of the Rule of 1221 and, later, the Rule of 1223 which was confirmed by Pope Honorius III. The texts of these Rules and other writings of Francis continue to be essential reference points for understanding Francis and for those who follow his way of life: men, women, religious and laity.

The celebration of the eighth centenary gives us an opportunity to remember the past with gratitude, live the present with enthusiasm and to open up with confidence to the future. May we pray as Francis did before the crucifix in the church of San Damiano: "Great and glorious God, enlighten the darkness of my heart and give me true faith, certain hope and perfect charity, sense and knowledge, Lord, that I may carry out your holy and true command." May our response be, like Francis, to repair God's house, not with bricks and mortar but by proclaiming in the spirit of the Gospel and by our own simple lives that the Kingdom of God is here and now.



**The banner (above) is currently on display in both the school and church**

- St Francis receiving the rule is in the foreground
- The Basilica of St Clare is in the background
- The coat of arms incorporates the tau cross as on the Padua coat of arms
- The chord represents all those who profess the evangelical counsels in following any of Rules of St Francis, a sight familiar to many old boys

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**Some Franciscan websites worth looking at:**

The Order in Australia

<http://www.franciscans.org.au/>

Two sites for Franciscan documents and histories

<http://www.faculty.de.gcsu.edu/~dvess/ids/medieval/franciscan.html>

<http://198.62.75.1/www1/ofm/fra/FRMain.html>

The Fioretti (Little Flowers) of St Francis

<http://www.ccel.org/ccel/ugolino/flowers.iii.i.html?highlight=little,flowers,st,francis#highlight>

Dear Padua Old Boys,

As Franciscans remember the Church approving St. Francis' Rule of life in 1209, our world leader Jose Rodriguez Carballo has asked Francis' followers to celebrate the 'Grace of our Origins'. The Rule of life is what inspired Franciscans who have taught at Padua College over the years. In order to do this I would like to invite all Padua Old Boys and your families to attend either or all of the following events:

**THE ARMED MAN: A MASS FOR PEACE  
ANZAC DAY**

**25th APRIL 2009**

**3PM AT THE LITTLE FLOWER CHURCH**

Karl Jenkins, a British musician, was commissioned by Britain's Royal Armouries to compose something for the Millennium. He presented a powerful and compelling account of the descent into, and terrible consequences of war. THE ARMED MAN: A MASS FOR PEACE is a contemporary example of a Mass based on a 15th century French song called The Armed Man.

On Anzac Day when we think deeply on the uselessness of war, this extraordinary composition will be presented in the Little Flower Church at 3pm, as part of our 800th Anniversary celebrations. A fine orchestra will accompany the Choir and Principal singers.

Royalties just for the music used exceed \$1000, so those attending are asked to contribute \$20. There will be a special rate for families.

Rarely will you have another chance to hear this work. Please mark ANZAC Day afternoon in your diary.

**THE TRANSITUS OF ST FRANCIS  
SATURDAY 3RD OCTOBER 2009**

**6pm AT THE LITTLE FLOWER CHURCH**

**PRESIDER: BISHOP JOSEPH OUDEMAN OFM Cap**

St. Francis died at dusk on 03-10-1226. His followers remember everything that happened then in a ceremony called THE TRANSITUS (The passing of St Francis). Bishop Joseph Oudeman, an Assistant Bishop in Brisbane, is a Capuchin Franciscan and he has agreed to preside at this ceremony at 6pm on October 3rd.

**THE FEAST OF ST FRANCIS EUCHARIST  
SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2009**

**9am AT THE LITTLE FLOWER CHURCH**

**PRESIDER: ARCHBISHOP JOHN BATHERSBY**

Archbishop Bathersby will offer the Eucharist with us at 9am on October 4th, the Feastday of St. Francis. He will stay with us afterwards for a barbecue on the front lawn.



Francis was precious to the Franciscans who taught over the years in Padua. Perhaps as a 'thank you' to them you might come to these functions.

Cheers,  
Fr Peter Clifford OFM  
Parish Priest

# From the College Bulletins

By Fr John Boyd-Boland ofm, College Chaplain

## **FRANCISCANS – 800th ANNIVERSARY**

Most anniversaries are joyful occasions, and so it is this year for all associated with the Franciscan Order. In 1209 Francis set off from Assisi with 11 companions and gained approval from Pope Innocent III for a radical new way of life within the Church. However, this 800th anniversary is not intended simply to mark a past historical event, but it is an opportunity to re-live and re-experience enduring and significant values that are Francis' legacy to us.

Such an anniversary cannot simply be an occasion to look back, albeit with pride, on the many accomplishments of the great Franciscans of the past; otherwise it would be like a group of old-timers reminiscing about their long-lost "glory days". Here at Padua we believe that the Franciscan movement that originated eight centuries ago still possesses a perpetually energizing vision, a vital charism that can speak to men and women of any and every age

It is our joyful task not only to remain faithful to the essential elements in Francis' vision, but to express them in a way that enables us to go out joyfully into the world of today - so vastly different from the world of eight centuries ago. During this year at Padua there will be a number of important events celebrated that will focus on the Franciscan vision and its place in our twenty-first century. I look forward to accompanying the staff and students of Padua as we celebrate this anniversary year.

## **FRANCISCANS AND EDUCATION**

Franciscans have been involved in education almost since the beginning of the Order, some eight hundred years ago. In 1219, the friars began teaching at the University of Paris, five years later they were at Oxford University and, in 1230, were on the faculty at Cambridge University. They quickly became popular teachers of literature, sciences and theology; their popularity due to their knowledgeable scholarship, and their matter-of-fact style of teaching. This popularity was often the source of conflict with other Faculty members who were not Franciscans, because students tended to seek out the friars as their teachers. There were even statutes in some universities that stated that Deans of Theology could only be appointed from among the Franciscans.

Within a hundred years of foundation of the Order, friars were teaching in Germany, Spain, Italy, France and England. The attraction of Franciscan education lay in its attempt to deal with the challenging and real-life questions about human existence - for the Franciscans, education was not about knowledge for its own sake, as if our knowledge was a way to wealth and power; no, knowledge was a gateway to understanding God and what God wanted of each of us. If the Jesuits emphasise justice, the Dominicans, truth, for the Franciscans it is love and beauty. And how important it is to emphasise beauty; for when a culture loses its sense of beauty, the loss of truth and goodness cannot be far behind.

## **FRANCISCANS AND THE LITURGY**

In the life of Saint Francis there are ample clues to suggest the centrality of the liturgical life for the saint. His first task was the restoring of an old chapel – the San Damiano church, and his second project was the rebuilding of the small ruined chapel dedicated to Saint Mary of the Angles (the Portiuncula). He popularized many customs now cherished by the church such as the Christmas crib.

Undergirding the life and labour of Francis are four liturgical principles, which anticipate the reforms of the Second Vatican Council:

1. For Francis life in the church begins and ends with the "material" - bread and wine. At the Eucharist both word and sacrament are equally celebrated. Contrary to the protestant tradition, Mass is more than about the pulpit, as if the faithful are mere students and the church is school rather than family. Nor is Eucharist to see a separation of the altar from the people, as if the faithful are mere spectators, viewing the Eucharistic liturgy rather than participating in it and receiving Holy Communion.
2. Francis believed in the participation of all the faithful in worship. In many senses, Francis is the precursor of the vernacular liturgy. His poems, prayers and hymns helped create the modern Italian language (with due respect to Dante). His friars preached to the people in their own language, and Francis urged they speak simply and briefly.
3. In Franciscan thought, the Christian vocation can never be understood apart from proclaiming the Gospel, and that is the task of every Christian. Francis believed Scripture had an educative function as well the functions of correction, challenge and consolation.
4. Francis recognized that out of our understanding of the message of Jesus in the Gospel we should be led to action - that we go from the altar to the world. As Franciscan Murray Bodo puts it, "to remain on the dream too long, dims the dream until you no longer see it, and that road replaces the dream. The journey and the dream are one balanced act of love."

# Franciscans



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PADUA COLLEGE  
2009



Most High and Glorious God,  
we praise and thank you for the wonderful ways  
you have blessed our world.



Eight hundred years ago you inspired men to gather  
around Saint Francis. They celebrated the Gospel life  
of Jesus Christ in joy, and simplicity. May the Padua  
community find inspiration in the gift of Saint Francis,  
as we dedicate ourselves to following in his footsteps  
bringing courtesy, peace, justice and love to our world.

This prayer we make through Christ our Lord.

Amen

*Both sides of the prayer card, used in the Padua community this year, for the 800 years celebration.*

## Where we've come...

### 1959



*The College*



*The Staff: Fr Odoric, Fr Cormac, Fr Alban, Fr Isidore  
Mrs Cameron, Mr Walsh*

*From the final page of the 1959 Paduan...*

### ENJOY YOUR VACATION BUT THINK OF YOUR VOCATION

Figures don't lie. They happen to be right. Two and two still make four, and zero means nothing. And, where there's "nothing" you can't get "something." "Something" comes only from "something".

Which adds up to what? This; to fill the demand for coats we must have wool – no wool, no coats; to fill the demand for meat we must have animals – no animals, no meat; and to fill the demand for Franciscan priests and sisters we must have vocations – no vocations, no priests, no sisters.

All right, so there was a catch to it! But think about it a minute. Maybe you never thought of it seriously before, but the priest who administers the Sacrament to you, the sister who opens the convent door to you, were in their own youth-time very very much like you. There was nothing special about them to set them apart from their friends. They were as completely normal, as average, as – YOU. They weren't born with a brown habit and halo. They work hard while they are able, but they can't keep this up forever. Like all ordinary people they get old, sick and feeble, and eventually start on the bright road home to God. Their places must be filled, and so it happens that there just isn't a long waiting list of people anxious to take over the jobs.

So it narrows itself down to this: unless we find young men and ladies of to-day who are unselfish and courageous enough to face the adventure of dedicating their lives to God tomorrow's young men and women may never hear of God.

There's the problem – so enjoy your vacation, but think of your vocation.

### Some Statistics

Length of *The Paduan* annual magazine:

1959 – 32 pages

1969 – 48 pages

1979 – 52 pages

1989 – 88 pages

1999 – 176 pages

# Where we've come...

## The Student Leaders

1959

### Sub-Junior



Front Row, left to right: T. Robinson, S. Boegheim, J. van der Maat, B. Spillane, K. Ryan.  
Second Row: J. O'Connell, R. Walters, L. Jones, P. Cregan, P. Cosgrove.  
Third Row: B. van der Heide, L. Boyd, M. Stark, P. Hopkins, P. Cross.  
Absent: T. Denson.

1969



### GRADE 12.

FRONT ROW: G. Skennerton, A. Van der Heide, G. Walters, B. Stanfield, Fr. Benignus Clowes, K. Mort, R. Frame, K. Devlin, D. Gordon.  
SECOND ROW: B. Casey, L. Tuohy, R. Thompson, M. Smith, G. Davies, B. Moffett, K. Perkins, T. O'Keefe, M. Thornton.  
THIRD ROW: M. Griffiths, P. Long, P. Fletcher, A. Bourne, M. Joyce, P. Hedeman, P. Bourke, L. O'Brien, P. Green.  
BACK ROW: P. McNeven, J. Porter, B. Morley, P. Bath, B. Jowett, J. Robinson, M. Quinn, M. Coe, M. Murray.  
ABSENT: M. Carden, M. McMahon.

## *Where we've come from...*

### **From the Rectors...**

#### **1959 – Fr Alban Mitchell ofm**



“After four years, the College has shown remarkable growth. Begun in 1956 with ninety boys and two teachers (Mrs Cameron and Mr Fox) there are now over 260 boys, two lay teachers and four Franciscan Friars.

The first Scholarship class came through with seven out of nine successful. This year, too, saw the beginning of the Secondary School with sixteen boys doing Sub-Junior. Next year we take another step forward to Junior.

Accommodation will then be stretched to the very limit with over 300 pupils. Hence it will be necessary to start extensions to cater for the coming years.”

#### **1969 – Fr Hugolin Bourke ofm**



Regarding the changes in education:

“The rapid changes have left many people bewildered and unhappy at the way things have progressed, or, in the estimation of some, regressed.

It may be of help to parents to understand some of the background to the revolution, to see the problems involved and some of the solutions suggested.

The main reason for the revolution is the rapidly changing world situation. The Second World War introduced an era of technology that did not slow down after the War, but rather increased in pace and development.”

#### **1979 – Fr Benignus Clowes ofm**



“...to alert society to the implications for our age of rapid change that is sudden, widespread and deep-seated.

...it is a conviction of mine that we are privileged to be living in such an exciting age. Our God is a God of history: let it not be thought that He has been caught unawares, as man has in so many ways, by the avalanche of change. The challenge of our age is to harmonise with Providence, to be enthusiastic, energetic, and flexible, to be gently anxious to read as well as we can, and with God's help, the signs of the times, and with profound reverence for God and all our fellow men to search for meaning and relevance.”

#### **1989 – Fr Barry Kirby ofm**



“...each of us is a small segment of a much larger tapestry, and what we now enjoy is the result not only of our own efforts but of those who have gone before us.”

#### **1999 – Fr John Boyd-Boland ofm**



“In this moral morass how important it is that young people are educated in an environment that is sure and secure in its values and unambiguously proclaims them to be lived. Such is life at Padua where we offer the boys an alternative to superficial conservatism on the one hand and panicky trendiness on the other; where we invite them to question the obsessions that dominate their social world and prevent them from being open to their own full potential as persons.”

**Do you know of anyone not receiving the Newsletter? Encourage them, and every other Old Boy, to get their email address to Robyn Alexander at the College.**

## Privacy Notice

1. Padua College provides personal information to associations connected with the College, concerned with the involvement of old boys in the College, such as the Old Boys' Association, and a prospective College foundation. The primary purpose of collecting and providing this information is to inform you about activities of the College and those associations, and to keep old boys informed about other old boys.
2. The College and those associations need the information referred to, in order to keep you informed about those activities. If you do not want that information provided as described, it is necessary that you inform the College.
3. As you know, from time to time, the College, and the associations engage in fundraising activities to help the College. The information received from you may be used to make an appeal to you. If you do not agree to this, please advise the College now.
4. The College and the associations may publish details about you in their publications. If you do not agree to this, please advise the College now.

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