



# Paduans' Newsletter

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*Above:* Bishop Joseph Oudeman ofm cap at the 2009 Inaugural Eucharist in March



*Right:* Papal Nuncio His Excellency Archbishop Giuseppe Lazzarotto at the St Anthony feast day mass in June

## 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

I read with interest (in the Autumn Newsletter) the query about any other third generation Paduans currently at the school. It all depends on the definition of third generation. My son Matthew is currently in Peter Egan's class of Year 7 at the primary school. Both myself and his uncle (Michael Flynn) went through Padua from years 4 to 12. I left in 1980 and Michael left in 1983. He also had 2 aunts who went through Mt Alvernia from year 8 – 12.

He also had 2 great uncles that went through Padua. His grandmother attended All Hallows (it was before Mt Alvernia was started). His Great Uncle Peter Woodward was in the first class of 1956 in the old timber school with Mr Fox and Mrs Cameron. He went through from Year 5 to Year 12 and was one of the first boys to do so. His Great Uncle Paul Woodward also went through from year 4 to year 10.

His Great-Grandfather Bill Woodward was an electrician and spent many hours wiring up lights for the school fetes and working on the old Little Flower church and so on, while his Great-Grandmother Levina Woodward was also busy with the fetes and other activities.

He currently also has a sister, Emma at Mt Alvernia in year 10, so the family involvement with Franciscan education goes back to the very start.

Regards

Peter Flynn



Joshua Skyring, 2008 Padua College Captain, is a recipient of a 2009 Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship at QUT. Joshua was presented his award by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Peter Coaldrake, at a VC Scholars Welcome evening on Thursday, 26 February at the Gardens Point Campus.



1st Rugby Team with guest speaker, Dominic Maguire (Senior of '81)

## Sportsman's Dinner a huge success!

The Annual Sportsman's Dinner held in May was again touted as a great success, with over 350 guests and raising around \$13,000!

MC Scott McGuire kept everyone in the mood for a relaxed night, while guest speaker Bill Harrigan talked mostly about himself and refused to back down from any of his controversial decisions including the grand final penalty try awarded against St George and the Gordon Tallis State of Origin sin binning.

Bargain hunters picked up some great deals in the auction including two signed Qld State of Origin jerseys and a signed Liverpool jersey.

It was another great night, if anyone has any suggestions about who they would like to see as the guest speaker in 2010 please email Simon.



David Shillington made his debut for the Queensland State of Origin team in July. Congratulations to David, a 2002 Senior. David is the fifth Queensland State of Origin player, who also has played rugby league for Padua.

## 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.

## DATE CLAIMERS

### Feast of St Francis of Assisi

**4 October**

*Little Flower Church, Kedron*

### Old Boys Weekend

**9 - 10 October**

*Amaroo (Pomona)*

### Padua College Race Day

**31 October**

*Doomben*

# Don't miss the excitement of Padua College Race Day!

*Saturday 31 October, Doomben*

The Race Day will be held at Doomben on October 31 (Derby Day).

Tickets have changed this year but offer great value and a much better racing experience. For \$55 Paduans will get entry into the track plus entry into an exclusive Padua function in the Hometown Bar which sits at the top of the grandstand and overlooks the track. The ticket also includes all food and first drink on arrival. Wives and girlfriends are very welcome.

Get a group together and book early as tickets are limited to 350!!

To book ring Pam at Padua on 38579907.



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## Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi 4 October

**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

## Valé Justin Drew ofm

(1937-2009)



Many of you would remember Br Justin who first came to Padua in 1978 and worked as the stationer, printer and assisted with rugby league football teams over a number of decades. He's pictured here (right) with Mr Noel Garvey, from the 1980 Padua magazine, and also from the staff photos of 1989 (left).



Br Justin was called to God on Thursday 27 August. His funeral was held at The Little Flower church, Kedron, on Wednesday 2 September.

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## Kedron Parish Youth Ministry

*It is easy to halve the potato where there's love.....IRISH PROVERB*

Kedron parishioners with the support of the Parish Priest and Parish Council are embracing the Archdiocesan Synod Priority and vision for children and youth, in their forward planning for the young people of our parish. This will include the employment of a part time Youth Ministry Worker.

At Mass on March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2009, the Kedron Parish Youth Ministry Team was commissioned. This team of eleven passionate (young and young at heart) parishioners will be liaising with local schools and groups, and be the co-ordinating "**face**" of youth ministry in the parish as well as mentoring the employed Youth Ministry Worker.

A fundraising group has also been formed. Its brief was to find ways of raising money to enable the funding of a part time Youth Ministry Worker in the parish. The committee has begun by running a Sausage Sizzle on election day, but we realize that supporting a Youth Ministry Worker will be an ongoing cost to the parish, where money is very limited.

This is where we need **your help!** We will continue to run one off fundraisers but that will not support the costs of paying a wage for the Youth Ministry Worker each and every week and other associated expenses.

Our Youth programme requires **at least \$15 000** to enable us to function effectively for a year. To that end we are asking those who are in a position to do so, to make a donation to this worthy cause. (an annual commitment will greatly assist future planning.)

**Suggested support amounts** - \$100, \$200, \$300, \$400, \$500 or more. **(Thirty supporters of \$500 will help us to run the Youth Ministry for a year!)**

We urgently need these funds by June, to begin our Youth Ministry.

Many Thanks

Peter Stark  
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*Great opportunities to help others seldom come, but small ones surround us every day*

# Around the College

## (from the College Bulletins)

In March, the College had the 2009 Inaugural Eucharist. As it is a special year for the Franciscan Order, the Mass was celebrated by Bishop Joseph Oudeman ofm cap (a Capuchian Franciscan). We also had in attendance the Provincial Minister, Fr Paul Smith ofm, a number of friar representatives including Br Jim Fitzgerald ofm and Fr Paul Ghanem ofm, former friar staff members. The local FOTH (Franciscans On The Hill) schools also had representatives as well as the Missionary Sister of the Immaculate Conception. All in all it was a great occasion. The boys entered into it in fine spirit, making it a very fitting celebration for the friars and the College.



## FRANCISCAN PROJECT

Franciscans in Australia have started to build bridges between the people of Australia and the peoples of our near region. East Timor is one such place where development projects have been established. Padua College is now involved in a partnership programme with the community near Besusu, and in particular the St Francis of Assisi High School.

Officially the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste (East Timor) is a country in Southeast Asia. It comprises the eastern half of the island of Timor and nearby islands. This small country is located about 640km northwest of Darwin. East Timor was colonized by Portugal in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. In 1975 East Timor declared its independence but was invaded and occupied by Indonesia later that year. In 1999, Indonesia relinquished control of the territory and Timor-Leste became the first new sovereign state in the 21<sup>st</sup> century in 2002. Alongside the Philippines, Timor-Leste is one of the only two predominantly Roman Catholic countries in Asia.

Our support for the students at St Francis of Assisi High School is making a real difference. Photos and greetings from Timor shown to Padua students reflect the progress and the pride that now engulfs this growing community.

The final “wrap up” of Padua’s magnificent contribution to the 2009 Franciscan Project is as follows. In addition to the school’s contribution the Padua College Parents and Friends Association has donated \$6,400 from its Artscape proceeds in May this year. This brings the 2009 total funds donated to the St Francis of Assisi School in Timor- Leste by the Padua Community to an amazing \$35,070. Congratulations one and all!

Remember the words of Stephen Grellet:

“I expect to pass through this world but once; any good that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any fellow creature, let me do it now; let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.”

- Michael O’Brien & Mark Taylor

## Visiting East Timor

In the last week of last term, I was privileged to join Fr Paul Smith ofm (Provincial Minister of the Franciscans), Ms Sarah Menassa (Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Coordinator, Mrs Val Mooney (St Francis Xavier Box Hill Parishioner) and Mr Michael O'Brien in a visit to the Foundation of St Anthony of Lisboa in Timor Leste. As the boys are certainly aware, Padua College supports St Francis of Assisi school in Timor Leste and a significant aspect of the visit was the opportunity to visit this school. The visit also provided us with the opportunity to witness the work and lifestyle of the friars in Timor Leste, many of whom are Indonesian and to meet with Fr Paskalis Bruno Syukur (Provincial Minister of the Indonesian Province) and Fr Guilherme da Costa Barros



(President of the Foundation of St Anthony of Lisboa).



The Bulletin does not provide an adequate forum for doing justice to a report of the visit. I have to report that the trip was inspiring. It increased my awareness of the lifestyle of the people with whom the friars work and the needs of these people as they try to improve their livelihoods for the future.

In respect to St Francis of Assisi School, I was able to tour the building, which Padua has supported financially. I was privileged to witness the standard of education of the 530 students at the school. I was amazed to experience the

congruence of spirit and mission that the two schools shared. I was shocked to find out that the claim I have made over many years that Padua College was the only Franciscan friar owned school in the southern hemisphere is erroneous. St Francis of Assisi School is a friar owned and run school, but I am please that we are in direct relationship with them and that this relationship has been strengthened as a result of the visit.

- Bob Out



Padua received some very good news in May from the Australian Government. As part of their Building Education Revolution, the government has given Padua Primary a capital works grant of \$2 million dollars. This money will enable the school to refurbish the student amenities block, a new staffroom, library refurbishment, two new classrooms and refurbishment of the old staffroom as a classroom. We are grateful to the Australian Government and we will certainly do our bit to assist in staving off the effects of the Global Economic Crisis.

Additionally, the secondary has received \$200,000 to spend on refurbishment projects. These funds will be used to refurbish landscape and shade the area at the rear of St Francis hall. This will “finish off” the central precinct of the school, providing a very nice area for students.

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The middle weekend of May provided the busiest weekend in the calendar for the Padua community. Friday night saw the Opening night of Artscape. This event is the culmination of twelve months of planning and is much anticipated event within Padua and the Stafford Rotary Club. The ninth annual show displayed some very impressive art work and provided a great opportunity for people from a range of backgrounds to socialize and enjoy a fine evening. Stirling Hinchliffe MP was the guest speaker providing an enlightening personal reminiscence of the history of the local area and the importance of Padua and the Stafford Rotary Club to the local community.



Stirling Hinchliffe MP, Minister for Infrastructure & Planning and his wife at the Artscape Gala Opening night

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A wise woman who was travelling in the mountains found a precious stone in a stream. The next day she met another traveller who was hungry, and the wise woman opened her bag to share her food. The hungry traveller saw the precious stone and asked the woman to give it to him. She did so without hesitation.

The traveller left, rejoicing in his good fortune. He knew the stone was worth enough to give him security for a lifetime. But a few days later he came back to return the stone to the wise woman.

“I’ve been thinking,” he said, “I know how valuable the stone is, but I give it back in the hope that you can give me something even more precious. Give me what you have within you that enabled you to give me the stone.”

*“The Wise Woman’s Stone” Author Unknown  
Included in The Bulletin by Michael O’Brien & Mark Taylor  
For the **Franciscan Project***



# From the College Bulletins

By Fr John Boyd-Boland ofm, College Chaplain

## THE THREE BRANCHES OF FRANCISCAN FRIARS

In March, Bishop Joseph Oudeman OFM Cap led the College community in the celebration of the Eucharist. The Bishop is a Capuchin Franciscan, and the Capuchin friars are one of three groups of male religious who call themselves "Franciscan". The others are the Conventual Franciscans (OFM Conv), and the Franciscans of the Order of Friars Minor (OFM)

The eight hundred year history of the followers of Saint Francis is a story of incredible growth, and a lively passion for imitating the life of Saint Francis. This has led, over the centuries, to much heated debate and internal dissension among Franciscans. Today, as a result of the insistence of Pope Leo XIII (1810-1903), we have three branches of the Order.

1. THE CONVENTUAL FRIARS. In 1430 the "conventuals" were recognized. These friars were given the right to own property, and to be the recipients of regular income. This marked the group off from the "Observants", who followed a stricter interpretation of poverty. Today the Conventual Friars care for the major pilgrimage places of Assisi.

2. THE CAPUCHIN FRIARS. These friars broke off from the "Observant" friars, unhappy that the Observants were living too comfortably. In 1525 they obtained permission to separate themselves from the Observants, with permission to wear a new style of habit, live a more primitive form of life of poverty, preaching and contemplation.

3. THE ORDER OF FRIARS MINOR. The remainder of the friars belonged to a plethora of groups, each striving, as they thought best, to live in conformity to the ideals of Francis. Some didn't wear sandals, some lived an enclosed near monastic life, some lived in almost abject poverty, some lived a very contemplative life, others went about itinerant preaching; all lived in various degrees of poverty.

Pope Leo XIII was concerned at the divisions within the Franciscan movement, and in 1889 decreed that all friars must belong to one of these three groups, with the following initials after their name:- OFM Cap; OFM Conv or OFM.



### Feast of the Stigmata of St Francis 17 September

One day on La Verna mountain, Francis saw a vision of a man crucified. His heart was flooded with a mixture of joy and sorrow as he realised that God had shown him this vision. This was to help him see that he too would be transformed into the likeness of Christ crucified, not by physical martyrdom, but by the fervour of his spirit. There and then, the marks of the nails began to appear in his hands and feet, just as he had seen in his vision.

- *Major Life XIII, 3*

### Francis Welcomes Sister Death 4 October

At the moment of his death drew near, Francis called all the friars to his side; he spoke to them gently with fatherly affection, consoling them and exhorting them to love their God. He spoke to them about poverty and patient endurance and the necessity to keep the faith of the Church. He gave the Gospel pre-eminence over any other rule of life. "I bid you goodbye," he said, "I am on my way to God, and I commend you all to his favour."

- *Major Life XIV, 5*



**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.**

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*The Newsletter is produced four times a year (Autumn, Winter, Spring & Summer).*

*To make sure that it is interesting and informative there is a need for relevant information to be included. To this end please send along information about yourself and other Old Boys – what you've been up to, where you've bumped into Paduans – and what you would like to see in the Newsletter.*

*Please let me know via email or send information to the College (address on the front page).*

*Chris Fitzpatrick (Class of '83) – Editor*

*\* Editor's note – Unfortunately, due to many reasons, there was no Winter edition of the Newsletter this year. My apologies to those of you who missed it. To make up for it there will be two Spring editions. – Chris*

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