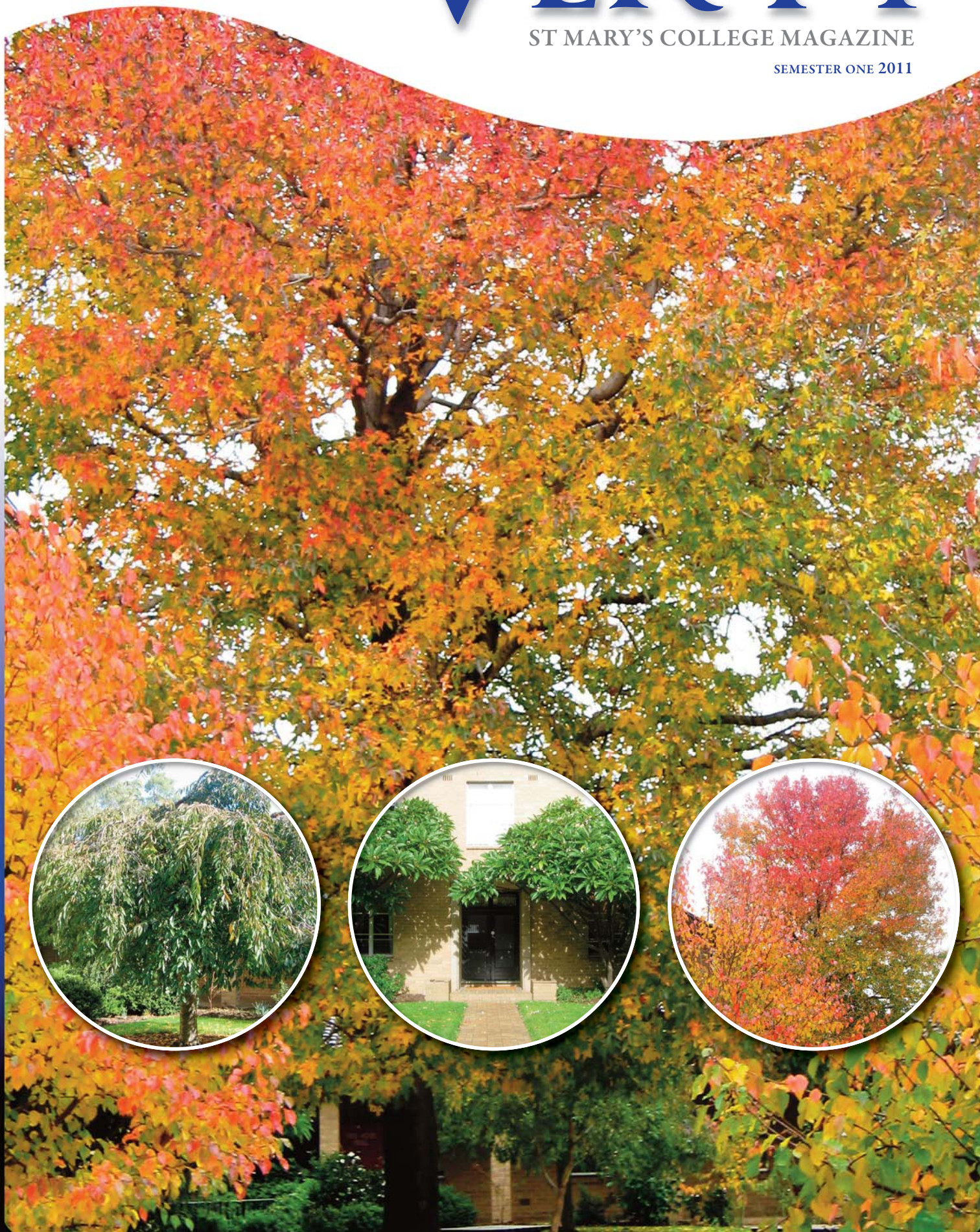




VERITY

ST MARY'S COLLEGE MAGAZINE

SEMESTER ONE 2011



From the Editor

Welcome to another edition of Verity magazine, the bi-annual offering from St Mary's College at the University of Melbourne. This year started with more than half of our 2011 students moving in as Freshers, most from rural Victorian towns and cities. Moving In Day was co-ordinated by the Student Council and executed with precision as the new students were met at the front door, luggage in hand, quickly made to feel welcome before being helped with their bag/s and shown to their rooms.

Lunch was served by our talented kitchen staff for all students and families present, which was a lovely ice-breaker for a few of the shy students. Following this was O-Week, which entails many silly and some serious activities designed to orientate new students. Again, the Student Council planned and executed this with precision and impressive insight into what is needed to make a Fresher feel welcome and at home.

All were given the chance to dress up in their finery and don an academic gown to attend Commencement. Many of our returning and new students received scholarships, a list of whom can be seen on page 3. This was followed by the Principal's Dinner and our first Science Faculty Dinner for the year – this was followed by a Commerce Faculty Dinner. A dinner was also held in honour of our international students and was very successful.

College Day, with its Mass, Dinner and student Turn is a great day when the entire College comes together to celebrate how lucky we are.

I hope you enjoy reading about St Mary's first semester in 2011.

Kate Heinze
College Secretary & Alumnist

THE ADVENTURES OF HONEY

PART 5

Just before Christmas 2010, Honey went on holiday to our Business Manager Troy Busbee's home, with her doggy boyfriend, Arnold, while Sr Liz was in Vietnam attending to some Loreto business.

Honey also spent some holiday time with Sr Liz down on the Mornington Peninsula, where she practiced her favourite thing, chasing seagulls into the water.

This pastime got Honey into trouble a little while ago when Sr Liz took her to Port Melbourne beach. Honey was let off the lead and behaved very well for

about an hour, happily chasing the gulls into the water. When it was time to go, Sr Liz called her; she turned, shrugged and ran up the beach. Oh yes, what a great game!

After hunting for Honey all over the beach, Sr Liz finally came across her at, wait for it, St Kilda Beach, a few kilometers away. Honey had had a lovely time making friends with people sunbaking by running over them, chasing and growling at other dogs and inviting herself to picnic with beachgoers.

The only trouble with finding her was that two council dog-catchers had found her first and Sr Liz had the unenviable task of receiving a lecture on the importance of dog control and a fine.

Honey seemed unaware of all this, being so pleased to see Sr Liz and having had such a social day.

Since then, she has had spent her days being walked and loved by students and staff alike. As you can see in the photos, Honey is spoiled by us with the biggest bones we can find.



On the 14th December 2010, Sr Liz flew to Vietnam to liaise with other Loreto sisters and visit the School for the Blind in Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon). As the happy faces in the accompanying photos show, the swim session held for the blind students was a great success and Sr Liz enjoyed her time catching up with friends in Vietnam.



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Moving-in Day Welcome



Whether you are new to St Mary's or whether you have come to regard St Mary's as home you are welcome, it is great to have you here and 2011 looks very promising in prospect. We have a full College with a larger than usual contingent of exchange students from Britain and the United States of America.

There are returning students who did amazingly well in semester two last year, and Robert O'Shea came top of the Arts faculty for honours – a splendid result. There are new students with remarkable results from the VCE or its equivalent and there are people who have done amazing things in the past year as a gap year. All of this will be revealed as you get to know each other better. A student who was sorely missed when he went on exchange is back and will provide mentorship his name is Tim Tan, Tim we are very pleased to see you.

We have a new Dean and Deputy Principal, that's right two positions in one as used to be, and he is Dr Paul Gallagher. He is Canadian and I'm sure you'll get to know him well. Paul's wife is Annie and she is a research fellow in

the school of Agriculture & Land Use, so we welcome both Paul and Annie to our midst.

There is one new Tutor, Victoria Sasongko who is in sixth year Medicine and replaces Ann Banh who found the travel between St Mary's and the Austin Hospital too strenuous. So welcome Victoria may St Mary's become home to you very quickly. Welcome to St Mary's.

We are aware that many of you come from flood ravaged areas and we can only hope that the worst is over. Those of you facing financial difficulties because of the floods should see Troy Busbee as soon as possible. Our thoughts are with those who continue to clean up and count the cost of damage.

During the break we too suffered water damage to the floor in the JCR and it has been repaired at great cost and I hope it will last forty years as the floor replaced was down for forty years. We have removed some furniture which was causing damage to the floor and would urge you not to move the couches except when absolutely necessary, the cost of repairs to the

floor will be tens of thousands of dollars! Since then we have had another major flood caused by the irresponsible behaviour of a guest. It has been investigated by the police and the damage bill is estimated at \$100,000. It was only through the concerted efforts of all staff and students here in N-week that got us ready to receive the O-weekers.

Greg, Kate, Bec, Nena, Sarah, John, Zora, Dev, Ram, Troy and Paul all join me in wishing you a fruitful year, it's up to you, all we can do is provide an environment in which the best can happen.

'May the life you about to embark upon be one which challenges you to become your best self. May you have the commitment to harvest your life, To heal what has hurt you, to allow it come close to you And become one with you. May you be blessed, and may you find a wonderful love in yourself for yourself.'

John O'Donohue

O-Week A Fresher's perspective

On arrival, Sunday 20th February, Dr Elizabeth Hepburn I.B.V.M warned parents to not be alarmed when their children begin referring to St. Mary's as home. I was surprised by this statement, as I couldn't imagine home being anywhere else, apart from Shepparton. However nine weeks into our first semester, I understand entirely what Sister Elizabeth was referring to.

Prior to Orientation Week it was with some trepidation I headed down to Melbourne, having heard of stories from older siblings and ex collegians. I didn't have a fear of meeting new people or even doing my own washing, but rather about the activities in store for us 'freshers'.

Before the official beginning of O'Week we moved into our allocated rooms where we had time to unpack and, once personalised, it felt more like

home. Following this we were welcomed by a family lunch, which assured our parents we would eat well. Shortly afterwards, our parents said their farewells, wishing us luck for what lay ahead. What followed was the O'Week experience of a lifetime.

As predicted, we did participate in many exciting activities, whilst enduring some harmless 'fresher' hazing, such as kissing a stranger in public, being woken up ridiculously early and our first 'Puggs' experience. These and all the other strange activities we participated in may have made us feel slightly anxious but we still managed to feel more comfortable with our new surroundings and most importantly make friends, which I'm sure will last for a life time. In addition, many of the 'freshers' come from rural towns and cities or interstate, therefore this week also gave us the opportunity to familiarise ourselves with

Melbourne. Mithen Impossible definitely helped.

Not only did St. Mary's provide an outstanding O'Week, but they helped to provide a smooth transition into college and university lifestyle. Aside from all the crazy activities, they showed us what is considered 'the Mary's way'. St. Mary's prides themselves on providing a family like community, supporting, respecting and caring for each other. This culture is essential when living in close proximity with many other students.

Now reflecting on my time in Melbourne, I can't wait to find out what lies ahead and am proud to say I'm a St. Mary's college resident and this is my new home.

Sarah Wilkie
Fresher – St Mary's College
Year I Commerce





COMMENCEMENT

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Returning Students

H1 in all subjects

Tessa O'Hare Science – Melbourne University

H1 Average

Kirril Little Science – Melbourne University
Anna Phillips Science – Melbourne University
Christopher Tseng Commerce – Melbourne University

Cabrini (continuing scholarships)

William Huang Cabrini Scholarship – Medicine, Dentistry & Health Sciences – Melbourne University
Larissa Ong Cabrini Scholarship – Medicine, Dentistry & Health Sciences – Melbourne University
Kimberthy Wong Cabrini Scholarship – Medicine, Dentistry & Health Sciences – Melbourne University

Freshers

Delia Burgess Archdiocese of Melbourne Scholarship – Science – Melbourne University
Allira Kluver Archdiocese of Melbourne Scholarship – Science – Melbourne University
Patrick Little Cabrini Scholarship – Science – Melbourne University
Harrison McKenna Archdiocese of Melbourne – Biomedicine – Melbourne University
Jacob Myers St Mary's College Scholarship – Science – Melbourne University
David See St Mary's College Scholarship – Biomedicine – Melbourne University
Emily Smith Invergowrie Scholarship – Arts/Media & Communications – Melbourne University
Claire Sonnet Culican Ward Scholarship – Media – RMIT
Matthew Stone St Mary's College scholarship – Science – Melbourne University
Ruud Tilen St Mary's College Scholarship – Science – Melbourne University
Brianna Waterson Invergowrie Scholarship – Science – Melbourne University

MASS & DINNER

On the Friday after semester one start, students, both new and returning, got together with our Principal, Dr Liz Hepburn IBVM, our Dean, Dr Paul Gallagher, his wife Dr Annie Wong, members of St Mary's College Council and a Director of the Invergowrie Foundation and Principal of Loreto Mandeville Hall, Dr Susan Stevens, Residential Tutors and staff, to celebrate the commencement of the 2011 academic year.

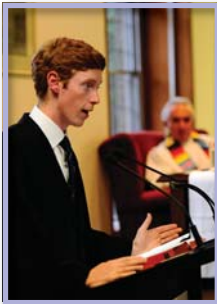
Mass was celebrated by our College Chaplain, Fr Michael Elligate, holding

his audience captive, as usual. This was followed by dinner in the College Dining Room. Our chefs and kitchen staff once again provided us with a delicious meal, consisting of Roasted Chicken Breast with Basil Pesto, Seared Eye Fillet of Beef with Tomato Salsa, or Individual Vegetable Pie with Field Mushrooms. Dessert was Individual self-saucing Chocolate Pudding with Vanilla Bean Ice-cream. Needless to say, we were all very impressed with the meal and the excellent wines served by the dedicated kitchen staff.

St Mary's Alumnae, Mr Michael Tolhurst, was our guest speaker. Michael attended St Patrick's College, Ballarat and was then a student at St Mary's College from 2006 until 2008. He was made President of the GC in 2008 and completed his BEng in Civil Engineering at the University of Melbourne.

All in all, as the photos here show, the night was a wonderful success, enjoyed by everyone present.

Sarah Wilkie



St Mary's College has a new Dean/Deputy Principal, Dr Paul Gallagher, who comes to us from Queen's College. Two articles from Dr Paul may be found in this edition of Verity.

Reception has a new look in 2011.

St Mary's College Receptionist, Rebecca Vincent, who originally came to us from the Langham Hotel early in 2010, was promoted to Conference Manager, in the absence of Sarah Elrington, who is on maternity leave.



Rebecca says "whilst I thoroughly enjoyed my role in Reception in 2010 and in particular, getting to know and befriend the College students, the Conference Manager position has been an ideal progression with my strong hospitality management side coming to the fore.

I miss the daily interaction with the wonderfully level headed, mature and smart young people that are the student body of St Mary's College;

however I am relishing the new challenges that the Conference Manager role presents.

I am looking forward to a prosperous and rewarding time in 2011."

New Receptionists Jane Hayes and Andrew Thomas now share the hours on the front desk.

Jane Hayes:

Jane has been married to Patrick for 22 years (no jokes about doing time please!)and has two boys Jack, 16 and William, 12. Her family is completed by a black Cocker Spaniel named Moe and a Cat named Isaac.



Jane joined St Mary's College on the 28th February and "feels fortunate to be a part of the team".

Jane began her working career in Licensing back in the 80's working for Properties such as the AFL, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles and Warner Bros during the Batman franchise. She left full time work in the mid 90's to focus

on raising a family and re-entered several years later in office administration roles. Jane found herself working for a Secondary College and "loved dealing with students in their formative years".

Jane has been with St Mary's only a short time but in that time has been impressed by the "kindness, friendliness and patience of the students". She hopes that she can help to make their transition from home life to College life a little easier and feels extremely grateful to be part of that process.

Andrew Thomas:

Now an Alumna, Andrew was resident at St Mary's College from 2008 to 2010. He studied Science at Melbourne University, and continues his studies while working part time on the front desk at the College. Originally from Numurkah, Andrew also has a brother, Steven, at St Mary's. You can read more about them in our Sibling articles on pages 11 & 12.



A Piano for the Ages

St Mary's College once had a very nice baby grand piano which when last seen was in the JCR. The JCR now houses a billiard table and a ping pong table and would no longer be a suitable location for a grand piano. However, with the improvements to the Frewin Room and its transformation from a library into a conference facility this would seem to be the place for a grand piano. I think that if it were there we could use the Frewin Room for music recitals and concerts.

So, I have a request to put to past students who may be down-sizing and

have a piano in need of a new home. I can promise you it will be well cared for, tuned every six months and only played by high calibre musicians. It would have the added effect of allowing our musical tradition to thrive.

If there is anyone who can supply a piano of the sort described I'd love to hear from you and we would acknowledge your gift by holding an annual recital in your name and affix a brass plate which mentioned you in the provenance of the instrument.



The students of St. Mary's have always spoken of how much the College feels like home to them. My wife, Annie Wong, and I experienced that same feeling of comfort and security by the time Orientation Week began in the third week of February, even though we had only been in residence ourselves for just a few weeks. We were warmly welcomed into the St. Mary's community by Sr. Liz and the College staff as well as the O-Week leaders who were already hard at work to receive the new 2011 Collegians.

We were flattered by the hospitality of the College community and, as we continued to meet more of the returning students, we were impressed by the spirit and culture of the Student Club as a whole. It is a culture characterised by acceptance and encouragement, which makes St. Mary's College a place where students from every background can be themselves and grow their talents and interests through study and learning. The first-year students of 2011 have all made a rather easy transition to city-living and university studies thanks to the friendship and generosity of the O-Week leaders. It is a rare thing to create a cosy home in the heart of a major world city, yet that is what the young men and women of St. Mary's have achieved.

Student Life

This semester our students have been busy with a variety of events and activities, some serious and intellectually stimulating and others just plain fun. On the serious front, at 'Get Involved Night' our students mingled and signed up for volunteer work with representatives from local organisations through which they can perform their St. Mary's community service, such as the Vinnie's Soup Van and Salvos; but students also had the opportunity to meet representatives from international organisations, including Mary Ward International and Catholic Mission. We have also listened to some important speakers and musical entertainment on High Table evenings this semester. The students displayed their musical talent further at the JCR Jam as well as at a PFA, that is, a Pleasant Friday Afternoon in the courtyard.

The College calendar includes formal functions that are oriented toward particular students, the most important of which are the monthly Faculty Dinners. For these occasions, the College invites esteemed members of the University of Melbourne, normally a dean or professor, to have dinner with about a dozen of our students from their faculty. It is a unique opportunity for the students to spend an evening with these respected members of the academic community. At the time of printing, we have already hosted deans from the faculties of Science and Commerce. The College will also seek to host faculty members from ACU and RMIT universities for a dinner with our students who attend these institutions.

Sister Liz has also hosted the first international students' dinner of 2011. These occasions allow Sister Liz and I to spend an evening exclusively with our international students to thank them for their contributions to the community and to listen to their experiences of Australia and St. Mary's College. This year the College is home to one of the most diverse bodies of international students that it has ever had. In addition to a large contingent of 10 American students on study exchange, we also have students from New Zealand, China, Malaysia, Brunei, Singapore, Thailand, South Korea, Mauritius, France and the United Kingdom. They have already forged strong friendships with our predominantly rural Victorian students, as the barriers of culture and language are easily broken down by the energy and optimism of youth.

Our residents have also availed themselves of various activities that are not official events on the College calendar, such as taking the international students out to their first AFL game. On another occasion, I persuaded some of our students to join me for an ice skate at the Icehouse in Melbourne's Docklands. Other students, but especially those enrolled in the University of Melbourne subjects 'Ancient Egypt and Mesopotamia' and 'Egypt Under the Pharaohs', have made plans to walk over to the nearby Melbourne Museum to take in the exclusive Tutankhamun exhibition on tour from Egypt.



This semester also saw the release of the St. Mary's Monthly, a newsletter that I began writing as a means to further my communication with the students of St. Mary's and to encourage them in their personal and academic growth. In the newsletter, I remind students of that month's College events, some of which would have been amended since the College calendar was first released at the start of the year, as well as cultural events taking place at the University of Melbourne. In another regular column of the newsletter, 'Mental Fitness', students are provided with advice or information about mental health issues as they impact adolescents and young adults. In the first issue of the St. Mary's Monthly, I reported on the links between mental health and sleep and gave some tips on how to prepare for a restful night; in the second issue, I addressed the problem of motivation in one's study. Since some of our students have had limited exposure to the richness of the Catholic tradition, I also write a column titled 'Our Catholic Heritage' which aims to enhance students' interest in Church history and matters of faith by relating stories or facts from Church history or through brief explanations of doctrine. In the 'Scriptorium' I review one fiction and one non-fiction book that may be of interest to our students.

In just a short period of time, Annie and I have grown very fond of Sister Liz and the students of St. Mary's College who have so warmly welcomed us into their community.

Dr. Paul Gallagher
Dean & Deputy Principal

St Mary’s College

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Great news! St Mary’s College is now a Deductible Gift Recipient ...and how convenient as tax time is just around the corner!

Do note the key word “gift”. Unfortunately semester fees are not gifts! (Wow, wouldn’t that be nice?) However what this does mean is that any donations you wish to make to St Mary’s College are 100% tax deductible. Specifically St Mary’s DGR status falls under Subdivision 30-B of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997, with our ABN number being 56 750 876 675.

This is a recent change in hopes that we can develop our scholarship and bursary base to a level more in line with some of the other residential colleges on the crescent. Bursaries are especially critical now when so many of our students have been affected by the floods.

Additionally, look for some exciting news in an upcoming Verity as to building works on the horizon.

When you donate you can specify if you wish your donation to go specifically to either of these important causes. Alternatively you can leave this blank and we will allocate the funds according to where we see the greatest need.

Finally, to make sure the tax man is kept happy we will supply you with a receipt for your records if you require. Please just tick the box on the donation form.

Thank you very much for your generous support!

Kind regards,
Troy Busbee
Business Manager

St Mary’s College Alumnae

Nineteen seventy nine

St Mary's was a great intro into Melbourne University life and Melbourne generally for a seventeen year old country boy! I have really good memories of St Mary's, in particular the functions (I think they were called discos, which dates me terribly) and the Ball; Russell Morris is still going!

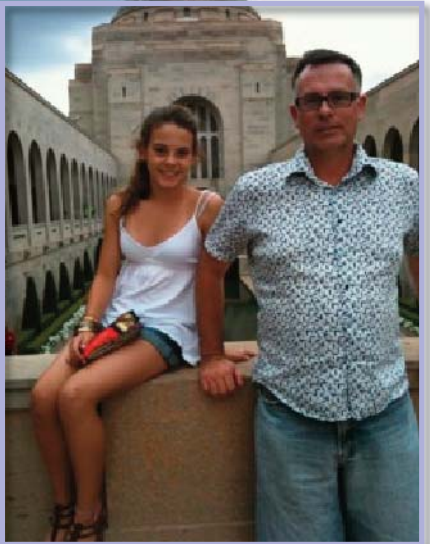
I completed a Commerce degree and further study in Marketing. Today, after various roles, I am currently in a senior role at Department of Transport, which I'm really enjoying. I'm happily married to my wife, Julie, and our

daughter, Dominica, goes to Sacre Coeur. In fact, I've been looking around at the Sacre Coeur functions for people I know from St Mary's, as I'm sure there would be someone.

It would be great to have a reunion of the class of '79; with all the 50 year olds?! Lots of fun if everyone came along ...I'd like to have a beer at The Clyde! In the bar not the lounge as I expect the bar is still much cheaper?!

Mark Meade
St Mary’s College Alumnae 1979

RIGHT: Mark and daughter Dominica



St Mary’s College Alumni details

Please update my details:

Name _____

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Year began at St Mary’s _____ Year left St Mary’s _____

Positions held at St Mary’s during residency _____

Awards won _____

Anything else of interest _____

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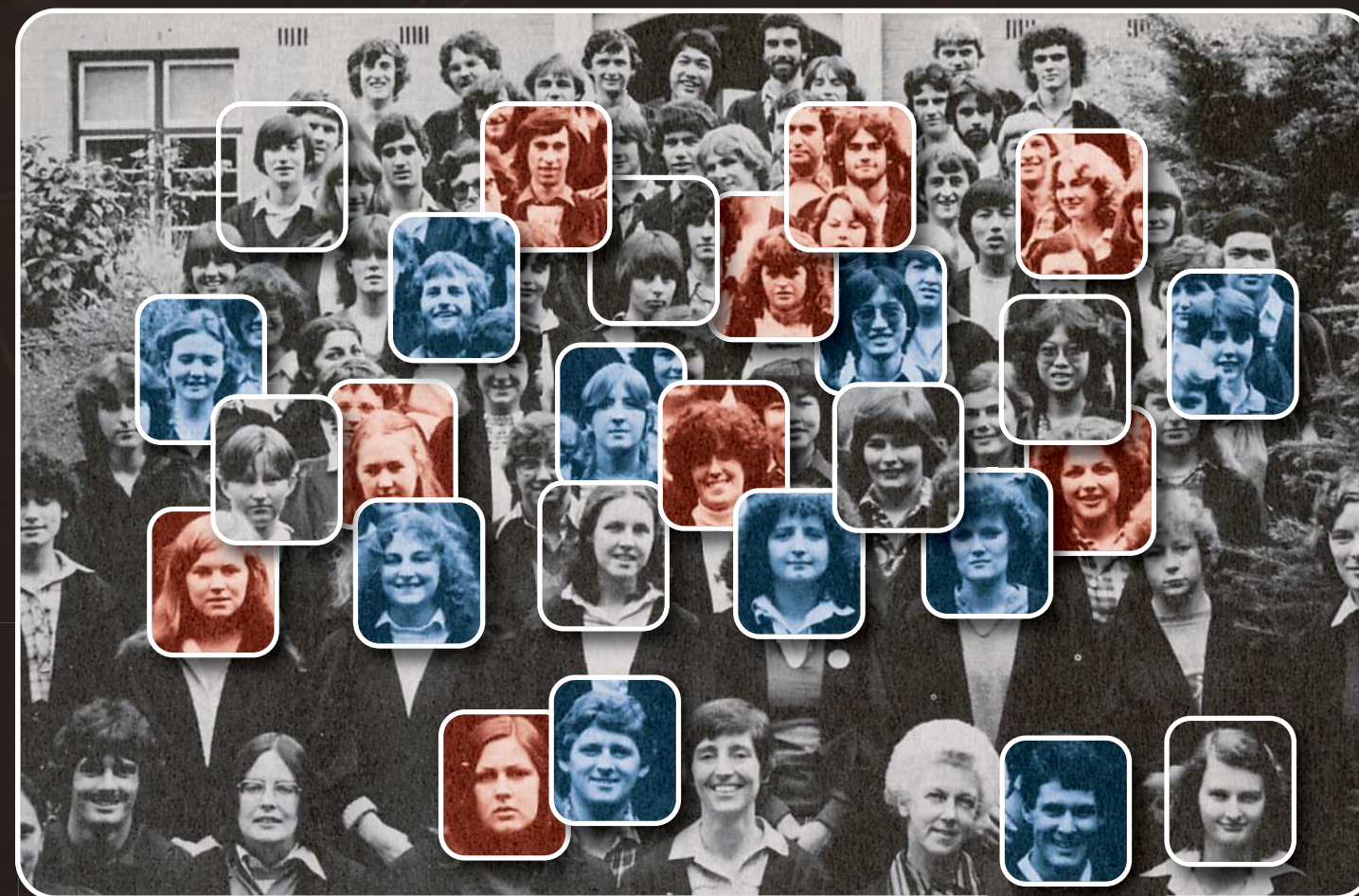
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Thank you for your generosity and support on behalf of our current and future students.

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Attention *all* Alumnae

If you would like to be part
of the preparations for a
**2011 reunion for all
St Mary's College Alumnae**
(date and time still to be decided)

Please call Kate Heinze on
03 9349 9502 or email
kheinze@stmarys.unimelb.edu.au.

We would appreciate all the help we can get to
make this reunion a big occasion to remember.

We are very keen to get as many Alumni as
possible to network with any friends that were
at St Mary's College, perhaps by arranging to
have your own table at the function.

More details as they come to light.



Dr Gallagher, members of staff, Tutors, Mr Adams and members of the JCR good evening and thank you for coming.

My topic for tonight is you, because you are the focus of my attention and I thought you may like to know why I choose to do this sort of work. So the characteristics that I see in you the student body are the same traits that Robert F. Kennedy spelt out in his address to the young people of South Africa in 1966. He outlined what he saw as the shortcomings of the political order and then proposed an answer to these dilemmas. He said: Our answer is to rely on youth – not a time of life but a state of mind, a temper of the will, a quality of imagination, a predominance of courage over timidity, of the appetite for adventure over the love of ease. So this is what I find in you –

individually and collectively and it is for me energising and inspiring. New ideas and especially your ideas excite and enliven me. More than that idealism is the most encouraging trait in young people. Robert Kennedy was engaged by this enthusiasm for life, he expressed it this way:

Each time someone stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice a tiny ripple of hope is sent forth, and crossing each other from a million different centres of energy and daring, those ripples build a current that can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance.

However, Kennedy was enough of a realist to know that this sort of courage is hard to find and sustain in oneself. He went on to say:

Few are willing to brave the disapproval of their fellows, the censure of their colleagues, the wrath of their society. Moral courage is a rarer commodity than bravery in battle or great intelligence. Yet it is the one essential, vital quality for those who seek to change a world that yields most painfully to change. And he went on to say and I agree with him:

And I believe that in this generation those with the courage to enter the moral conflict will find themselves with companions in every corner of the globe.....Like it or not, we live in times of danger and uncertainty. But these are times of openness to the creative energy of men and women more than any other time in history. All of us will be judged, and as the years pass, we will surely judge ourselves on the effort we have

contributed to building a new world society and the extent to which our goals and ideals have shaped that effort.

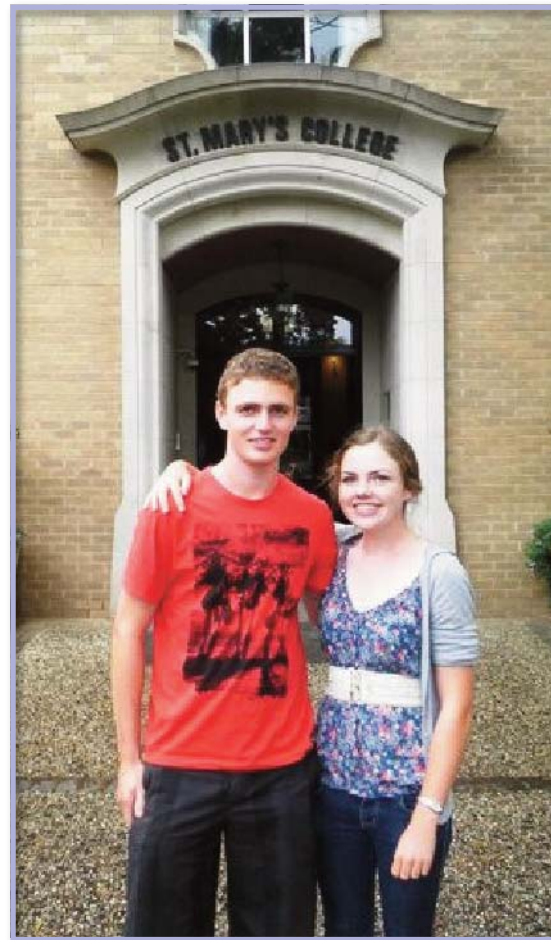
I think the wonderful thing about young people is their capacity to dream of better ways of doing things and coupling that with energy and drive so that the iniquities we observe in the world and say that should not happen will not happen. For this is work that cannot be fuelled by anger that would ensure the failure of the effort, but it must be a response based in love of all that is good and beautiful in humanity. And it is happening in the Middle East at the moment an impetus for change has caught the imagination of the people, and in Egypt at least, change was achieved fairly peacefully. Young educated people were vital to that effort. In the Philippines a similar

coalition of young people achieved a more democratic way of doing things in that country. And here in this country where we have the advantage of a democratic system in place yet there are injustices which cry out for popular reversal.

There are all sorts of reforms needed in our own society and I believe that there are people amongst you here tonight who will feel called to take up the cause of justice and truth, who will use their education in the service of others, who will stand up for ideals and start a ripple that will join with other like minded initiatives to mow down the walls of indifference and injustice. My hope is that many of you will become what Mary Ward called all who came under her influence to become – Seekers of truth a doers of justice.

And what is the essence of this? As Robert Kennedy said all those years ago when I was about your age: The future does not belong to those who are content with today, apathetic toward common problems and their fellow people alike, timid and fearful in the face of new ideas and bold projects. Rather it will belong to those who can blend vision, reason and courage in a personal commitment to the ideals and enterprises of a great society.

You are the generation which will shape the world of tomorrow, I believe you have the creativity, the energy and compassion to do it better than we have done. I have confidence that you will not let us down.



The Little Family

Kirrilly: After being accepted into Melbourne University Science in 2010, I was lucky enough to be offered a place in St Mary's College which my mother was quite pleased about because she was a fresher here in 1979. It was a big adjustment from life on the family farm near Shepparton to the bright lights of Parkville and it was probably a bit hard for my parents too. Dad even made the comment that leaving me in College during O-week was almost as sad as leaving the dogs in kennels! But college life has been fantastic and I have made a lot of friends here. I never thought Patrick and I would both end up living at the same college and going to the same Uni. We have always gotten along very well and having Pat at college has made it feel a lot more like home. We tend to stay out of each other's way mostly, despite being such a small college we don't see each other all that often. Even towards the end of first semester people still

ask me, "Is Pat your brother??" I mainly see Pat when he rocks up at my door wondering if I have any washing powder he can borrow (which was surprising at first as I didn't realise he knew how to wash his own clothes) or when he needs the car keys. But having a sibling in college definitely has its advantages; an extra hand to carry all my luggage into my room, someone to split the petrol bill with (don't worry Pat, I haven't forgotten to pay you..), and an easy way to offload last year's textbooks (at mates rates of course). On a serious note though, I do love having him around!

Patrick: When I made the decision to study Science at Melbourne Uni it seemed the obvious choice to apply to St Mary's college, given the family history we have here. Since moving into St Mary's earlier this year life has been great! I've made heaps of new

friends and have got involved in the social and sporting side of college life. Having Kiz in college has been more good than bad. I was definitely more comfortable coming to St Mary's having gained an understanding of the place through visits to Kiz, also the application process was much less daunting having had Kiz, as Dad would say, "pave the way". Having heard her recounts from the previous year's O-week I was much more prepared for what was to come! (Thanks for the tip-offs Kiz). She helped to show me the ropes around uni when I first started and I was also able to pick up some cheap second hand text books from her! We share a car which works well (when she pays her share of the petrol!) and it's also handy having her around when I need to borrow stuff, like washing powder or change for the washing machines. To this day I still have people coming up to me and saying "oh! Is Kirrilly your sister?" usually followed by a "She's so nice!" (that

bit really annoys me!). Though we don't run into each other much, Mary's does feel more like home having Kiz here.

Kirrilly Little is studying 2nd Year Science.

Patrick Little is studying 1st Year Science.

The Hester Family



I chose to live at St Mary's College with my brother Ben when he was going into his second year of residence. As he had already been there for a year it was very helpful having someone that could give me first-hand experience and knowledge of what living in a college was like. Having met some of his college friends before, I felt more comfortable moving into an environment with familiar faces.

Jacqueline Hester
St Mary's 2nd Year
Science II – Melbourne University

Having had such a great impression of St Mary's College throughout my first year, my sister Jacqui decided to come join me during my second year. Having being placed on entirely different ends of the college, I found that running into each other would occur much less than what I had expected. The casual chats about college and home life was a breath of fresh air and the friendships that were created through the sibling connection were well worth having your younger sister residing with you at college (even if they were keeping a close eye on you).

Benjamin Hester
St Mary's College Alumni
2009-2010
BA Music – Melbourne University

The high academic standards of St. Mary's College were on display from the start of the 2011 academic year, with the College Principal, Sister Liz, presenting scholarships to 12 first-year and 7 returning students at Commencement Dinner on March 4. In addition to the St. Mary's College scholarships, these students received a Maria Jens Award, the Culican-Ward scholarship, Invergowrie Foundation scholarships, Cabrini scholarships and the new Archdiocese of Melbourne scholarships. Beyond their academic achievements, all of the scholarship recipients are individuals whose characters make them worthy recipients of these awards.

The students of St. Mary's College had put in a solid effort in the second semester of 2010, with 17.42% of subjects taken earning first class

honours. Indeed, more than one-third (35.5%) of all subjects taken received a grade of H2A or higher. The students of 2010 can be very pleased with their results; yet there is room for the students of 2011 to take the College's academic performance to even greater heights.

An important element in the success of our students is the College tutorial programme that is run three evenings each week. In semester one of 2011, St. Mary's tutors are teaching 35 hours of scheduled tutorials in 33 different subjects every week. There are 24 academic tutors this semester, 12 of whom are new to the St. Mary's tutoring team. Some of these tutors belong to that first cohort of the Melbourne Model students who graduated in the spring of 2010. The St. Mary's students have appreciated learning from these graduates who

intimately know the subjects that form the core of the Melbourne Model. Because the St. Mary's tutorial programme is operated jointly with Newman College, our students also have access to over 70 tutorials hosted by our neighbour, making this the largest College tutorial programme at the University of Melbourne.

On tutorial nights I spend at least a couple of hours in the Academic Centre where both students and tutors are able to raise any questions or concerns with me. During this time I am normally able to make headway in some reading for my own research. My current project concerns the question of true and false prophecy in the book of Jeremiah.

Dr. Paul Gallagher
Dean & Deputy Principal



Dinner for international students

Twice a year the College holds a dinner for all International students in residence. This includes all students on exchange from other universities around the world and this semester we have eleven students from the USA, UK and France. Add to this a number of students who have travelled from parts of the Pacific to study in Australia, such as Singapore, Brunei, Mauritius and Malaysia.

Including the Principal, Sr Liz

Hepburn, the Dean, Dr Paul Gallagher (from Canada) and his wife, Dr Annie Wong (from Malaysia), we had 25 guests for the dinner, which took place in the Frewin room on the evening of Friday 15 April. The tables were set formally for two courses, with beautiful little "show bags" made up by Sr Liz adorning each place. The show bags were made up of a small Koala bear, a Tim Tam, a serving of Vegemite and a St Mary's College pen. The two course dinner was a choice of fish or beef with a

wonderful concasse tomato and pepper sauce, followed by a dessert of crepes with strawberries.

All the students and staff who attended the dinner had an enjoyable night, with the dinner breaking up at 9pm. Once again, thank you to the kitchen for all their hard work in making the night a success.



Maintenance

During the Christmas 2010 break, we had a disaster at the College, whereby the Junior Common Room floor was flooded by the heavy rains experienced over the summer period. The water seeped up through the concrete floor and caused the parquet flooring to lift and separate.

Needless to say, this was very upsetting to the College, as the new floor was expected to set us back \$20K. Nevertheless, it was a very necessary expense as we were expecting the 2011 student year to return in February and the JCR needed to be available to them.

As the photos reveal, the renovation of the floor was a huge, very messy job, overseen by our Maintenance Manager, Greg Iacono.

The Floor was finished in time for the Fresher students to be welcomed for O-week.



Accolades

Sr. Josephine Plazzer

The Mass of Religious Profession for Sr. Josephine Plazzer took one and a half hours after which guests were invited over to the Chapter House of the Dominicans for refreshments. It was a joyous occasion and the Aussies that were there felt a great pride knowing that one of our own has responded to the vocation of consecrated life, even if she did have to come to Rome to realise it.

On the feast of the Annunciation (25th March 2011) a young Australian friend, Jo. Plazzer made her religious

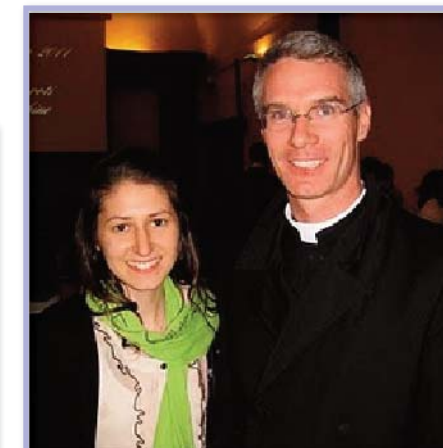
profession with the Community of the Apostles of the Interior Life.

This significant moment in her life took place in the beautiful Basilica of Santa Maria sopra Minerva in Rome. In this church are buried among other important people, St Catherine of Siena (minus her head, which is in Siena!) and Blessed Frangelico (Hazelnut liquor comes to mind!). (Sorry about the photo quality. It was very dark inside.)

Surrounded by her family, friends and religious brothers and sisters of the Apostles of the Interior Life (Apostoli e

Apostole della vita interiore), Jo knelt to promise the evangelical counsels of Poverty, Chastity and Obedience, becoming a bride of Christ and Apostle of the Interior Life. Sr. Jo's "Yes" to God was made on the feast in which we celebrate Mary's fiat (yes) to God, when the Archangel Gabriel appeared and asked her to cooperate in God's plan for the salvation of mankind.

Fr Denton,
Rome, Lazio, Italy



Cricket report

Cricket had always been an important part of my life but never have I had so much fun playing it than I have in College Cricket. The first time I ever scored a century was against Whitley College in the second round. I have never been seen as an extremely aggressive batsman but something clicked that day as I excelled past 100 in 12 overs. Everyone started going crazy, all the lads ran onto the field to shake my hand and it was a fantastic feeling.

I couldn't help but be disappointed by having to head home to Portland for club cricket the next Friday night. Due to this unfortunate occurrence, I would

be unavailable to play for St Mary's in the finals. But I was struck with luck! The team we play in club cricket forfeited after being smashed in the first innings and Mary's beat St Hilda's in the preliminary final. Full of excitement, I rang Mary's male Sports Representative, Lachlan Garrick, to ask if there was still a spot for me for the following day. "Sure", he said "it starts at 9am tomorrow".

Now this was a bit of an inconvenience as I live five hours away from College. Yet no way was I letting that stop me. The next morning at 3am I was in my Ute and on the way to Melbourne. Having almost fallen asleep at the wheel several times, I finally arrived with plenty of time to spare.

The day's cricket game for Mary's turned out to be one of the best days in cricket ever, which was fortunate, because of the adrenaline pumping through my body I didn't fall asleep on the pitch.

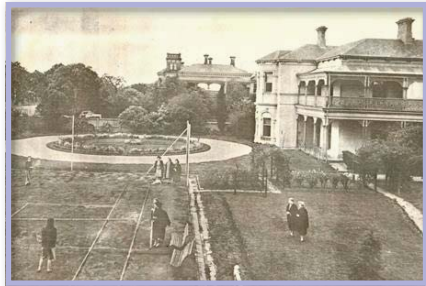
Mary's went on to win the Grand Final as underdogs against University College, which was an even better feeling then making an individual score.

Gotta love College Cricket. GO MARYS!!!

Thomas Sharp

Patricia Kennedy was a senior student at St Mary's Hall in 1945, and her "jottings" are interesting as they give a student's view of College life and its significance for post university years. It was she who gave the address on the Diamond Jubilee night.

Miss Patricia Kennedy gives a sketch of the history of St Mary's College, from its humble beginnings in 1918 at Parkville to the inauguration of the present College, largely "the mighty achievement" of Mother Francis Frewin. So the following pages are just jottings, mainly of the early years, and hopefully, will interest many of the former students. The first twenty years or so were mainly associated with Mother M. Patrick as Principal; she retired from St Mary's in the early forties, and was succeeded by Mother M Francis, who did so much for the future St Mary's.



The original St Mary's was only a two storied residence. As soon as possible a large building of three storeys was erected which provided sleeping rooms for the students, and on the ground floor a spacious Common room. However even with only ten students in residence sleeping accommodation for students and staff was somewhat inadequate. Some of the students elected to sleep on the balconies, and in this connection, an amusing incident is recorded. When all were in bed, one night a voice from an adjoining room made this request: "Oh! Please turn Bernie over, she is snoring so heavily." From the balcony came back the answer: 'That isn't Bernie, it's the lions.' The Zoo was distant from St Mary's but a few minutes walk, and this was Sunday night, and the lions' rations were limited on that day.

From the beginning, the spirit of St Mary's was that of a happy home life. The principal and her staff were most interested in the students and their studies and concerns. The formidable set of rules existed for many of them, but they were expected to conform to a few important ones. Permission had to be obtained for going out a tonight. The Principal had to be told where they were going, with whom, and the expected time of return. Then they had

to report when they were back. The friends of the students were always made welcome at the hall, the Principal liked to know them. If going out to a dance or any such function, the escort had to call for the student at the Hall. Being responsible to the parents for their daughters was a responsibility which neither the Principal nor her staff took lightly.



Sisters at St Mary's Hall – 1940's

L to R: Mother Mildred Dew; Mother Francis Frewin; Mother Lucy Stansfield; Mother Magdalen O'Hagan; Mother Ann Mulcahy. In Front: Mother Philomena Doherty

Dinner in College was a formal affair, and the students wore academic dress. Frequently, there would be guests for dinner. In consideration for the domestic staff, students were expected to be punctual for meals. There were two hot lunches served at midday and their private rooms had to be kept relatively tidy.

After dinner at night, there might be a general session in the Common Room with the Principal, sometimes the Rosary was said together, or again just a recreational gathering, music, table tennis, or dancing. Eventually the students went to their own rooms for study and before retiring often shared supper with their friends.

Life was by no means dull. The first formal social function of the year was the Freshers Welcome, when St Mary's Hall freshers met the first year's students from Newman. This was a happy gathering at the Hall, and helped to break down shyness and a natural trepidation of university life. Senior Newman students generally came with the Freshmen. The Annual Ball held during the year in St Mary's Common Room was the main social event, specially catered for and provided with a great band. Senior students from the different colleges were honoured guests, and our students being hostesses, were responsible for seeing that their guests thoroughly enjoyed the night. Usually there were "observers", members of the University Staff who enjoyed watching the young people and having a

friendly chat. Other social functions centred around tennis. Frequently, the students had tennis parties at the Hall and entertained their guests and each year there were the Inter-Collegiate Tennis Championship matches. The three colleges who competed took it in turns to be the hostesses, so once every three years, St Mary's was involved. Much preparatory planning had to be done and catering provided for the afternoon tea. Everybody enjoyed this event, even those who didn't win. Apart from meeting at lectures, or social functions, St Mary's and Newman College students formed dramatic and debating Clubs and sometimes combined to produce a play.

Inter-Collegiate relationships move on a very friendly basis, not only between the students themselves, but between the principals and staff of the various colleges.

Students at the Hall had the opportunity of meeting many overseas visitors some of whom eventually made their homes in Australia. Even amongst themselves there was diversity not only in studies, but also in nationality. Some very fine students, Chinese came from Singapore. They were soon at home with everybody, and distinguished themselves in their studies. One student came from Thailand. One of the Chinese students, now a mother of four grown up children, is still practising medicine in Singapore and writes regularly to her old St Mary's friends.

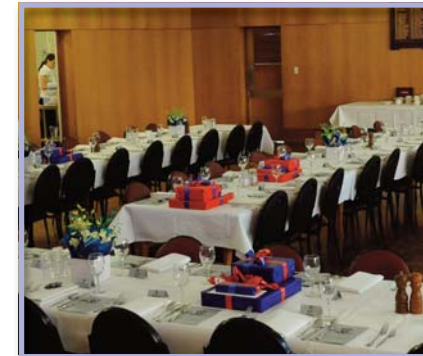
Besides catering for University students St Mary's Hall had a reputation for its welcome to "needy guests." The fence outside was frequently adorned with large hearts – a symbol that within these precincts, could be had an appetizing meal. Sister M.Lidivina, a member of the staff, was as kind-hearted as Mother M.Patrick and couldn't refuse anybody. Nor did she merely cut a few sandwiches. Piping hot dinners were kept for causal callers and the story goes that one day seventeen such dinners were in readiness. This little nun, well known to many former students, endeared herself to them for her kindness and the assiduous care she took of "Les Buiss.", the second house bought for the students, and called Les Buissonnets" after the home of St Therese, but never known by any other title than "Les Buiss."

Sick students received every care and during the season's influenza epidemic, when hospitals were overcrowded, Mother M. Patrick proved herself a most devoted and capable nurse. She insisted on staying up at night to administer the hourly medicines. In connection with this there is an amusing, if slightly gruesome story. Being anxious about some of her patients,

St Mary's kitchen offers meals 7 days per week for 160 students. Breakfast is generally cold, except for Sunday. Hot lunches are served every day as are evening meals, with additional salad options for lunchtimes and four of the evening meals.

Spread over the seven days, there are three chefs and four additional well-trained kitchen staff, all concerned with meal preparation. One of the kitchen staff has additional responsibility for overseeing service for formal or celebratory dinners. This member of staff also supervises our student work-scheme programme, which is particularly involved in set-up and clean-up after meals.

The meals offer considerable variety, based on individual staff members' culinary background and the emphasis changes in accordance with seasonal influences and preferences. Our three chefs all have restaurant



she spent the night with them. Next morning when the Dr called – incidentally a friend, and a great tease – he enquired how Mother M. Patrick had fared during the night. She reassured him that everything had been well, adding that she had company, for a light was burning all night in Ridley College opposite. "Oh!" said the Doctor, "didn't you know there was a death there?" He knew very well that Mother Patrick had an extraordinary fear of the dead. History doesn't relate the sequel, but the Doctor knew that such company would not have been reassuring to this particular "nurse on duty."

In the early forties the students met the tragic side of life when the Second World War broke out. An Australian Army Corps was encamped in the park opposite St Mary's and the American army – our allies took over for their use the newly completed

backgrounds, ranging from high end to the broader mainstream professionally operated food catering services. There is a good repertoire of food styles, given the different backgrounds of staff. The kitchen at St Mary's College is a happy place, which is reflected in the quality and care taken in the preparation of dishes. Student satisfaction is high.

The kitchen is well set-up with good facilities and sufficient space. Access by students is encouraged by the co-operative relations between staff and students, buoyed by the College culture of community living. The staff aims to provide enjoyable food and a good atmosphere in which to eat in the main dining room.

This quality, five-star standard of catering also lends itself to the Conference & Functions run by the College. When our students take a break from the College midyear or at the end of the University year, St Mary's



Royal Melbourne Hospital. First of all, they equipped a Chapel. They had their own chaplains, and many of the officers and men were Catholics. Some of the Marines as soon as they arrived, called at the hall to enquire the hour of mass. As they came to know us, others asked Mother M. Patrick to mind their little souvenirs. Wherever possible, St Mary's Hall students helped to entertain the Americans at the Hall, making them feel less lonely, and bringing some brightness into their lives. Alas! So many never saw America again just as our Australians didn't see their homeland again. These were memorable years, but the reputation of the Hall for friendliness and hospitality never waned.

These reminiscences couldn't be ended without a tribute of deep gratitude to the Jesuit fathers who from the early days of 1918 to the present day, have been so

College becomes the venue for some interesting and diverse conference groups. The conferences provide revenue to support College activities and assist in funding scholarships as well as provide employment for students on a casual basis.

With a number of well developed function rooms available for day-conferencing, St Mary's College prides itself on the well-earned reputation for generous, delicious and home-made meals offered to guests.

Emphasis in the food is about honest, freshly prepared dishes with considerable variety and generosity of service.

Long may this last.

John Feltscheer
Executive Chef



devoted to the spiritual and academic life of the students of St Mary's. Mention could be made of Fathers James O'Dwyer, Albert Power who became later the first Rector of Corpus Christi Seminary, Father J.Murphy, rector of Newman for so many years, and Fathers Wilfred Ryan, Dominic Kelly and Basil Soughnan of the Newman Tutorial Staff. In the days when cars were very rare no matter what the weather was like, St Mary's Hall never missed its daily mass. None of these great priests lived to see the present beautiful College. Those who knew them, remember them with undying gratitude still. St Mary's College today an independent College, in its early days as "the Hall" the residential home for Catholic Women Students, owed very much to its staunch friends at Newman College.



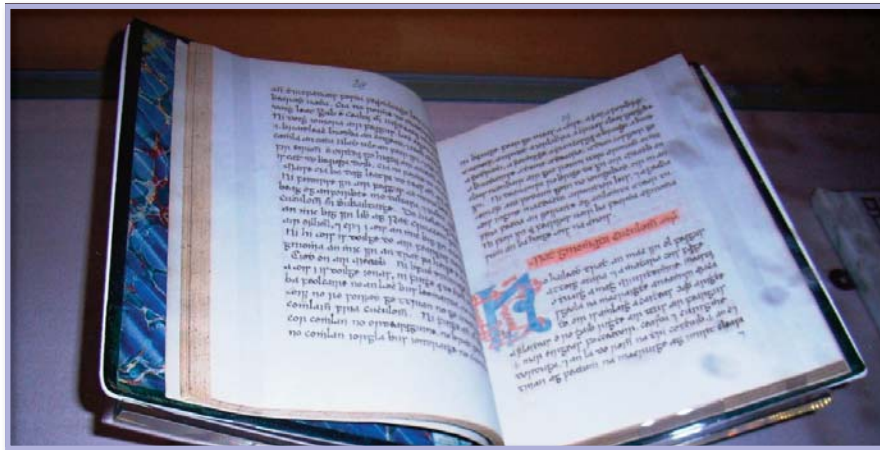
Visiting researcher:
O'Donnell Fellowship

As readers of Verity will know, the Academic Centre at Newman and St Marys houses an extensive Irish Studies collection in its Gerry Higgins Room. A summer fellowship in Irish Studies has been established to bring this collection to life and Dr. Niall Ó Ciosáin (Department of History at The National University of Ireland, Galway) was the 2011 fellowship recipient. Niall travelled to Melbourne with his wife Tanya Kiang and their children Lara and Seamus and they were all generously accommodated at Newman College. Dr. Ó Ciosáin teaches several undergraduate history courses at NUI Galway and his research interests are around the social and cultural history of Ireland and Europe in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. In particular his research and publications have focused on literacy and education, the history of the book in Ireland, popular printing and reading, language shift and language change.

He has a current research project examining and comparing the print cultures of the four Celtic languages – Irish, Scottish Gaelic, Welsh and Breton – in the period 1700-1900. Dr. Ó Ciosáin used the Irish studies collection and State Library of Victoria collections, to investigate some Australian strands of this project, namely the extent to which the Irish, Scots Gaelic and Welsh languages were represented in the print cultures of Australia and Victoria in the nineteenth century.

Niall presented two well-attended seminars in the Newman Oratory during his visit. The second seminar,

'Contrasting fortunes: print and the Celtic languages 1700-1900', presented on Tuesday 8 February 2011, was part of the Melbourne Irish Studies Seminar series convened by Professor Elizabeth Malcolm, Gerry Higgins Professor of Irish Studies at the University of Melbourne. This paper will appear in the Australasian Journal of Irish Studies of which Professor Elizabeth Malcolm is an editor.



Táin Bó Cuailnge from the Academic Centre's Irish Collection, on display as part of the exhibition *Not Just Ned: A true history of the Irish in Australia*

Members of the St Mary's community might be interested in this exhibition which is on in Canberra at the National Museum of Australia until 31 July 2011. *Not Just Ned: A true history of the Irish in Australia* explores a rich array of stories of the Irish men and women who have helped create a uniquely Australian way of life.

Exhibition themes include convict and free immigration, rural and urban settlement, contact between Irish and Indigenous Australians, Irish nationalism in Australia, Irish music, language and culture, the influence of the Irish on Australian education particularly Catholic education, and the role of the Catholic Church.

Woven throughout are the stories of some key Irish-Australians - including Sir Redmond Barry, Sir Charles Gavin Duffy, Peter Lalor, Ned Kelly, Archbishop Daniel Mannix, and Vincent Buckley – as well as many lesser known but instrumental figures.

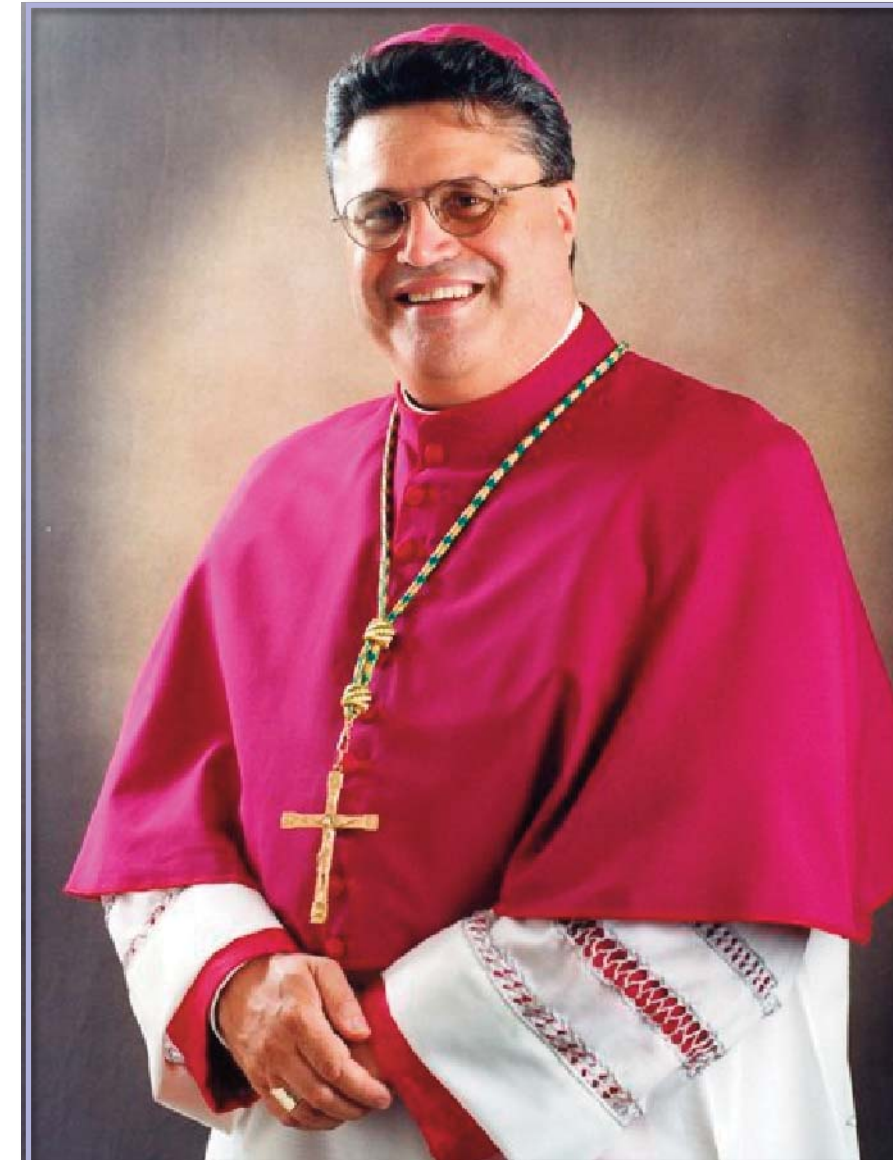
Education and religion are two strong themes of the exhibition and the Loreto Order features here. There are some wonderful photographs from the Loreto

Province Archives in Ballarat, including one beautiful portrait of the 1903 Mary's Mount orchestra: a serious and formidable-looking group!

My visit to the exhibition was all too brief; there are many fascinating objects and much narration around them to absorb. For me there were two particular personal highlights. One was

seeing an Irish manuscript from the Academic Centre's collection, once owned by Dr Nicholas O'Donnell and purchased by him in Melbourne more than a hundred years ago, displayed alongside a photograph of Nicholas himself. Thanks to Dr Val Noone for encouraging exhibition curators to include the manuscript as a means of highlighting the 19th Gaelic language revival, in which Nicholas O'Donnell was so engaged despite never visiting Ireland himself. Another highlight was an unexpected conversation with three fellow visitors who were very taken with exhibits to do with the 'Children of Mary'. Their personal memories and stories of Irish-Australian childhood poured forth!

Congratulations to Dr Richard Reid and all involved at the National Museum of Australia for assembling such an illuminating, wide-ranging and engaging exhibition. It is highly recommended if you find yourself in Canberra before the end of July. The NMA website has more information: http://www.nma.gov.au/exhibitions/irish_in_australia/



On the 28th December 2010 the Diocese of Sandhurst and many people, both young and old, across Australia and around the world were shocked at the sudden death of Bishop Joseph Grech. Bishop Joe, as he was affectionately known, was the sixth Bishop of the Diocese of Sandhurst and would have celebrated his tenth anniversary as the Bishop of Sandhurst in April of this year.

The Sandhurst diocese was both very similar and very different from his origins in Malta, his various pastoral responsibilities during his time as priest and auxiliary bishop in the archdiocese of Melbourne. Yet, Bishop Joe had a palpable love for the people of the diocese for whom he wanted to "be inflamed with the love of God".

Bishop Joe had various responsibilities within the Catholic Church both nationally and internationally, something which many in the diocese have only come to know and appreciate after his passing. Within the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC), Bishop Joe was a member of the Bishops Commissions for Pastoral Life and for Mission and Adult Faith Formation. Bishop Joe was the ACBC's Delegate for Migrants and Refugees and for Youth.

Internationally, Bishop Joe was a keenly sort after speaker for many different groups. He gave many retreats for groups around the world. He was a keynote speaker at the international gathering of thousands of priests in July 2009 in the French town of Ars. Bishop Joe was a member of the International

Catholic Charismatic Council representing Oceania and just before his death he had been appointed to the Vatican's Pontifical Council for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerants.

But in many ways, it was with young people that saw Bishop Joe come into his own. Whether it was speaking in front of 100,000 young people at World Youth Day in Sydney in 2008 or to twenty young people at the diocesan youth retreat 'Stronger', there was always a spark in Bishop Joe's eye whenever young people surrounded him. He was unashamed and charismatic in sharing with young people the importance of a relationship with Jesus Christ.

He is probably the only bishop in Australia's history who has had a song composed from his most known sayings, "God Does Not Make Rubbish", and it going to number 2 on iTunes! Last year Bishop Joe came to St Mary's and had dinner with those who came from the diocese and were living at the College. It was a wonderful evening of great food and conversation and the Bishop had mentioned that he had wanted to come again this year.

This big-hearted, charismatic, multi-cultured man was ultimately a disciple of the Lord who, as a bishop, led by example through prayer, of the importance of a living relationship with Jesus through the Word of God and the Eucharist. The approximately 4,000 people who attended his Requiem Funeral Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Bendigo on 6th January 2011, illustrated the impact that he had on many people within the diocese, Australia and across the world. As the bookmark produced for the funeral stated, Bishop Joe was a "loved Pastor and Champion for Young and Old". Requiescat in pace

Isaac Demase
BA Arts
St Mary's College Alumni
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LEARN MINGLE ENJOY



St Marys College has been the venue for some interesting and diverse conference groups. We have catered for Zoos Victoria and The Red Cross, as well as being a practical location for many school groups; in particular, VCE orientation camps. We are home to the Melbourne University Choral Society whose magical voices can be heard flowing through the college once a week.

The conferences provide revenue to support College activities and assist in funding scholarships as well as provide employment for students on a casual basis.

St Mary's College offers a unique environment adding a distinct difference to events and a memorable experience for conference delegates... tranquil settings to motivate, train or to be entertained. We offer a range of catering options to suit any group and with recent upgrades to the Frewin room including state of the art AV and air conditioning, we invite you to enjoy our hospitality.

Thinking of booking an event, training session, garden party, baptism or wedding?

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