



JOHN PIERCE CENTRE
Spirit of the Deaf Community

NEWSLETTER

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15th February 2011

FROM THE EXECUTIVE MANAGER'S DESK



Welcome to JPC's Newsletter, I hope you enjoy catching up on all our news. The last few months have seen our community centre really come alive with new programs, new friends and lots of fun and activity. I have found it a challenge to stay in my office when so many people are enjoying themselves in the next room! Pankina have had record attendance and the commitment of their committee is amazing. A tour of the Titanic exhibition at Melbourne Museum and their Grand Final celebrations provided a great time for all involved. What a wonderful group of people who are not afraid of dressing up in some very eye catching outfits - age is no barrier to a good time for this inspiring group. Our new Men's Time Out and the Women's Circle is providing some much needed space to enjoy the company of friends in very relaxed atmosphere. On Friday afternoons JPC is trialing an Art Class and we have been amazed at the creativity and knowledge of our lovely teacher, Magdalena. In the worst weather imaginable we braved the hail and rain for a tour of Melbourne's street art. Our Volunteers are to be thanked for all their support

with our Annual Ephpheta Appeal to the Catholic Parishes. We visited 13 Parishes, 23 churches and attended 38 Masses over one weekend. "Ephpheta" means "be open" and our volunteers and donors truly opened their hearts to the needs of the most vulnerable in our Deaf community. This Appeal provides a Chaplain to the Deaf Community - for any of you who have called on JPC to assist with your marriage preparation, the baptism of your new baby, holy communion or help and support to prepare a funeral - you will understand how important this role is to the Deaf community. Sr. Janette has done such a wonderful job as Chaplain and it will be a big change for us when she leaves at the end of this year. It will be sad to see her leave this role, but I am sure she will still be a familiar face around JPC (after a nice break of course!) We are still seeking a sponsor of our Newsletter so please let us know if you have any contacts - with a circulation of nearly 1,000 people throughout Australia it is a great opportunity for the right business. Wendy has done a fantastic job as our new editor - I hope you enjoy the new look. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*Rebecca Miller
Executive Manager*

SEASON GREETINGS

**We wish you all a happy holiday season
And we hope the new year will bring you and your
family much happiness.**



From the staff of the JPC

The John Pierce Centre office will close on Wednesday, 22nd December for the Christmas/New Year holiday break and re-open on Monday, 17th January 2011.

FROM THE CHAPLAIN'S DESK



As I sit at my desk to write this final article my thoughts are wandering over the past 15 years, and wondering how

different 2011 will be for me? No JPC newsletter deadline! No staff or pastoral meetings to attend? No need to organize interpreters for JPC Mass! Some of these tasks I really won't miss. However, I will miss all those 'cheeky chats' with Pankina people as I try to get through the crowded hall during bingo! I will miss the little 'knocks' on my office door asking am I busy! I will miss the 'crafty' Wombat Group with their knitting needles and endless flow of coffee and cake! I will miss offering my 'expertise' to participants in rummy or scrabble at the Men's Time Out & Women's Circle groups! I will miss the reflective insights of the Emmaus Group! I will even miss the 'dis-organisation' that always seems to be happening before Mass on 3rd Sundays!

Other memories that flow through my mind at this time are the many celebrations I have been part of over the years – weddings, births, baptisms, communion and confirmation ceremonies; birthdays,

wedding anniversaries, graduations, and house blessings. It has been a privilege to share in the lives of so many Deaf families. This sharing also includes the sad times of sickness and loss, and the many funerals celebrating the life of those who have been part of our lives and community. There have been so many experiences, and so many wonderful people.

I would like to say a sincere "thank you" to the JPC Deaf community for allowing me to share your lives in so many ways. It has indeed been a blessing for me over this time and I have learned so much from you all. I have always thought of my involvement with the Deaf community as a "lifetime ministry" – and I still feel that way. So this departure is simply a step aside for a while. It's a change like a good holiday! It will be an opportunity to experience a different ministry as a Sister of St. Joseph.

Some of you may be curious to know what I'll be up to next year. I won't be going very far away! I am continuing my part-time studies in Theology, and hope to still do some church interpreting so that I don't lose my Auslan skills! I will continue living at Glenroy in the "MacKillop Young Adult

Community" (MacYAC for short), where we Josephites invite young people to live in community. MacYAC is a place where men and women, aged 18-35, can share prayer, faith, spirituality, and ministry outreach in the spirit of Mary MacKillop. We are just beginning this new venture, but after Mary MacKillop's Canonisation there is certainly a lot of interest in her life and legacy. I'm also open to whatever the future may hold for me within the Deaf community, so I am not saying "goodbye" forever.

Fr. John Hill will be back in the role of Chaplain for 2 days per week in 2011, so you will all be in very safe hands. Thank you all for your love, support, patience, and encouragement of me since I began at Prahran on 1st February, 1996. I was, at that time, fresh out of the novitiate, my Auslan was very limited, and my knowledge of Deaf culture and the strength of the Deaf community was zero, nil. However, you welcomed me, politely corrected my signing, and gave me a ministry here at JPC. I remain ever grateful for that opportunity which has indeed changed my life.

I look forward to seeing you all before I leave the building at Christmas!

Janette Murphy



JPC Staff: 'big kids' in the cubby house!

JPC XMAS RALLY

Date: 12th December 2010
Mass: 11.00am
Lunch: 12.30pm – Split Roast
Santa: 2.30pm

Where: JPC Hall, 25-35 High St, Prahran, VIC

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES:
From 12.00 – 12.30pm

Cost:
\$20 per person
\$40 per family

Tickets selling fast.

**100 tickets only
be quick.**

**If interested, please contact
JPC office.**

COMMUNITY NEWS

RURAL OUTREACH

Hello Everyone,

This year time has gone by very quick, and Christmas is not far away now. Time to start your Xmas shopping! This year I have visited many of you in the Sandhurst and Ballarat Dioceses. In June we celebrated Mass in Wodonga, with young priest Fr. Jake Mudge, and after joined the local Deaf community for Ten Pin bowling, BBQ, and lots of chats. It was great to meet new people and see different faces there. Just recently we were in Warrnambool and celebrated Mass

at Koroit, with Deaf travelling from Melbourne, Geelong, Colac, Cobden and Hamilton. Fr. Bill van de Camp warmly welcomes us every time we come for Mass and it is a lovely re-union with Jenny Blair who does altar serving. After Mass we went to the cemetery to visit and pray for our deceased friend, John Noonan. About 15 of us enjoyed a nice meal at Mickey Bourke's Irish Pub, which is now a tradition when we visit Koroit. It was a great day with lots of fun and laughs. Thanks to Sr. Janette who has signed at these Masses over the years. We will need to find interpreters in

the local country areas if these Masses are to continue next year! Myself and others from JPC attended the "10th Annual Starlight Ball" at Ballarat in July. It was a fantastic night with 120 people attending. The meal was lovely and we enjoyed watching photos on the screen of Starlight Balls from years back. It was a great opportunity to meet old friends, share memories, and catch up on all the news. I would like to wish you and your family a very happy Christmas, and enjoy your New Year 2011!

Jules Hayes

WHO IS COLIN DUNN?



I was born in Melbourne and lived in St Kilda. I have two older brothers Ken and Billy. When I was 5 years old my mother was diagnosed with tuberculosis and I was sent to live with my grandparents in Colac. One day when I was 7 years old I climbed on the fence to watch a steam train go past the house, but I overbalanced and fell hitting my head on the concrete footpath. I went deaf and lost my speech, but luckily otherwise I was OK. Later I went to school at

Delgany, Portsea then to St. Gabriel's at Castle Hill, NSW. When I left school I decided to remain in Colac and commenced an apprenticeship as an automotive spray painter. I stayed in this trade for 43 years and then, for a change, became the night cleaner and maintenance person at McDonalds in Colac. When I was 20 years old I met my future wife, Faye, when I was playing football in Colac. We married and have three children Amanda, Charlene and Travis. Unfortunately like many deaf and hearing marriages it did not work and we split up after 28 years together. I have decided to stay in Colac because I love the country life. I am a member

of the Geelong Deaf Club and spend time with the deaf community there. Also I love going to the Koroit Mass and the Irish Pub once a year with the JPC group and friends. When I was an apprentice the other apprentice invited me to stay on his parents' farm one weekend and I rode an old motorbike around the farm for the first time. I loved it so much that I have been riding motorbikes ever since! My hobbies are reading, watching car and motorbike racing, and having rabbits as pets. Next month I will be retiring from work - and I am very much looking forward to it.

Colin Dunn

SIGNEE-TOTS

The Signee-Tots Playgroup continued to meet this year for Deaf and hearing parents and their children. Parents enjoy watching their children and being involved in discussions on topics of interest and concern to families. Also, the children can play

and interact with other children on a fortnightly basis. They enjoy it so much that parents have hard time letting their children know when it is time for going home. It is so precious seeing a group of children running around having fun before they fall asleep in the car on their way home. On Tuesday, 23rd November we

are going to see animals at the Melbourne Zoo, plus enjoy a picnic lunch. Hopefully the big bear will not escape from his home and find us at the picnic! Fingers crossed for the nice and warm weather.

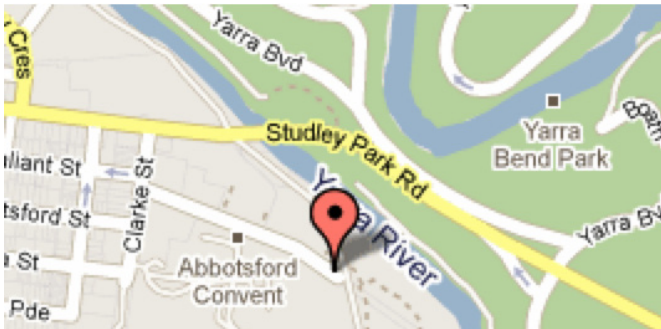
Wendy Devlin



CODA ACTIVITIES

There have been a lot of fun activities happening throughout this year. These activities have included a Picnic & Games Night, visit to the Swimming Pool plus ice-creams, Bike Ride & BBQ at Studley Park, Fun Indoor Entertainment, Ice-Skating, Tenpin Bowling, and AFL Footy day at JPC. The next activity (last one for this year) will be at Collingwood Children's Farm. This will get your child a close up experience with real farm animals. All ages are welcome, see flyer on this page for more information.

Wendy Devlin



Deaf Family Activity
COLLINGWOOD CHILDREN'S FARM

your child can get a close up experience with real farm animals.

 **WHEN:** Sunday, 28 November 2010
TIME: 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
ADDRESS: 18 St Heliers Street Abbotsford

ENTRY FEES: Families: \$16 / Adults: \$8 / Children: \$4
BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC

Any information you want to know, contact Wendy
EMAIL: wendy.devlin@jpc.org.au **MOBILE:** 0425 723 919

Everyone Welcome - All Ages
RSVP: 26 NOVEMBER 2010



MEN'S TIME OUT

Men's Group was originally Rebecca's idea, after we had tried the "Men's Shed" idea and failed!! Basically "Men's Time Out" is an



opportunity for men of all ages to get together in a familiar and relaxed environment. It gives men the opportunity to talk "bloke" stuff and enjoy a game of cards or any of the other games provided. It's focus is to be relaxed and flexible, and allow the women in their lives some free time as well at home.

As we know, it is often more helpful to express ideas and emotions when in a safe and familiar space, to be on the same "wave-length" as those around us.

There is very little involvement from the JPC staff, as the men are expected to get their activities, food, etc sorted themselves. Board games, cards, newspapers are provided, along with tea/coffee and biscuits. We have a regular group of approx. 6-10 men every fortnight (Tuesday 10am-2pm) and hopefully that number will increase when the weather warms up a bit. They all seem keen to keep this going, so I hope it will continue next year.

Gabe Noonan

WOMEN'S CIRCLE

When the "Time Out" group was set up for the men, it was then the women thought they really wanted to have their own group as well. At first, we made sure it did not clash with the Wombat Craft group. The Wombat group wanted to have their usual craft which is 2nd and 4th Wednesday each month. We then made other Wednesdays, 1st and 3rd for the Women's Circle Group to attend. It was so great to see the



women turn up, especially as these women did not come from Pankina or Wombat group. I believe it is successful because different women attend each time. And I love to see

more people attending any of these community groups. Whether it be Pankina, or Wombat Craft or Women's Circle. They are all welcome to come. The Women's Circle is mainly for them to get together, to talk, to laugh, to learn new games. Hopefully, over time, it can become more meaningful. I am hoping to use this group to make a new recipe book for fundraising. Let's all work together into a wonderful community team.

Katrina Mynard

“EMMAUS” LITURGY GROUP

The “Emmaus” group has met monthly this year, with 8-10 people attending regularly to plan for our 3rd Sunday Masses. It has been great to have Fr. John Hill back with us this year, and to reflect on the Gospel readings with us. After our meetings we have a Communion Service in the JPC Prayer Room.

We would like to say a big thank you to Janette Murphy who has led the “Emmaus” group for the last 12 years. We very much appreciated the time with Janette, as she taught us a lot about religion through outings to art galleries, the Jewish Museum, Botanical Gardens, and other places, also Retreats. Of course we will miss Janette, and wish her all the best in her new work, and hope to see her sometime next year.

One of the highlights this year was our recent trip to Marysville to visit the town devastated by the Black Saturday bushfires. There were 9 of us in the bus with Fr. John and Janette. We saw the big areas of burnt trees with amazing new green growing around them. Also, lots of dangerous trees are being cut down because many have fallen across the roads. New houses are being built and some shops are open. There was the cute Lollies Shop, but now it’s gone and only the front gate with paling fence stands there. There is a portable van where they now sell the yummy lollies, etc!

When we arrived at Marysville some of us were confused about where we are because most of the shops and accommodation are not there anymore. We could only see the Bakery, and it felt like we are in a “war zone”! They have built a new shopping centre with IGA Supermarket, and we had lunch at the Bakery – lots of lovely pies and quiches – but very long queue because of visitor buses! The Marysville people are working hard to start businesses again and make a welcoming holiday town that we all remember.

After lunch we visited the site where the Catholic Church, Our Lady of the Snows, had been. The old church is gone and there is a temporary building (a portable classroom) that is now the church for all of Marysville. There is Mass

once a month and other church groups also use this building for their Services. It also is used as a gathering space for the community. Fr. John led us in prayer at the church as we reflected on the events of Black Saturday and prayed for those who lost their lives and those who survived but lost homes and businesses. It was very moving to see the old sign of the church that is blackened from the fires, as well as the town information board nearby where the wooden A-frame is burnt but the display board is not!

We tried to visit Steavenson’s Falls but it is only open on weekends. However, we were lucky to find a photo exhibition and hear stories from bushfire survivor, Peter. His shed is a “museum” with lots of interesting farm equipment burnt on Black Saturday. He also had excellent photos that show ‘before’ and ‘after’ the fires; plus some photos of the actual fires – it had a big impact on us. Peter shared lots of stories with us about his friends and neighbours. He and his wife saved their home and other property, but were very lucky to survive. Other people were not so lucky. Peter led us through a beautiful children’s garden and a 90 year old guest house that he protected from the fires. There will be an outdoor coffee shop in the garden, but we were not there at the right time for a coffee or a hot chocolate!

Peter also has a “Men’s Shed” at the back of his museum, where local men come for a chat and make wooden picnic tables for the Marysville area. These will replace all the burnt ones. The shed is also a good place for men to talk about what happened. It was a bit sad to visit and hear the stories, but also inspired us with their brave spirit to re-build their homes, community, and life again after such a terrible event.

We wish them all blessings and good luck, and will visit again to support their beautiful little town. Marysville was a “safe haven” for Deaf children during World War II – and we continue to remember our connection with this amazing community.

Jules Hayes & Janette Murphy

LORD MAYOR’S “CHRISTMAS IN JULY” CELEBRATION

This year the Lord Mayor’s Charitable Foundation invited JPC to their “Christmas in July” luncheon at the Melbourne Exhibition Centre. This is an annual event for people involved in different charitable organizations, and it was the first time JPC has been invited. Our group of 20 people were so excited to be there, and to meet the Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle. He came around and talked to every table group, which was a big job because there were about 1,500 people in attendance – so that is a lot of talking!

There were lots of activities on the stage to entertain us with bands, singers and even Santa! Everyone received little presents on our tables beautifully decorated with Christmas trees and tinsel. JPC people enjoyed the day and want to attend again next year. Hopefully the Lord Mayor will invite us!

Jules Hayes

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' AWARDS

At the Annual General Meeting of the John Pierce Centre in April, 2010, the Board of Directors made two awards. One award went to Mr Bruno Broglio for many years of support and involvement in the Deaf Community. Bruno has always showed great enthusiasm for all programs of the JPC.

The second award was given to Sr Bernadette Wallis, Missionary Sister of Service, for "Outstanding Service to the Deaf". Bernadette worked on the pastoral team for many years. She is still involved with the Deaf community, even though she has been Congregational Leader of her Order since 2005.

Bernadette said she accepted the award in honour of her parents, Don and Kath Wallis, who were great Deaf people. Don and Kath, both now deceased, lived in country Victoria for most of their lives. They had deep faith in God. They were beautiful role models for their three daughters and their grandchildren. Bernadette said she learned from her father the importance of accepting everybody, no matter who they were. From her mother Bernadette said she learned to be compassionate and how to care for others, who were vulnerable in their lives.

Bernadette said she was grateful for the opportunity to work in the Deaf community and at the John Pierce Centre. She thanked the Board of Directors for the honour of this Award.



Bernadette Wallis (second right) with David (brother in law), sister Margie, and niece Michelle.

FROM BRUNO BROGLIO

I would like to thank you Patrick and the JPC Board of Directors for receiving the "JPC Directors Award" for 2010. I cannot believe that arriving from Italy in 1950, and becoming an Australian citizen, that I have found a home with the JPC community. I must say that God rewarded my father for choosing Australia for our family, and not any other country in the world. I have enjoyed working with JPC and am always willing to do whatever work is needed as a volunteer. I am now 80 years old and always had a happy life, still with JPC and the Deaf community. Thank you all. I am very proud of my wonderful home at JPC.

Regards Bruno.



Bruno Broglio with Board Chairman, Patrick Gallagher.

TREVOR JOHNSTON

The "Hon Peter Howson Award" is presented by the Deafness Foundation each year to an individual who has done outstanding work in the Deaf and hearing impaired field. Peter Howson founded the Deafness Foundation in 1973.

This year the award was presented to Trevor Johnston of Macquire University in Sydney. The award was made during Hearing Awareness Week (HAW), 23rd-28th August 2010.

Trevor Johnston is best known for the AUSLAN Dictionary he first produced in 1989. This dictionary of the Sign Language of the Australian Deaf Community is well known both in Australia and overseas.

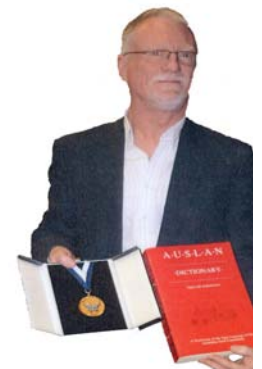
Mr Johnston recently wrote the following in John Pierce Centre's copy of the Dictionary, which was purchased by me during the book launch in Sydney in 1989:

TO JOHN PIERCE CENTRE

I HOPE THIS BOOK IS INTERESTING, USEFUL FOR ALL OF YOU.

REGARDS TREVOR JOHNSTON 23rd AUGUST 2010.

You may be interested to know that Mr Johnston's parents went to Victorian Deaf & Dumb Institute in 1929-1932.



Stan Batson

COMMUNITY CENTRE PROGRAMS – 2011

At JPC we are trying to make sure our facilities are being used as much as possible by the Deaf community. It is very exciting to welcome new friends to JPC and see so many enjoying our beautiful and comfortable building. Next year we are planning to offer more programs of interest to people. A Friday night drop in for youth will be started. This will be open to Deaf youth and CODA's from 4.30 – 7.30pm. We have also had a request for cooking classes and our fun Friday art class (\$5 a week) will also continue. If you would like to learn more about these programs please contact Rebecca or Katrina at JPC. Parking is available on site and our centre is wheelchair accessible. All welcome.

Gardener Desperately Needed – If you love gardening and enjoy getting out of the house we have the best volunteer role for you. Our Memorial Garden needs some love and care at least once a month. We need someone who KNOWS about flowers, plants (and weeds!) to keep this looking beautiful. It is a small garden but needs lots of love. Please let us know if you are interested.

MARY MacKILLOP CELEBRATIONS

Sainthood is about holiness, not miracles

What a big day we had on 17th October. Not only at JPC, but also around Melbourne, in other parts of Australia (eg. Penola & Sydney), and overseas in Rome! The celebration was for Mary MacKillop's Canonisation. She is now Australia's first saint – St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop. Her feast day is 8th August.

Fr. John Hill celebrated a special 3rd Sunday Mass at JPC, beginning with a procession which included two Mary MacKillop candles (carried by Cheryl Clarke and Moreen Griffiths), the Cross, Gospel book, and a large framed picture of Mary MacKillop (carried by Jules Hayes). Jules held this picture at the side of the altar while Fr. John blessed it with holy water and incense before it was placed with the display of beautiful Australian wildflowers and the Josephite emblem. Mary's picture is hanging in our community centre, and she is very much in our presence every day.



Prayer focus at JPC Mass - includes Australian wildflowers, photo of MMK, and the Josephite emblem (3 J's for Jesus, Joseph & John the Baptist).

During the Mass Sr. Janette Murphy shared about Mary's life and holiness. In our baptism/confirmation we all receive the 'Gifts of the Holy Spirit', just as Mary did when she was baptized and confirmed at St. Francis Church in the city. Mary used her gifts so that they became 'Sainthood Virtues'. We can all use these gifts of knowledge, wisdom, understanding, courage, reverence, right judgment, and the wonder & awe of God in

the same saintly way. Mary was an Australian like us, and knew poverty and hardship. Her compassion and love, her trust in God, and her respect for the human dignity of each person, means she is an example for all of us to follow.

After the Mass, our JPC group went to Fitzroy and joined the "Street Procession" of schools, organizations and marching bands that walked from Mary's birth-site in Brunswick Street to the Royal Exhibition Building (the place of the first Australian Parliament in 1901). In Mary's letters to Rome she said: "...it is an Australian who writes..." (1874) – this was many years before Federation in 1901. Our group carried our JPC banner very high and proudly through the streets! The "Street Procession" was led by the Sisters of St. Joseph, and Janette carried the special Cross & Icon (photo) of MMK with the MacYAC volunteers. The Cross & Icon were up high on their shoulders and could be seen from everywhere!



Happy JPC group in the Street Procession.

There were many special guests at the REB – including the Prime Minister, Julia Gillard. The speeches were a real celebration of a local Fitzroy girl and how she made a difference in the world. The afternoon had lots of dancing, singing, theatre, and storyboards about the Sisters of St. Joseph, and information about Mary and the other people to become Saints that same day. The crowds were huge, and long lines of people for coffee and sausages, but everyone was happy and chatting while they waited. The children had big smiles and were enjoying the very tall people walking on stilts! It was a lovely happy atmosphere – and the weather was sunny too.....phew!



Janette interprets for the Opening/Welcome at REB. Seated are (L to R): Governor of Victoria, David de Kretser; Vicar General, Bishop Les Tomlinson; Premier John Brumby; Prime Minister Julia Gillard; Sr. Mary Rya rsj; and Opposition Leader Ted Baillieu (obscured).

At 6pm we were inside the REB for the special Prayer Service. We had seats near the stage which gave us a good view of the interpreters and the big screen. There were beautiful songs, prayers and readings, and also words of Mary MacKillop from her letters. We finished in time for the Canonisation Mass from Rome, which was shown on the big screen. They put the interpreters on the big screen too which was great. We did not miss anything that was happening – even when readings and prayers were said in Latin!

The best thing was every time MMK's name was said everyone in the REB cheered and waved their flags. When Pope Benedict declared that MMK was now "St. Mary of the Cross" we all clapped, and cheered, and said congratulations and hugged everyone around us. We were all so happy and excited to be there with all the people. Thanks to Sr. Janette Murphy and Teresa Paulet who interpreted for us. Also, thanks to the people who organized the event, they made it easy access for our group. We even got pulled out of the crowded procession and taken to the VIP seats for the Welcome and Speeches outside the REB. We were surprised to be sitting up close to all the politicians and church representatives. We really felt like Very Important People!

Afterwards we went into the city for dinner, arriving home late, but we very much enjoyed the day. At last Mary MacKillop has become a Saint, and we gladly witnessed Mary's special day in our lifetime.

Jules Hayes & Janette Murphy

MILLER FAMILY - OUTBACK TRAVELLING

My wife Adriana and I decided to go on an outback holiday travelling to Cameron Corner during the Term 3 school holidays. Cameron Corner is where the three States of N.S.W, S.A and QLD meet. My children Charlie 9yrs, Carla 7yrs and my mother Faye came with us. We set off in our 4x4 with campervan for a great adventure!

We left Melbourne, went to Echuca Village bush camping at Simmie Road (Murray River) for one night then next day trip to Morning Side at our friend Mick's farm – camping near the shearing shed. The next morning, we had a lovely fire going to prepare our camp breakfast of lovely bacon, tomatoes, eggs and kettle on fire for nice hot cuppa. We put hot water in the thermos flask as well. Suddenly disaster happen!

My daughter Carla took thermos flask to have nice cold drink but the water was very hot. Luckily the hot water did not burn her mouth but splashed on her chest giving her fright and burns – we immediately put cold towel on her chest and

drive 50km to nearest hospital at Ivanhoe. They do not have a doctor only four nurses who help us. We stay at hospital for 4 hours. They put dressing on her burns and throughout our holiday we have to stop 4 times at different hospitals to have dressing changed – Ivanhoe, Wilcannia,



Tiboobarra and Broken Hill. Then next camping at Wilcannia for one night and rest. The next place we visit is White Cliff where we decide to stay at Underground Motel – it was unbelievable, there are no windows

and covered in rocks. Steve can't sleep here at night because too warm inside.

Tibooburra was our next stop – seeing rough roads and dirt with lots of red dust. We stayed at Aboriginal Land bush camp. The next day we finally head to Cameron Corner about 180kms travel. We see beautiful country and hills, rocks and sand. We also see many wild animals in the outback.

We arrived on the 25th September at Cameron Corner. There were only one pub so we watched the Grand Final football on TV – Collingwood vs Saints - was a bloody draw and a good game! At Cameron Corner a post points to where the three states meet N.S.W, S.A and QLD. There was a very high fence that is thousands of kilometers long to protect against rabbits and dingoes.

We went to the pub at the Packsaddle Roadhouse – camping about 1km away from creek for one night. We enjoyed a romantic dinner at this pub and a great family holiday!

Steve Miller

CONGRATULATIONS ~ SACRAMENTS

BIRTHS

Remi Adam—18th July 2010; daughter for Rebecca Adam and Richard Pearce, sister for Racer; grand-niece for Maureen Brown.

BAPTISM

Breanna Dwyer–13th June, 2010 at JPC (daughter of Laurie and Laura; grand-daughter of Cheryl Clarke).

Chelsea Wallace-O'Malley—29th August, 2010 at JPC (daughter of Helen Wallace and Martin O'Malley; grand-daughter of Cheryl Clarke).

FIRST COMMUNION

Gavin Doyle-Bates–25th April, 2010 at St. John's, Mitcham (son of Tamara and Craig)

Charlie Miller–5th June, 2010 at St. James the Apostle, Hoppers Crossing North (son of Adriana and Steve)

Aaron & Liam Devlin—19th September, 2010 at JPC (sons of Wendy and Paul)

Raine Wright—31st October, 2010 at St. Simon's, Rowville (son of Marisa and Doug)

Tara Papotto—5th December, 2010 at St. Paul's, Coburg (daughter of Susan and Carmelo)

CONFIRMATION

Connor & Blake Davis—12th June, 2010 at Our Lady Help of Christians, Narre Warren (twin sons of Michelle)

WEDDING

Wayne Gauci & Madeleine Sutherland—14th November, 2010 at St. Aidan's Uniting Church, North Balwyn.

OBITUARIES

Ann Veronica Walsh OP (Sr. Mary Mannes OP) 7th May, 1915 - 19th September, 2010

Ann Walsh was the 5th child of seven born to Edward Robert Walsh and Anne Walsh (Scanlan) at Peshurst, Sydney. Sister of Kathleen, Margaret Mary, Dorothy and Edward, (all deceased), Sr Denise (LCM - Little Company of Mary) and Von.

Ann received her primary education at St Columbanus' Leichhardt, Sydney and her secondary education as a boarder at San Clemente Mayfield, Newcastle.

Ann entered the Dominican Convent at Maitland, NSW on the 2nd February, 1934 and was professed as Sr Mary Mannes on 28th November, 1936.

Words of Remembrance - Murreall O'Connor

Sister Ann was well known and loved by the Deaf community. She was always happy to see ex-pupils of Waratah, Portsea and also St Gabriel's boys. She was a special person. Sister Ann was a teacher at Rosary Convent, Waratah. She was my first teacher when I started school in 1946. Sister Ann was a gentle nun. I remember when it was her turn to call us girls for Mass in the morning, we knew she would be gentle to wake us up. During late 1970's or early 1980's, Sister Ann started Bible studies. There were about 6-10 of us who came together for Bible on Thursdays at Del Monte. She was good at explaining

Ena Mary Moreland was



born on 31st October, 1923 to Susan & Charles Moreland in Melbourne. Her adored brother Jim & sister Dorothy predeceased her. When Ena was 3,

she had Meningitis that left her deaf. At the age of 11 (in 1934) she went to school in Waratah, Sydney. This is where she learnt sign language. She



She trained as a Primary teacher and after her profession was assigned to teach deaf children. Ann began her ministry in 1937 teaching in Waratah and Maitland, NSW; Portsea, Vic; the Motor Mission for the religious education of deaf children in South Australia; and Mayfield, NSW. On her

the Bible and we were interested to learn. We enjoyed also having lunch with her.

Sister Ann was a member of the Ephpheta team at Paddington, Lewisham and Flemington before she retired. She always came to C.A.D.H.I.P.A. Conferences, Retreats and weekends of Deaf Encounter Christ. At Lewisham Sister Ann started art classes and arranged for Mary Brothers to teach us. We learned to use coloured pencils and brushes with water. Sister Denise, a sister of Sister Ann was with us too. We enjoyed art class. I was told by Betty Foster that Sister Ann was like a mother to her while she went through a difficult time.

Sister Ann was always happy and

left in 1946 or 1947.

Good Samaritan Sisters have many memories of Ena during her many years of association with them. When Ena left the Waratah School she was employed at their training centre in Tempe (Sydney) where she worked in the laundry. Later, when Ena moved to Melbourne, she worked with the Sisters at Preston, Reservoir and Fitzroy, carrying out the duties of washing, and sometimes cooking

retirement in 1979 she continued her ministry to the deaf community at the Ephpheta Centre in Sydney and was also a support person for refugees.

Ann continued this ministry when she moved to Newcastle in 2005.

In 1989 'Ann Walsh House' opened at Lewisham to replace the Ephpheta Centre at Paddington. This was at the request of the deaf community, the new name expressing their esteem and love of Ann.

In 1995 Ann received the Order of Australia Medal for her service to people with hearing impairment.

Ann was a gentle, caring woman whose loving presence meant so much to so many. She was a faith filled Dominican for 76 years.

pleased to meet her Deaf friends. We ex-pupils gave Sister Ann a surprise Golden Jubilee celebration at the Ephpheta Centre at Paddington. She was surprised to see many girls there. We all brought a plate for lunch. Sister Ann was presented with the O.A.M. award (Order of Australia Medal) because a few of the Deaf wrote a petition to honour Sister Ann. She was also to receive an award from the national Catholic Deaf community.

Now, Sister Ann, we are all sad that you are no longer with us, but know you will still watch over us from heaven. We will all miss you and love you. You will never be forgotten by us.

May Sister Ann rest in peace.

meals on the cook's day off. These would be very simple meals, but much appreciated by the Sisters. Ena was extremely faithful and loyal to the Good Samaritan Sisters. She attended the funerals of every Sister, and sent Easter and Christmas cards every year!

Ena was not backward when it came to standing up for herself or getting where she needed to go. One time she was travelling by train to the

Retreat Centre at Coragulac, near Colac. Someone had given her the wrong train times and she found herself stranded at the station. She complained so forcefully to the station staff that they arranged a taxi to take her all the way to her destination.

The Sisters in the community always knew if Ena was upset with them – because she would refuse to iron their hankies! Regardless of this, Ena was a “dear lady”.

Maureen Brown especially remembers Ena’s guidance when she moved from Albury to Melbourne for work after she left school. Ena instructed her on how to catch the tram home from the city to St Vincent’s Hostel in Fitzroy. Very helpful advice!

Ena used to attend the Ladies Group at St Thomas’ Church, Blackburn for a cuppa and craft, after the 1st Friday Mass every month.

Ena was known for her love of knitting. Knitting filled in many hours a day for her.

Ena consistently attended the monthly Masses at John Pierce Centre

until she was no longer able to make the trip. She would also never miss the Communion Services held at Lake Park.

to convince her Aunty Ena to have her face painted with her but to no avail. Danny loved to tease Ena and always made her laugh. In hospital he

would tease her about chasing the doctors. Ena would laugh and shyly say “No”. He also suggested he’d get her a bike with training wheels in later life when she wasn’t so mobile. Ena found this very amusing. But Danny always knew his place if he spoke to another resident Ena would tap Danny on the arm and get told to look at her! Naturally he obeyed.

Ena was very happy at Lake Park with her friends. Vicki would like to thank the staff for caring for Ena and especially the care shown to Ena on the day of her passing. A big thank you to the residents that came and paid their last respects to Ena. It was very comforting to Vicki. Vicki & family would also like to thank all the Sisters and friends that have helped Ena in her life.

It’s very much appreciated.

(Eulogy prepared by Ena’s niece, Vicki and read at her funeral.)

Summer



**May the summer sun comfort you.
May the autumn leaves watch over you.
May the winter winds strengthen you.
May the spring flowers grow with you.
May the movement of the seasons bring
you understanding and peace.**

Ena has lived happily at Lake Park since 1987 when it was owned by Vicdeaf. Ena loved the family days at Lake Park when Vicki, Danny & Abby would come. Abby would try

REST IN PEACE

Brian Fogarty—11th April, 2010
(father of Robert, Annette & Brendan)

Peter Rawling—26th April, 2010
(husband of Dot)

Sr. Margaret O’Brien OP—29th April, 2010
(ex-Portsea teacher)

Kathleen Wallis—8th May, 2010
(mother of Bernadette)

Kevin Cosgriff—27th June, 2010
(brother of Margaret Steen)

Alice Hofmann—30th June, 2010
(mother of Michael Fogarty & Frank Hofmann)

Shane Todd—2nd July, 2010
(brother of Michelle Davis)

Peter Pevuitt—25th July, 2010



Jim Pierce—17th August, 2010
(father of Therese)

Ena Moreland—26th August, 2010

Ian Cowell—30th August, 2010

Eric Hofmann—14th September, 2010
(father of Michael Fogarty & Frank Hofmann)

Sr. Ann Walsh OP OAM—19th September, 2010
(ex-Waratah & Portsea teacher)

Laurence Boylan—13th October, 2010
(father of Donna Worrall)

Margaret Williams—22nd October, 2010
(cousin of Monica Stevenson)

John Bernard Gallagher—22nd October, 2010
(father of Patrick)

Bill Caine—5th November, 2010
(brother of Sr. Frances Caine)

COMMUNITY MEMBER'S FAVOURITE RECIPE

HUMMINGBIRD CAKE by Katrina Mynard

You will need about 4 large bananas for this recipe (overripe). Hummingbird Cake can be made 3 days ahead (keep in refrigerator in wet or humid weather).

- 1½ cups plain flour
- 1 cup castor sugar
- ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon bicarbonate of soda
- 3 eggs, lightly beaten
- ¾ cup vegetable oil (Canola)
- ¾ cup chopped pecans or walnuts
- 2 cups mashed overripe bananas
- ½ cup undrained crushed pineapple in heavy syrup



Lightly grease a 23cm square slab pan, line base with paper; grease paper (or use Glad Bake paper). Sift flour, sugar, cinnamon and soda into large bowl, stir in eggs, oil, nuts, bananas and pineapple; stir until just combined.

MODERATE OVEN: 200C or 400F

Pour mixture into prepared pan, bake in moderate oven about 1 hour, or until cooked when tested. Let stand 10

minutes, turn onto wire rack to cool. Spread cream cheese frosting over cold cake.

CREAM CHEESE FROSTING

- 60g packaged cream cheese, softened
- 30g butter
- 1 teaspoon vanilla essence
- 1½ cups icing sugar mixture

Beat cream cheese, butter and essence in small bowl with electric mixer until light and fluffy. Gradually beat in sifted icing sugar, beat until smooth.

Suitable to freeze. Not suitable to microwave.

Katrina got this recipe from her sister-in-law, Lynda. Since then she have been using this recipe. Her family loves sharing recipes.

JPC is planning to create a fundraising cookbook with recipes from Deaf community members.

If you have a favourite recipe, you are welcome to submit them to JPC and tell us brief story, such as why it is your favourite recipe and who made it for you.

The Ephpheta Centre have done a great job of putting one together in Sydney - Now we want one!

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DECEMBER 2010

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1 Women's Circle	2	3	4	5
6 Pankina	7 Signee Tots 	8 Wombat Craft Group Christmas Break up	9	10	11	12 JPC Christmas Rally 11.00am
13 Pankina Christmas Lunch	14 Men's Time Out	15 Women's Circle Christmas Break up	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve Mass 3.00pm	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		





JANUARY 2011

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
					1	2 St Francis, (City) 10.00am
3 New Year Day Public Holiday 	4	5	6	7	8	9 St Mary's (Dandenong) 10.30am
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 JPC 3rd Sunday Mass 11.00am 
17 JPC office Open Pankina	18 Men's Time Out	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 Australia Day Public Holiday 	27	28	29	30
31 Pankina						

FEBRUARY 2011

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1 Men's Time Out	2 Women's Circle	3	4 School Term 1 Starts	5	6 St Francis, (City) 10.00am
7	8 EMMAUS Group Signee Tots 	9 Wombat Craft Group	10	11	12	13 St Mary's (Dandenong) 10.30am
14 Pankina	15 Men's Time Out	16 Women's Circle	17	18	19	20 JPC 3rd Sunday Mass 11.00am 
21	22 Signee Tots 	23 Wombat Craft Group	24	25	26	27
28 Pankina						

MARCH 2011

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1 Men's Time Out	2 Women's Circle	3	4	5	6 St Francis, (City) 10.00am
7	8 Signee Tots 	9 EMMAUS Group Wombat Craft Group	10	11	12	13 St Mary's (Dandenong) 10.30am
14 Labour Day Public Holiday  Pankina	15 Men's Time Out	16 Women's Circle	17	18	19	20 JPC 3rd Sunday Mass 11.00am 
21	22 Signee Tots 	23 Wombat Craft Group	24	25	26	27
28 Pankina	29 Men's Time Out	30	31			