

**THE GREEN SASH
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This is the first edition of "THE GREEN SASH". It is hoped it will stimulate fond memories of your youth.

In undertaking the task of increasing registrations, advertisements were placed in the Sydney Morning Herald and the Telegraph-Mirror together with an entry in the RSVP column of the SMH. Ryde Regional Radio FM88.5 is making ongoing mentions, particularly in its Police Beat programme.

Catholic Clubs are being approached to advise their members by way of noticeboards and club journals. Shortly an ad will appear in the Catholic Weekly.

All this is being done by donation and assistance through ubiquitous channels.

However, the best publicity is WORD OF MOUTH. It breeds enthusiasm.

If you know of an OLD BOY whose name does not appear in the attached listing, please urge him to register.

With this issue are two photos, one provided by Maurie Baraket (St Vincent's) the other by a member of the team (St James'). If you should have any photos, please photocopy and forward for publication in future issues. They will be most appreciated by the readers. Should you send an original, please ensure such can be identified for return.

If you can recall interesting or amusing incidents, such would be appreciated, acknowledged and, subject to IMPRIMATUR, published.

All correspondence should be addressed to:

Patricians
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From 1891[[1886]]-1967 the Brothers of St Patrick laboured in Redfern, Forest Lodge, and Waterloo.

St Vincent's, Redfern	1891-1964 [[1886 - 1962]]
St James' Forest Lodge	1895-1967 [[1892 - 1967]]
Mount Carmel, Waterloo	1908-1964 [[1908 - 1963]]

In many families, three generations owed their education to the parish schools staffed by the Brothers. It was no use going home to Dad and complaining about Brother "X". The chances were he had taught Dad and Granddad also. Dads offered their sons little sympathy.

It was this connection which instilled a "family" affection between pupil and teacher. The bond is marked when ex-pupils meet. No matter the school; the Brothers seem to have taught at them all.

In the early years/ the Brothers walked from Redfern to Forest Lodge and; at the end of the day/ retraced their steps.

A list of all who served in "The First Hundred Years" is included. A good exercise is to match the names to your progression through school.

You will find/ also/ short biographies of:

Bro Serenus Michael Quann/ FSP 2 Jan 1897-31 Jan 1976
Bro Rodan Timothy Bergin/ FSP 24 Mar 1909-10 Jun 1990

RIP

IMPORTANT

Sydney holds its St Patrick's Day March on the Sunday BEFORE the 17 March. That's the Irish for you/ never wanting to be late for school/ work or play.

Arranging a Reunion is a lot of work/ and usually at a high cost. We are in the near fifties and over/ and get-togethers at night are difficult.

The answer is simple. Let's all meet on the Sunday of the St Patrick's day March. The only risks are the weather and your heart.

So/ why not meet in Hyde Park, at the Archibald Fountain/ opposite St. Mary's Cathedral at 11.00 am Sunday/ 13 March next.

The St Patrick's Day March starts at NOON. If there is a gallop left in you/ why not join in the fun.

What better way to express your thanks/ and to tell Sydney;

"We are Old Boys of Patrician Bros - Redfern, Forest Lodge, and Waterloo",

We haven't got much time left. You don't have to go the whole distance. Drop out as you feel. If you're not up to marching; wave the rest on their way. You might even have a convivial in the Catholic Club. We are everywhere. The President of the Club is a Mount Carmel man,

Please 'phone 975-6481 (Kevin) and leave the message, "I'll be there".

PATRICIAN BROTHERS, FOREST LODGE
PREMIER 1945

Metropolitan Catholic Schools R.L. Competition



Back Row: K. Rickens, P. Scott, T. Dunn, Brother Rodan, K. Scott¹, N. Sara, J. Fitzsimmons
Seated: R. Mannix, P. Hogan, E. Gard (Capt.), P. Hayes (Vice-Capt.) G. Murtagh, L. Durrington
Front Row: C. Murphy, K. Bradley Absent: M. Watterson

Presented by N.S.W. Rugby League

L. Alexander Studios

1. "K. Scott" pictured is the author of *TGS*. "P. Scott" was his brother.

SURNAME	CHRISTIAN	SCH			
AITKIN	STEPHEN	SJ	HALES	GERRY	SJ
ALLEYNE	JOHN	SJ	HAYES	PETER	SJ
ALLEYNE	KEVIN	SJ	HEATON	DON	SJ
ANDERSON	BRIAN	SJ	HEATON	PAT	SJ
ANDERSON	FRANK	SJ	HEGARTY	JACK	SJ
BARAKET	MAURIE	SV	HICKEY	LEN	SJ
BASTIC	PADDY	SV	HIGGINS	PETER	FSP
BEAVAN	MICHAEL	SJ	HILFERTY	JIM	SJ
BLAIR	PAUL	SJ	HILFERTY	KEVIN	SJ
BOOLER	TOM	SJ	HISTON	GERARD	FSP
BLOOMFIELD	TREVOR	SJ	HOGAN	BEDE	SJ
BOURKE	TOM	SJ	IRELAND	JOHN	MC
BOURKE	BILL	SJ	ISON	KEITH	SJ
BRUS	FRANK	SJ	ISON	NOEL	SJ
BULFIN	BERNARD	FSP	JENKINS	HAROLD	SJ
BURTON	KEITH	SJ	KENNEDY	CLEM	SV
BURTON	NORM	SJ	KING	RICHARD	SV
BYRNES	JOHN	SJ	LEAHY	ERIC	SJ
CAMPBELL	JOHN	SJ	LONDRIGAN	KEITH	MC
CASEY	PAT	SJ	LOVEGROVE	LEX	SJ
CASHY	TERRY	SJ	LOVEGROVE	PATRICK	FSP
CLARIDGE	BARRY	SJ	MAHONY	VINCE	SJ
COMERFORD	MICHAEL	SJ	MALONE	VINCE	SJ
CONNOR	ANTHONY	SJ	MANNIX	REG	SJ
CORBETT	MALACHY	FSP	MARKETO	RON	
CORRIGAN	BRIAN DR	SJ	MILANI	ALFRED	SV
COSGROVE	THOMAS	SJ	MILLER	LES	MC/SV
CRAWFORD		SV	MOCKLER	DAN	SJ
CRAWFORD		SV	HOLLOY	JOHN	SJ
CULLOTTY	DENNIS	SJ	MOMAGHAN	PAT	SV
DONOVAN	JAMES	SJ	MULLAVEY	RAY	SJ
DOWNY	BASIL	FSP	MULHALL	PHILIP	FSP
DURRINGTON	LES	SJ	MULLINS	DENNIS	SJ
EVES	JIM	SJ	MULLINS	JOHN	SJ
EVES	RAY	SJ	MULLINS	NICK	SJ
EGAN	GERALD	FSP	MURTAGH	CECIL	SJ
ETCELL	FRED	SJ	MCCLUSKY	PAUL	SJ
FITESIMMONS	JOHN	SJ	MCCLUSKY	RAY	SJ
FLETCHER	STAN	SJ	MCCORMACK	GREG	SJ
FULLER	FRANK	MC	MCCORMACK	MERVYN	SJ
GARD	TED	SJ	MCLEAN	ROY	SJ
GILFEATHER	CYRIL	SJ	MCHAHON	LES	SJ
GILFEATHER	PAUL	SJ	MCHANUS	FRANK	SJ
GILLESPIE	PHIL	SJ	MCHANUS	PAT	SJ
GILLFEATHER	JIM	SJ	MCHANUS	TOM	SJ
GREALEY	AUGUSTINE	FSP	NEATE	BOB	SV
GRIFFITHS	JOHN	SV	NOBLE	CLIF	SV
GRIFFITHS	JIMMY	SV	NOLAN	ROBERT	SJ
GRIFFITHS	MORRIS	SV	NOLAN	WALLY	SJ
GRIFFITHS	PAT	SV	O'BRIEN	TED	SJ
GRIFFITHS	VINCE	SV	O'CONNOR	PAUL	SJ
GUIDERA	JOSEPH	FSP	O'GRADY	DICK	SJ
			O'GRADY	PETER	SJ
			O'MEARA	GERALD	FSP
			O'SHEA	EDDIE	SJ

SV: St Vincent's, Redfern; SJ: St James's, Forest Lodge; MC: Mt Carmel, Waterloo

PENDERGAST	KEVIN	MC
PENDERGAST	TERRY	MC
RAPER	NEVILLE	SJ
RICKENS	KEVIN	SJ
ROCHFORD	DES	SJ
ROCHFORD	KEVIN	SJ
ROWSWELL	BILL	SJ
ROWSWELL	PETER	SJ
RUSSELL	KEITH	SV
RUSSELL	WALLY	SV
RYAN	NOEL	SJ
SARA	NOEL	SJ
SCOTT	BARRY	SJ
SCOTT	KEVIN	SJ
SMITH	NORM	
STEEN	NEIL	SV
STENNING	BILL	SJ
STENNING	JIM	SJ
STENNING	MICHAEL	SJ
STRIDE	BILL	SJ
STRIDE	REG	SJ
TAGNEY	JOHN	SJ
TAYLOR	TOM	SJ
TRANCHITTA	CECIL	MC
WATTERSON	MAURIE	SJ
WHAITES	BOB	SJ
WILKINSON	JOHN	MC/SV

REV. BRO. SERENUS MICHAEL QUANN. R.I.P.¹



On the forenoon of January 31st, 1976, at the Patrician Brothers' Monastery, Fairfield, Bro. Serenus Michael Quann passed quietly to his eternal reward. The last rites were administered by Rev. Fr. Tom Crotty as the entire Community and a most faithful housekeeper and friend, asked a kind and merciful God to ease and brighten the homecoming of a splendid Patrician Brother. And it was right and fitting that it should be so. For over sixty years Bro. Serenus had been essentially a community man and had dreaded the thought that he might die in hospital away from his family of brothers. In the last two weeks his only fear was, that he might be "a nuisance to others." Instead of a nuisance, his brothers in the community realized that theirs was a singular blessing-to witness the faith and confidence, the patience and courage, the gentleness and calm, of a great soul waiting to go home. A year before he had a major operation for cancer of the abdomen, but in a few weeks he was back in the school office, bright and brisk and efficient as usual -keeping the school accounts for 1200 boys, making little of his pain and taking delight in the progress of success of the school. Those around him could see that he was sliding rapidly downhill, but the perfection in his work was there to the very end. At Christmas he went on his last Summer

holiday with the community, still turning a brave face to the world he was soon to leave. About January 15th he took to his bed for the last time.

The huge crowd of Priests, Brothers and friends at his obsequies and funeral was a moving tribute to a gentle, kindly soul who was ever at pains to avoid notice and the limelight. His funeral to the Catholic Lawn Cemetery at Kemps Creek was regal. Today all that is mortal of Serenus Quann waits the resurrection dawn at Kemps Creek far from his native Kilkenny.

Bro. Serenus was born on January 2nd, 1897 - son of James and Elizabeth Quann of Roscon, Windgap, Co.

1. This text directly from Province memorial pamphlet.

Kilkenny. He attended the local National School and at the age of 15 went to Tullow to join the Brothers of St. Patrick. It would be nice to relate that he was a true son of Kilkenny, that he wielded the hurley with skill and grace but I'm afraid such was not the case. I am told he was ever willing to give his hurley away to another in need. Games of any kind played little part in his life, and although he lived for many years in the heart of South Sydney, where the god of Rugby League is worshipped in every heart and home, Bro. Serenus remained untouched. But to get on.

Bro. Serenus made his first Profession on August 15th, 1914. He continued his studies at Tullow and then taught at Carrickmacross 1916-17. As a young man, and a very sensitive one, he experienced the agony and trauma of the Easter Rebellion in Dublin in 1916. To the end, and almost as dear to him as his books of Prayer, was the little book "Poems of the Irish Revolutionary Brotherhood." MacDonough, Pearse and Plunkett were among his 'Patron Saints' and Bro. Serenus imbibed much of their faith and hope and idealism.

On August 15th, 1917 he made his Final Profession. He studied at De La Salle Training College, Waterford 1918-19 and then sailed for Australia in December 1919. Bro. Norbert K. Phelan, another Kilkenny man, was his class mate and travelling companion. He arrived in Sydney on February 9th, 1920. Two days later Bro. Norbert went out West to Dubbo and Bro. Serenus was posted to Redfern. It must have been a violent transplant from the quiet green hills of Carrickmacross to the bustle or an overcrowded inner city school. To the end Bro. Serenus spoke with real gratitude of how the road was eased by the infectious kindness and charity of that man among men, Bro. Robert Small, R.I.P.

And so fifty-seven years of life in Australia were begun-fifty-seven years given in full to the work of the Brothers of St. Patrick, beneath the Southern Cross. In 1939 Bro. Serenus returned to Ireland for a holiday. This was his first and only visit back to his native land.

As a religious Bro. Serenus was exemplary. A man of keen intellect and sharp incisive mind, his philosophy was simple and without complication. It rested on the sure foundation of Faith and the fact that on August 15th, 1917 he had made a final promise to his Maker. He was determined, with the strength of his gentle, generous soul, that the promise must be kept. And kept it was. Through the good times and the lean times (and God knows the lean years were many indeed) he went his way quietly, never wavering in his purpose, kindly and thoughtful for others, never grudging for a moment one jot or one tittle of the gifts he had offered in August 1917. His religious life, he lived to the limit. He lived unobtrusively, never making himself the conscience of the community, ever ready to pull his weight, enjoying the little things—a quiet drink, the ebb and flow of conversation, the youth and exuberance of those around him. A party of any kind was never missed, always enjoyed. He had a real, if belated, love affair with T.V. New trends and strange new "isms" might come in his later years, but he rode the waves gaily and his certain soul was never ruffled. Years before he had put his hand to the plough, nor did he falter or fail to turn back till death, the reaper, took the reins from the dead, cold hands of the ploughman.

In the schools he taught Mathematics, Latin and Commerce to Senior Level with a thoroughness that was part of his nature. He never sought the limelight, never pined for the spectacular, but did his work faithfully and well in a quiet and hidden way. For the last ten years at Fairfield he handled all school accounts and fees for over a thousand boys. His work was perfection. His books with his perfect copperplate writing were an eloquent witness to the loving care and diligence of the man, and his determination to be of help to others and to do all things well.

Overleaf is a list of the schools where he taught and the offices he filled in his life in Australia. To many they may mean little. They tell us nothing of the real struggle to survive in the years of the worst depression ever to strike Australia. Bro. Serenus and his fellow brothers knew poverty, not as a theological concept or pious ideal, but as a stark and terrible daily visitor. It says much for the man that in those days he made his dearest friends, poor battling people who gave their all to help the Brothers in the inner-city schools. In the last weeks of his life, many of these good people—the salt of the earth—came to Fairfield to pay a last tribute to a friend and to pray with him and for him at the end. These people he remembered every day of his life. The few dollars saved in the later years from holidays and what not, went for masses said for those good people. In the early days of his work at Wahroonga (1931-38) each and every morning started with a three-mile walk to Pymble Parish Church to morning Mass. A day's work before the day had well begun. And so it went. For almost fifty years things were rarely easy. And yet he could look back with great happiness to it all when in the later years, in the quiet backwater of life the tidal waves of memory came flooding in. In cricket language he had a great innings and so let Thomas McDonough—another gentle kindly soul, teacher and scholar, poet and mystic, and one who had warmed the heart of a younger Serenus, say the last word,

*Wisdom's voice is the voice
of a child who sings to a star
With a cry of Hail and rejoice
And farewell to the things that are.*

*And hail to eternal peace
And rejoice that the day is done
For the night brings but release
When the race of life is run.*

*I followed the Morning Star
And I stand by the Gate of Light
And a child sings my last farewell
To the atom things that are.*

BRO. SERENUS MICHAEL QUANN. F.S.P.

Michael Quann, born January 2nd, 1897 at Roscon, Windgap, Co.
Kilkenny.

Received into Novitiate August 15th, 1913.

First Profession August 15th, 1914.

Final Profession August 15th, 1917.

1916-17-Carrickmacross Ireland.

1917-18-De La Salle, Training College, Waterford.

Arrived in Sydney February 9th, 1920.

1920-21-St. Vincent's School, Redfern.

1922-Holy Cross College, Ryde.

1923-Red fern.

1924-Dubbo.

1925-June 1929-Redfern.

1929-Forest Lodge.

1930-Redfern.

1931-8-Juvenate Wahroonga.

1939-Holiday in Ireland.

1940-Ryde.

1941-45-Principal of Mount Carmel (Redfern).

1945-51-Superior at Redfern.

1951-52-Forest Lodge.

1953-56-Superior at Wahroonga.

1957-59-Fairfield.

1960-62-Superior at Redfern.

1963-64-Forest Lodge.

Golden Jubilee 1964.

1965-76-Fairfield.

Diamond Jubilee 1974.

First Assistant to Provincial Council 1940-48.

Third Assistant to Provincial Council 1949-52.

Second Assistant to Provincial Council 1950-53.

Died January 31st, 1976 at Fairfield.

May he rest in peace.

Ar Dheis De Go Raibh a Anam.

Brother Rodan Timothy Bergin, 24th March 1909 to 10th June 1990¹



'There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze'. (Book of Kings 19:9).

We know from the rest of the passage from the Book of Kings that the Lord was in the gentle breeze.

Bro. Rodan Timothy Bergin died peacefully in his room at Mount St. Joseph, Tullow, on Sunday, June 10th, 1990. He was in his 82nd year.

In looking back on his long life those who knew him best recalled above all his pleasing qualities, his gentleness and simplicity. His gentleness was all the more remarkable as he was a big man of considerable strength. Like the prophet Elijah in the Bible story, many experienced the Lord in the 'gentle breeze' of Rodan's life.

Timothy was born to Joseph and Ann Bergin at Gurteen, Co. Tipperary in March 1909. Twenty one years later, bearing the Religious name of Rodan, he pronounced his Final Vows as a Patrician Brother while attached to the Community at Mallow. Shortly afterwards, in May 1932, he arrived in Australia, an event which had a profound influence on his life.

The change was a dramatic one for him, being transferred from an easy and friendly rural background to a poor, inner-urban area of Sydney rocked by the rigours of a severe economic recession. His first six years were spent in Redfern and at Mount Carmel, Waterloo. His next twelve were at Forest Lodge and included a full term as Superior and school Principal.

Most of the students at Redfern, Waterloo and Forest Lodge in those days were of Irish background and despite the street-wise disposition of many, Rodan's caring and genial nature readily enabled him to establish a friendly rapport with them and their families. His love of sport and his adoption of rugby league eased his transition into a dominant sub-culture of Sydney in the 30's and 40's. He became an eager and astute coach in schoolboy rugby league.

Like many Patricians of his era he became an avid and life-long fan of the local first grade rugby league side, South Sydney Rabbitohs. In 1983, when he revisited Sydney for the centenary celebrations of the Province, he received a warm reception back at Redfern Oval, the Rabbitoh's HQ. Foremost among those to greet him was former student, protege and folk-hero in rugby league, famous Australian full-back, Clem Kennedy.

Despite his conversion to tennis, swimming, cricket and football as part of his 'enculturation' Rodan did not abandon his first love in sport, the noble game of Gaelic hurling. Most Sunday afternoons would find him polishing up the skills he acquired in far-off Tipperary when he would join with the Irish lads who would congregate at the G.A.A. Quarter of Sydney's Moore Park for their weekly game of hurling.

He maintained strong bonds with the Irish community in Sydney and would readily contribute to the mood of a social gathering with a pleasant tenor-voiced rendition of 'Bless this House' or 'Oft in the Stilly Night'. It was obvious at this time that he had cultivated the gift of relating with a wide spectrum of people in a spirit of equality, mutuality and rapport without compromising his special identity as a religious Brother.

From 1950 to 1956 Rodan spent an enjoyable stint back in Ireland as a member of the General Council. During this time he taught in the Primary school in Tullow and also had a chance to indulge his great interest in fanning when, for a short time, he was manager of the farm at Mount St. Joseph.

The next twelve years were fruitful, though demanding, years for Rodan. He returned to Australia in 1956 as Provincial and remained in that role until 1968. This era spanned a period of re-thinking in religious life and a period of great strain on the Catholic education system in Australia.

Rodan commenced his term in office by setting a high priority on the fostering of local vocations to the Patrician Brothers. His enthusiasm and his pragmatism were rewarded when many fine young men joined the Brothers in those years. Despite limited resources at the time, he was careful to ensure that the young Brothers were given every opportunity for personal and professional formation.

His simple and sincere faith together with his instinctive paternal kindness made him a respected and assuring

1. This text directly from Congregational memorial pamphlet.

leader through the restless 60's. He would indicate his disapproval of certain attitudes and behaviours by a knowing shake of the head but he would never condemn the individual or harbour resentment.

Dwindling population in the inner city of Sydney confronted him with the unenviable task of presiding over the transfer of Patrician Communities from Redfern and Forest Lodge, scenes of his earlier labours, to the expanding outer suburbs. His realism and his optimism enabled him to ease for the Brothers the 'letting-go' and to bolster manpower in the rapidly developing schools to the west.

Increased numbers in formation at this time demanded additional accommodation and facilities. His good relationship with a variety of parents from the schools made it easy for him to set up fund-raising structures. Thus augmenting existing funds he was able to build extensions at the formation centre in Wahroonga and to acquire property at Narellan for a Novitiate.

Confusion in religious life and pressure on the Catholic school system in Sydney increased as the decade advanced. Rodan's composure and health were occasional casualties of the times. However, his trust in Providence and the ready collaboration of so many Brothers endowed him with remarkable resilience.

One of his last brave decisions as Provincial was the acceptance of the persistent invitation of Bishop Doggett to establish a Patrician foundation in Papua New Guinea. His generous gesture in assigning Brothers Charles Barry and Gabriel McCluskey to that mission in 1968 has been blessed in many ways.

Rodan headed the Australian delegation to the 1968 General Chapter. He was elected to the role of an Assistant General and he served in that capacity until 1974. During this time, and subsequently, he was a member of the teaching staff at Mount St. Joseph Juniorate. In his final years he aged gracefully as a member of the Community at the Mount.

He had a warm welcome for visitors at all times, shaking their hands profusely and eagerly listening to their stories. Each year there was a steady stream of visitors from Australia to see him and he was always alert in memory and delighted to renew such friendships.

He maintained a great interest in the Congregation at every level and was inspiring in solidarity by his attendance at funerals, jubilees, assemblies and social gatherings of the Brothers. Many will fondly remember his gentle habit of sleeve-tugging to gain the individual attention of a confrere or to accompany his wide stare in emphasising a point. He had a good appetite and 'walked off' many a hefty dinner on his daily Ouragh circuit. There were few experiences he enjoyed better however than a good game of cards with his beloved warriors and over a few drinks.

Shining through his attractive human qualities at all times was his deep and simple spirituality. Daily Mass and community prayer were the highest priority in each day of his religious life. He had many personal devotions too and these were an expression of his strong faith and of his constant communion with the Father and the saints. His devotion to Our Lady was life-long. He was fingering the rosary beads right up to the time when he said his 'fiat' and allowed his gentle soul to slip peacefully from his weakened body.

They say that the charism of a Congregation lives on in its members. Many features of the Patrician charism were exemplified to a high degree in the life of Rodan.

We mourn his passing but we give thanks to God for the gift of Rodan's life to the Patrician Congregation. It is our fervent prayer that his soul is now happily re-united with the souls of the Bergins, of the Patricians and of all his friends who preceded him into the joys of the Beatific Vision.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

His parents were Joseph and Ann Bergin. There were 8 children in the family. Only Joe (Lorrha, Co. Tipperary) and Sr. Kyran (Brigidine Convent, Sydney), remain.

24th March, 1909 Date of Birth:
7th May, 1925 Entered Novitiate at Tullow.
8th May, 1926 First Profession of Vows.
28th May, 1930 Final Vows at Mallow.
10th May, 1932 Arrived in Australia.
1928 – 30 Mallow.
1932 – 38 Redfern.
1938 – 46 Forest Lodge.
1946 (may-June) Delegate to General Chapter.
1944 – 50 Superior and Principal at Forest Lodge.

1950 (April)Went as delegate to General Chapter.
1950 – 1956Assistant General, Mt. St. Joseph, Tullow.
1956 – 68Provincial, Wahroonga, Sydney.
1968 – 74Assistant General, Mt. St. Joseph.
1968 – 90Mt. St. Joseph Community, Tullow

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**The St Patrick's Day March:
turning disaster into triumph**

At 11 am on Sunday, March 13 - the day of Sydney's annual St Patrick's Day March • the sun was shining but at the Archibald Fountain in Hyde Park the atmosphere was bleak. This was the march assembly point for Patrician Brothers' Inner Sydney Schools Old Boys' Association members. But with only three people present, the day was shaping up as a monumental disaster.

By 11.30 am, a few more people had shown up and from being a disaster the day was looking more like an error of judgement.

Then Eric Leahy (Forest Lodge) arrived with the old green banner and for the Patricians the sun began to shine. At noon the March began and our contingent proudly stepped off from Position 23 in Elizabeth Street. By 1 pm, with the group marching behind the banner carried by Eric and Cliff Noble (Redfern) and more friends cheering us along from the footpath, the day had become a great success.

We hope it will be even bigger and better next year - already some Year 12 boys from the Brothers' schools have shown interest in marching with us.



For your Diary

Sunday, July 24 at 9 am

Annual Mass and Communion, St James Church, Forest Lodge, Woolley Street. Glebe. Public transport: 431 or 433 bus from the city, alight at Rest Park, corner of Glebe and Bridge Roads.

(Next year's Mass and Communion is to be at Mount Carmel.)

Saturday, October 29

Melbourne Cup Dinner - major social event and fund raiser for the Brothers' PNG missions. Holy Cross College, 517 Victoria Road. Ryde 2112. Mass in the College chapel, 6.15 pm, dinner in Centenary Hall, 7 pm. Cost for dinner and bottle of wine: \$30 single, \$60 double. Each double ticket draws a horse in one of several Cup sweeps. First prize in the major sweep is \$1,000, second prize is \$200, third prize is \$100. Winners of the minor sweeps will receive \$50. Winner of a raffle run on the night will receive a \$300 bet on the horse of his or her choice in the Cup, \$150 in cash and a choice of the prizes on display that night. We will enclose an order form for Dinner tickets with the August issue of THE GREEN SASH. Public transport: 500 or 501 bus from the city passes Holy Cross College; there is ample parking at the rear of the buildings.

The Brothers who taught us, 1: Fidelis Downes



Brother Fidelis Downes, known fondly to generations of boys as “Fiddlesticks”, spent almost 60 years as a dedicated teacher in the Brothers’ schools in New South Wales. Born in 1885 in Toomevarra, Co. Tipperary, he was one of four brothers who became Patricians. The others were Finbar Downes, who became Superior General, Joseph Downes, long associated with the Brothers’ Galway School and Conleith Downes, who died on a ship while returning to Ireland from India on his first home leave and was buried at sea.

Brother Fidelis came to Australia in 1908 and was sent to the school the Brothers then conducted at Orange. In 1910 he was transferred to Bathurst where he spent four years - his pupils there included the future Prime Minister Ben Chifley.

Apart from two years at Orange (1917 and 1923), Brother Fidelis spent half a century in the Brothers’ Sydney schools: Holy Cross College, Ryde. Redfern, Forest Lodge and Mount Carmel (Waterloo). New boys were impressed by his large red handkerchiefs; in an era when most men smoked, he had the unusual habit of taking snuff - the handkerchiefs covered up the subsequent sneeze! Boys considered it a great honour to be sent to the tobacconist to buy Brother Fidelis’ snuff. His last seven years were at Holy Cross where he died in December, 1965. He lies at rest in the Patrician Brothers’ section of Held of Mars Cemetery.

The Patrician Brothers in Australia some historical notes

1883: At the invitation of Bishop Murray of Maitland, Brothers Dominic O’Neill and Fintan O’Neill arrived to take over St John’s School, Maitland. Within two years there were 18 Brothers in Australia. They formed communities at Bathurst (1884), Goulburn (1885). Redfern (1886), Dubbo. Armidale and Wagga (1889). Forest Lodge, Orange and Ryde (1890). The Brothers withdrew from most country schools before 1900 and left the last in 1928. Of their early schools, only Holy Cross College, Ryde remains under the Brothers’ administration.



The 1892 to 1940 St James’s School on Bridge Road. This photo taken in 2005

1886: The Brothers’ school at Redfern opens.

1904: Under the supervision of the Provincial, Brother Stanislaus Bergin, St Patrick’s Monastery, Redfern was built to accommodate the Brothers and six novices. The first community comprised Brother Stanislaus Bergin (Superior) and Brothers Basil Cassidy, John Lee, James Long, Jerome McAuley, Baptist McGrath and Bernard O’Toole.

1908: On Easter Saturday, April 21, Mount Carmel parish school was opened under the care of the Redfern community. The number of Brothers had to be increased and there was no room left for Novices. The community then comprised Brothers Basil Cassidy and Clement Howlen (at Forest Lodge), Regis Hickey, Jerome McAuley, Baptist McGrath, Albin McMenamin and Bernard O’Toole.

1922: Blessed Oliver’s Monastery at Forest Lodge (Glebe) opened. For 32 years after the school at Forest Lodge opened it was staffed by Brothers from the Redfern community who walked to and from there each day. The first Forest Lodge community comprised Brother Cyril Boland (Superior) and Brothers Austin McGrath, Finian Byrne and Joseph Tiemey. The building now houses Butler Lodge Women’s Refuge.

1940: The Brothers’ school in Woolley Street, Forest Lodge opened, replacing the old building in Bridge Road which became St, James Parish Hall and is now the Aboriginal and Islander Dance Theatre. The Superior and first Principal of the new school was Brother Norbert Phelan.

DOCTOR DELANEY¹



Scholastic discipline flourished and which produced a greater number of distinguished men than any other College in the Paris University.

After a brilliant and edifying student career, in which he gained the highest distinctions in this centre of learning that was in its power to confer, he was ordained to the Priesthood in the year 1770.

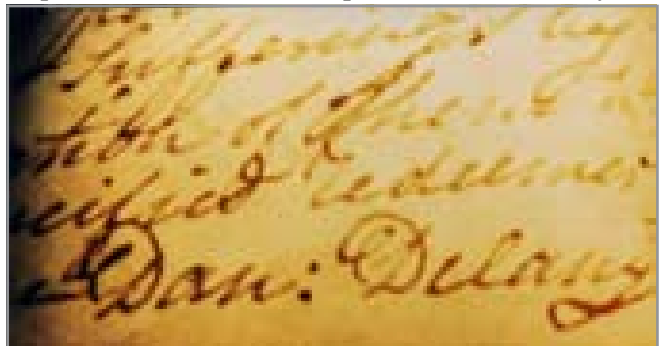
Returning to his native country in 1777, disguised as a secular, Dr. O'Keeffe, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin, appointed him his own curate in the Parish of Tullow, Co. Carlow.

The gloom of the long Penal Winter hung heavily over the people of Tullow at the period when Father Delaney took up his priestly duties there. Nothing daunted, he set himself to remedy this sad and deplorable condition of affairs. Believing that "the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world," he went about from house to house enlisting the wives and mothers in his cause. Like his Divine Master, he became himself a child to gain the hearts of the youth and win them over to ways of innocence and virtue.

Towards the close of his Episcopal career, the aged Doctor O'Keeffe considered it necessary to provide a coadjutor Bishop for the See of Kildare. His choice fell on his curate. Father Delaney, whose charity, piety and zeal had won the admiration of the Bishop and his clergy. His consecration took place on 31st August, 1783. The zeal which characterised his ministrations as curate was manifested and redoubled during the years of his Episcopacy. Love for the Blessed Eucharist was the ruling passion of his life. Defying heresy openly, he introduced into the diocese the annual Corpus Christi processions, preceded by adoration day/and night: It was in prayer before the Divine Presence that he acquired those virtues of strength and sweetness which characterised his dealings with the people—"FORTITER ET SUAVITER" was his episcopal motto. On the death of Dr. O'Keeffe, in September, 1787, Doctor Delaney became Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin.

In his noble work for Faith and Fatherland, he experienced considerable difficulty in maintaining a sufficient supply of competent teachers for the Sunday Schools which he had established in the parish of Tullow. As was his wont in all difficult crises, he had recourse to his favourite devotion—the Adorable Sacrament of the Altar. He engaged the children to join him in his petitions before the tabernacle. As the fruit of his prayer he determined to gather around him a body of pious souls who, besides attending to their own sanctification, would teach in the Sunday Schools and likewise undertake the secular education of the children—rich and poor. Meeting with a ready and enthusiastic response to his appeal, he selected six Catechists who were remarkable for their piety, zeal and assiduous labour in the Sunday Schools. These six pious catechists were to form the nucleus of his new Congregation which he placed under the protection of Our Lady and St. Patrick. Thus on the feast of the Purification, 1808, the Congregation of the Brothers of St. Patrick or the Patrician Brothers was founded. In the previous year, 1807, Bishop Delaney had established the Congregation of the Brigidine Sisters, whose magnificent work in the cause of Catholic Education is so well known and recognised in the Archdiocese of Sydney.

In the establishment of his Religious Institutes he had seen the realisation of his heart's desires and he might well have sung his "Nunc Dimittis." But, fortunately for his Spiritual children, he was spared for a few more years to guide and direct them in the path of perfection. It was only fitting that his last public appearance should be the feast of Corpus Christi. Although his weakness was extreme, he was determined to carry the Monstrance in the procession of the Blessed Sacrament. From the feast of Corpus Christi his sufferings increased. On July 9th, 1814, after imparting his blessing to the Clergy, Brothers and Sisters assembled round his bed and having received the last Sacraments with sentiments of the most animated devotion, he calmly expired while Mass was being celebrated in his room. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his Saints."



1. Bishop Daniel spelt his surname with one e only: "Delany". And this text was reproduced in TGS from "Maroon & Gold - St James' Boys' School Forest Lodge December 1951".

PATRICIAN BROS INNER SYDNEY SCHOOLS OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

ABOOD* ¹	A	SJ	CASEY	PAT	SJ
ALDIN*	R	SJ	CASEY *	TERRY	SJ
AITKIN	STEPHEN	SJ	CEASER ##	P	
ALLEYNE	JOHN	SJ	CHAND *	B	SJ
ALLEYNE	KEVIN	SJ	CHAPMAN *	D	SJ
ANDERSON	BRIAN	SJ	CHAPMAN *	J	SJ
ANDERSON	FRANK	SJ	CHASE #	ALAN	MC
ANDERSON*	K	SJ	CHIPPERFIELD*	A	SJ
ANDERSON*	R	SJ	CHRISTIAN *	B	SJ
ARNOLD	BRIAN	SJ	CHRISTIAN *	F	SJ
ARNOLD*	JOHN	SJ	CHRISTIAN *	P	SJ
BARAKET	MAURICE	SV	CLANCY *	C	SJ
BARCLAY*	T	SJ	CLARIDGE	BARRY	SJ
BARNETT*	R	SJ	CLARKE *	C	SJ
BASTIC	PADDY	SV	COLEMAN *	A	SJ
BAZ	CECIL	SV	COLEMAN *	B	SJ
BAZ	FRED	SV	COLEMAN *	P	SJ
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BEHAN*	H	SJ	CONERFORD	MICHAEL	SJ
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BINNIE***	ALLAN	SJ	CORBETT *	A	SJ
BISCHOFF*	BILL	SJ	CORBETT *	ALAN	SJ
BLAKE*	J	SJ	CORBETT *	KALACHY	FSP
BLAIR	PAUL	SJ	CORBETT *	P	SJ
BLOOMFIELD**	TREVOR	SJ	CORRIGAN	BRIAN	SJ
BOOLER	TOM	SJ	COSGROVE *	J	SJ
BOURKE*	J	SJ	COSGROVE	THOMAS	SJ
BOURKE	TOM	SJ	COYLE *	B	SJ
BOURKE	BILL	SJ	CRAWFORD	BERNIE	SV
BRADLEY*	K	SJ	CRAWFORD	TOM	SV
BRADLEY*	M	SJ	CREIGHTON *	P	SJ
BRITTON*	W	SJ	CULLOTTY	DENNIS	SJ
BROWN*	THOMAS	SJ	CURRAN *	J	SJ
BRUS	FRANK	SJ	DANAHAN *	T	SJ
BULFIN	BERNARD	FSP	DAVIS *	J	SJ
BURGESS***	EDDIE	SJ	DAY *	K	SJ
BURKE*	B	SJ	DEAL *	P	SJ
BURKE* ²	B	SJ	DEASY #	TOM	MC
BURTON***	KEITH	SJ	DELUCA *	P	SJ
BURTON	NORM	SJ	DEWBURY *	R	SJ
BUTCHER*	G	SJ	PICK	BERNIE	SJ
BULTER*	J	SJ	PICK *	L	SJ
BYRNE*	D	SJ	DONERTY *	K	SJ
BYRNES	JOHN	SJ	DONOHUE *	E	SJ
CAMPBELL	JOHN	SJ	DONOVAN *	J	SJ
CAREY*	GARY	MC	DOWNEY	BASIL	FSP
			DOYLE	VICTOR	FTHR
			DOYLE *	M	SJ
			DRAPER *	J	SJ
			DUNNE *	K	SJ
			DUNNE *	L	SJ
			HURRINGTON	LES	SJ

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EGAN	GERALD	FSP	GUIDERA	JOSEPH	FSP
ELVIN *	B	SJ	HACKETT *	L	SJ
ENGLAND *	R	SJ	HALES	GERRY	SJ
ETCELL	FRED	SJ	HANMAN *	B	SJ
EVANS *	J	SJ	HANMAN *	W	SJ
EVANS *	L	SJ	HARALDSON *	B	SJ
EVANS *	R	SJ	HARRIS *	D	SJ
EVES	JIM	SJ	HARRIS *	N	SJ
EVES	RAY	SJ	HARRIS *	P	SJ
FANT *	L	SJ	HARRIS *	R	SJ
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FARRUGIA *	J	SJ	HAYES **	PETER	SJ
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FLETCHER	STAN	SJ	HEILER *	T	SJ
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FOGARTY *	M	SJ	HICKEY *	LEN	SJ
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FOSSANO *	P	SJ	HICKEY *	R	SJ
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GADD *	M	SJ	HISTON	GERARD	FSP
GADD *	T	SJ	HOARAU *	G	SP
GAGE *	A	SJ	HOARAU *	Y	SP
GALLAGHER *	J	SJ	HOGAN	BEDE	SJ
GAPPS *	J	SJ	HOMATSON *	J	SJ
GARD	TED	SJ	HOWE *	B	SJ
GARRETTY *	C	SJ	HOWE *	P	SJ
GARRETTY *	M	SJ	HUNT *	J	SJ
GEORGE *	J	SJ	HUNTER *	J	SJ
GEORGE **	J	SV	IRELAND	JOHN	MC
GILFEATHER	CYRIL	SJ	ISON	KEITH	SJ
GILFEATHER	PAUL	SJ	ISON	NOEL	SJ
GILLESPIE **	PHIL	SJ	JEFFS *	M	SJ
GILLFEATHER	JIM	SJ	JENKINS	HAROLD	SJ
GODDARD *	P	SJ	JOHNSON	LEX	MONS
GORMAN *	D	SJ	KEEVIL **	E	SV
GORMAN *	J	SJ	KELLY *	R	SJ
GOSPEL *	R	SJ	KENNEDY	BERNIE	MC
GOULD *	D	SJ	KENNEDY	CLEN	MC
GREALEY	AUGUSTINE	FSP	KERR *	J	SJ
GREEN *	D	SJ	KING	RICHARD	SV
GRIFFITHS	JOHN	SV	KINRAID *	J	SJ
GRIFFITHS	JIMMY	SV	KOFOED *	P	SJ
GRIFFITHS **	MORRIS	SV	KROENHERT *	P	SJ

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KYLE *	F	SJ	MORTON *	B	SJ
LAIRD #	FRANK	MC	MORTON *	J	SJ
LAHROCK ***	NICK	SJ	MULHALL	PHILIP	FSP
LARKIN ##	M	SV	MULLINS	DENNIS	SJ
LEAHY	ERIC	SJ	MULLINS	JOHN	SJ
LEE *	N	SJ	MULLINS	NICK	SJ
LILLIS *	J	SJ	MURTAGH *	B	SJ
LONDRIAN	KEITH	MC	MURTAGH	CECIL	SJ
LOVEGROVE	EDDIE	SJ	NEATE	BOB	SV
LOVEGROVE	LEX	SJ	NIELD *	M	SJ
LOVEGROVE	PATRICK	FSP	NOBLE	CLIF	SV
LOWDEN *	L	SJ	NOBLE *	E	SJ
LYSAGHT *	I	SJ	NOLAN *	ROBERT	SJ
MCBEATTY	JOE	SV	NOLAN	WALLY	SJ
MCCANN *	F	SJ	O'BRIEN	TED	SJ
MACCARONE *	J	SJ	O'BRIEN *	F	SJ
MCCLUISKY **	PAUL	SJ	O'CONNELL *	F	SJ
MCCLUISKY **	RAY	SJ	O'CONNOR **	PAUL	SJ
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MCCORMACK	MERVYN	SJ	O'GRADY	PETER	SJ
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MCGUIRE *	R	SJ	O'HEARA	GERALD	FSP
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MCKAYON	LES II	SJ	PAGE *	T	SJ
MCKAYON	MICHAEL	SJ	PALMER *	M	SJ
MCKAYON	PATRICK	SJ	PATTERSON ##	T	SV
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MCMANUS	TOM	SJ	PENNINGTON *	J	SJ
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MCWHINNEY *	R	SJ	PHILLIPS *	J	SJ
MADDEN *	J	SJ	PIGGOTT *	M	SJ
MAGUIRE *	G	SJ	POWELL *	J	SJ
MAHER *	J	SJ	POWELL *	K	SJ
MAHONY	VINCE	SJ	POWELL *	T	SJ
MALAVEY	RAY	SJ	PRESCOTT *	B	SJ
MALONE *	K	SJ	PRINGLE *	G	SJ
MALONE	VINCE	SJ	PRINGLE *	J	SJ
MANNIX	REG	SJ	PURCELL *	T	SJ
MARKETO	RON	SJ	QUINTON *	M	SJ
MARTIN *	D	SJ	RAGO *	J	SJ
MARTIN *	R	SJ	RANER *	A	SJ
MARTLEW *	J	SJ	RANER *	M	SJ
MASON ##	G	SV	RAPER	NEVILLE	SJ
MILANI	ALFRED	SV	REES *	D	SJ
MILLER	LES	MC/SV	REYNOLDS *	K	SJ
MITCHELL *	R	SJ	RICKENS	KEVIN	SJ
MOCKLER	DAN	SJ	RIDGELLY #	ROBERT	MC
MOLLOY	JOHN	SJ	RITCHIE ***	DON	SJ
MONAGHAN *	M	SJ	ROBERTSON *	B	SJ

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ROWSWELL	BILL	SJ	STEPHENS *	J	SJ
ROWSWELL *	PETER	SJ	STEPHENS **	R	SV
RUFF *	A	SJ	STRIDE	BILL	SJ
RUSSELL	KEITH	SV	STRIDE	KEE	SJ
RUSSELL **	NORMAN	SV	SUTTON *	R	SJ
RUSSELL	WALLY	SV	TANNEY	JOHN	SJ
RYAN **	J	SV	TANEY	ROBERT	MC
RYAN	LEO	SJ	TANNEY *	R	SJ
RYAN	PETER	FSP	TAYLOR *	R	SJ
SAHS *	G	SJ	TAYLOR *	R	SJ
SARA	NOEL	SJ	THOMPSON *	P	SJ
SCANLAN *	M	SJ	TOONEY *	DOUG	MC
SCOTT	BARRY	SJ	TRAVERSE **	F	SV
SCOTT	KEVIN	SJ	TRIMBLE *	J	SJ
SHAW *	RAY	SJ	VASSALLO *	A	SJ
SHAW *	RICHARD	SJ	VICKERS	G	SJ
SHERRIFF *	R	SJ	VINCEZINI *	T	SJ
SHIELDS *	G	SJ	VINN *	B	SJ
SHIELDS *	M	SJ	WALES *	P	SJ
SISTHORPE *	J	SJ	WALL *	PAT	MC
SILK *	A	SJ	WALSH ***	FRANK	SJ
SILK *	G	SJ	WALSH *	ROBIN	SJ
SIMPSON *	B	SJ	WALSH *	RON	SJ
SLADE *	B	SJ	WARD *	M	SJ
SMALL ***	PAT	SJ	WATTERSON	MAURIE	SJ
SMITH *	J	SJ	WHAITES	BOB	SJ
SMITH *	J	SJ	WHITE *	E	SJ
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SMITH *	L	SJ	WIGMORE *	L	SJ
SMITH **	NORM	SJ	WILKINSON	JOHN	MC/SV
SMITH *	M	SJ	WILL *	P	SJ
SNELL *	L	SJ	WYNNE *	M	SJ
SONTER *	C	SJ	WYNNE *	M	SJ
STARLING *	J	SJ	ZAHRA	JOE	SJ
STEEN	NEIL	SV	ZATA *	B	SJ

* ADDRESS SOUGHT, NAME FROM ST JAMES' "RANDOM & GOLD" 1931.
THANKS TO JOHN CAMPBELL.

** ADDRESS SOUGHT, MAIL RETURNED.

*** ADDRESS SOUGHT, NAME FROM PHOTO ST JAMES' 1ST/2ND YEAR 1948.
THANKS TO PAT CASEY.

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THANKS TO LES KELLER.

ADDRESS SOUGHT, NAME FROM PHOTO ST VINCENT'S PHYSICAL CULTURE TEAM 1933-41
THANKS TO KEITH RUSSELL.

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THE IMPORTANT THING IS THAT WE ARE BUILDING A DATABASE.
IF YOU CAN HELP WITH ANY ADDRESS, PLEASE LET US KNOW.

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MELBOURNE CUP DINNER - HOLY CROSS COLLEGE, RYDE, SATURDAY OCTOBER 29

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This is the major social event and fund raiser for the Brothers' Papua New Guinea missions. The evening starts with Mass in the College chapel at 6:15pm followed by dinner in the Centenary Hall. You will have the opportunity to enter a raffle entitling the winner a \$300 bet on the horse of his or her choice in the cup, \$150 in cash and a choice of the prizes on display that night

COST FOR DINNER AND WINE IS \$30 SINGLE, \$60 DOUBLE.

Each double draws a horse in one of the several CUP sweeps. If you are attending alone, don't worry - for the purpose of the sweeps we will arrange a "pair" for you. First prize in the major sweep is \$1000, second prize is \$200, third is \$100. Winners of the minor sweeps receive \$50.

Ample parking is available at the rear of the College buildings - please refer to your directory. Should you be travelling by public transport. Routes 500 and 501 operate each 15 minutes, a check with Sydney Buses - phone 13 1500 is suggested.

You are assured of an enjoyable evening and at the same time you will be supporting the labours of the Patrician Brothers in Papua New Guinea. [Order form follows in TGS.]

HOLY TRINITY PRIMARY SCHOOL²

On February 1st 1942. the Patridan Brothers commenced teaching at Granville. They had accepted the invitation of the Parish Priest, Monsignor J McGovern to open a school in the area.

For some weeks prior to commencement. Brothers Joseph Tiemey and Anthony Phelan were engaged in preparatory work in the district.

At roll-call on opening day, 101 pupils were recorded as present, coming from near and far. Classes were started with minimal facilities in an old church hall, long since demolished. Teaching space was increased when they took over the Sisters of St Joseph's building. In March 1942, the Minister for Education, Mr Clive Evatt visited the school and presented it with a Certificate of Registration.

In the post war years, not only did numbers increase, but also a sound moral and disciplinary tone quickly made the school and students very hard to compete with scholastically and in organised sport. A residence, once the home of Judge Docker, at 200 William Street Granville, had been used by the Patrician Brothers as a monastery whilst teaching at the school. This became inadequate and was demolished in 1960. A new, larger monastery was opened on the same site in 1961.

A programme of renewing and rebuilding the whole school complex was commenced in 1966. By 1982, an excellent complex of brick buildings was offering the pupils of the school comfortable a commodation for the varied number of classes and after accepting capital grants by the Federal Government, the facilities needed for manual arts, technics and music are presently of the highest standard.

Since the early beginnings, through much sacrifice by the Brothers and their dedication and hard work, the school is now a highly accredited place of learning.

1. This is the first time this table appeared.

2. An extract from another document which is not stated.

PATRICIAN BROTHERS WORLDWIDE

Head Residence: Patrician Generalate, Tullow, Co Carlow, Ireland

Superior General: Rev Brother Cormac Commins

Patrician Schools

Ireland	Co. Carlow Co. Dublin Co. Galway Co. Kildare Co. Laois Co. Monaghan	Tullow Finglas West, Dublin Galway City (2 schools) Newbridge Abbeyleigh Mountrath Ballyfin Carrickmacross
Kenya		Eldoret Nairobi- Iten
India	Madras State New Delhi Nilgiris District Upper Pradesh West Bengal	Adyar (2 colleges) Trichy Delhi Cantonment Coonoor Dehra Dunn Meerut Cantonment Mussoorie (2 colleges) Binnaguri Contonment (2 colleges)
USA	California	Midway City
Papua New Guinea	Nuku Aitape Mt Hagen	St Francis' High School Novitiate, Bishop's Hill Holy Trinity College
Australia (N.S.W.)	Blacktown Fairfield Granville Liverpool Holy Cross College, Ryde Narellan	1120 students to year 10 1426 students to year 12 438 students to year 10 600 students to year 10 897 students to year 12 Novitiate

The Brothers who taught us, 2: Baptist McGrath

It is difficult for us in the 1990s to imagine how strange and hard life must have been like for a young man from Ireland, following his vocation as a Patrician Brother in this country a century ago. He would have been far from family and friends, in a harsh climate, teaching in strange surroundings, travelling long distances to canvass for pupils for the Brothers' new schools.

Consider the 56 years of service and dedication of Brother Baptist McGrath, which traversed the great depressions of the 1890s and 1930s and two world wars. For most of those years times were difficult and hard-pressed parents could spare little for "school money" - this was long before Government support for Catholic schools. For the Brothers, this meant a bare existence with little in the way of comforts.

In the Brothers' archives there is a photograph taken in 1892 of their Bathurst monastery; the slight figure standing behind the front fence is Brother Baptist, who had already been in this country for four years. Born in Tipperary in 1870, he entered the Brothers after leaving school and came to Australia in 1888, at the age of 18.



His first posting was to Redfern, a school with which he was to be associated over many years; from there he then went to Bathurst and in 1892/93 he was at Holy Cross College, Ryde. In 1891 there were only four day pupils and four boarders - the main College building was not opened until 1898. The College was then located across Victoria Road from the present site, in a building which became St Brigid's Orphanage.

In the Holy Cross Council (staff meeting) notes for 1892. this minute appears: "Brother Baptist will accompany boys travelling on the Western line and Brother Andrew will accompany those on the Southern line and both will use every legitimate means to come back with increased numbers."

Brother Baptist spent two years at the school the Brothers then had at Albury. Then he went back to St Patrick's primary school at Bathurst (where one of his pupils was the future Prime Minister Ben Chifley, who made the long trip in each day from Limekilns).

In 1900 he began an 18-year term at Redfern, 16 of them as headmaster of what was then a large and flourishing school. His next six years were at Bathurst and Orange, then he spent ten years at Holy Cross.

From 1936 he was at Forest Lodge, teaching in the original school building in Bridge Road then in the new school opened in 1940 in Woolley Street. He died in February, 1945.

His old pupils speak of Brother Baptist as a kindly, polite man and a gifted teacher of maths, English and French. Some recall him taking them on an excursion to the city and insisting they speak French with him on a tram going down George Street. Half a century has passed, yet we still remember him with affection.



To the left is the Bathurst monastery with Baptist standing inside the fence. It is more likely the photo was taken in 1896, not 1892. To the right of the monastery is a house and to the left is the first school. The monastery is in full use today (2010) by the diocese.

Next we have Baptist relaxing with some Holy Cross students, maybe 1937. Was he conversing in French or discussing rudimentary calculus?

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REVIEW OF PAST ACTIVITIES 1993/94

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Our Association has attracted strong support from a solid band of past students and friends of St James', Forest Lodge, St Vincent's, Redfern and Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Waterloo.

In October 1993, we held a dinner at the Glebe Rowing Club, Glebe. The evening was a success and the Association made a small profit. Following the enthusiasm shown by those in attendance, we decided to issue a newsletter to keep all advised of our activities and other matters of interest.

We placed advertisements in the Sydney newspapers, including The Catholic Weekly, seeking registrations from Old Boys. The response swelled our registrations to over 160 members, with some conversations with many who had left school more than sixty years ago, and from as far away as Tweed Heads.

THE GREEN SASH Vol. 1.1 was issued in January, 1994 followed by issues Vol 1.2 and 1.3 in May and September respectively. Each issue highlighted a particular activity such as the St Patrick's Day march, Annual Mass and Communion at St James' Glebe in July and the Melbourne Cup Dinner at Holy Cross College, Ryde in October.

The St Patrick's Day march was a lot of fun, Eric Leahy (Forest Lodge) with Clif Noble (Redfem) led the way carrying the old green banner. There was not a great number in our group, but all made the distance. The important thing was that we had marchers from each school.

St James' Church, Glebe was the venue for the well-attended annual Mass and Communion on July 24. Les and Patricia McMahon provided morning tea for our enjoyment Old neighbours still residing in Glebe joined in renewing old friendships. While the Committee wished to hold the annual Mass and Communion on or about the parish feast day, it was felt that the middle of winter is not the most propitious time. Consequently, the occasion has been moved forward to May.

The Association supported the major social event and fund raiser for the Brothers' Papua New Guinea missions; the Melbourne Cup dinner, held in the Centenary Hall at Holy Cross College, Ryde on 29 October last. There were 44 people from the Association at a wonderful night with two of our group being successful in the sweeps. Paul Blair won third prize \$ 100m the major sweep with Eric Leahy picking up first prize \$50 in one of the minor sweeps. Our support and attendance helped towards the financial success of the night Brother Peter Ryan advises that the Organising Committee has addressed a couple of problems to assure your comfort and the earlier drawing of the sweeps this year. Keep the function in mind. It's a great night Remember, you can attend Mass in the College chapel at 6.00 PM.

FOR YOUR DIARY

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Sunday, March 12 at 11.00 AM Sunday, May Pat 10.00 AM Sunday, August 6 at 1.00 PM [More on next pages]

St Patrick's Day march Annual Mass & Communion Annual Luncheon [More on this in next issue]

Archibald Fountain, Hyde Park Our Lady of Mt Carmel, Waterloo Balmain Leagues Club [More on this in next issue]

NEWS FROM IRELAND

The Patrician Brothers have sold the Mount St. Joseph, juniorate and retirement centre, Tullow, County Carlow. The cost of maintaining the property and the restrictions placed on farming had made retention unviable. Sadly, the sale required removal of the graves from the Brothers' private cemetery to the town cemetery for reinterment. The community has now been moved to Delany House, Castledermot Road, Tullow. Brother Augustine Grealay (known to all as Gus), has written of the trauma of moving. We share it with you as part of this newsletter. Gus loves a letter - drop him a note.

OBITUARY
BROTHER ENDA JOHN EGAN

Diagnosed as terminally ill, Brother Enda Egan of the Patrician Brothers, Narellan, almost made it back to Ireland for a farewell meeting with family and friends. He and his brother, Brother Gerald Egan, Superior of the Brothers' school at Liverpool, had booked their flight. But then Brother Enda asked for a trial run to Sydney Airport. After this, he decided the journey would be too demanding.

Members of his disappointed family decided to visit him so his sister and a nephew flew out in August. Two days later the sister's husband collapsed and died so they returned immediately to Ireland.

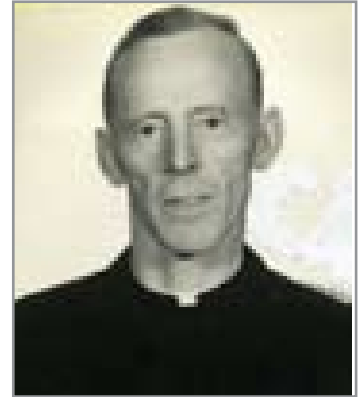
Brother Enda died on November 7, 1994 in Camden Hospital. He had entered the Brothers' juniorate at Mt Joseph, Tullow, in 1940 and made his profession of vows in 1943. He gained a B Sc at Galway University in 1947 and taught at Ballyfin College, Mt St Joseph and Newbridge before transferring to Australia in 1969, more than 20 years after Brother Gerald.

He never taught in this country but was an efficient secretary at Granville school, 1969-1982 before going to Narellan, where he was to remain until his death.

A retiring type of man, he had the gift of developing strong friendships. Among his close friends was another Irishman from rural background like his own and a very helpful neighbour of the Brothers at Narellan, Steve Fahey, father of the NSW Premier. Another close friend was Father Peter Paul Galligan, former PP of Granville.

Many friends joined the Brothers in mourning at the Requiem Mass at Narellan, after which Brother Enda was buried in the Brothers' plot at Kemp's Creek Cemetery. RIP.

[Brother Enda was named after St Enda, an early Irish saint. Following the example and advice of his sister, the prioress of a convent in Co. Meath, he gave up a large inheritance to become a monk. He secured permission to found a monastery on the Isle of Aran, off the west coast of Ireland. After his death, about 500 AD, the island became known as Aran of the Saints and its main church named after St Enda.]



PASSING OF SISTER KYRAN BERGIN C.S.B

Sister Kyran Bergin, sister of late Brother Rodan T Bergin, died January 10, 1995. Sister Kyran of the Brigidine Community, Randwick, was buried at Randwick Cemetery, January 12 following a Mass of Christian Burial celebrated at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church, Randwick. RIP

Brother Rodan was Provincial here from 1956 - 1968 and Principal at Waterloo and Forest Lodge during his long association with the Province.

It would seem most likely that this is a photo of Rodan, maybe on his final profession day in 1930, with his mother Ann and his two sisters Kyran & Anatasia, Kyran became a Brigidine based in Australia and Anatasia a Mercy based in New Zealand.



ST PATRICK'S MARCH, SUNDAY, 12 MARCH NEXT

Many of you will say to yourselves - what goes on? I'm not Irish! Why should I join the St Patricks Day march? I'm too old! They must be crazy!!

It is the one day of the year for which you do not need a reminder.

It is an opportunity to meet and where any expenditure is at your own discretion. A bus fare to town; a reason to go to town; an opportunity to meet your contemporaries and relive those magical times of your youth; to laugh and rejoice in living. And at the end of the day; to relate the joy with those you love.



Kevin Scott (far left) and his faithful band of Patrician Old Boys rally around the banner for the St Patrick's Day March in 1994.

Most of us are unaware that many members of the Lebanese community settled in the south Sydney area long before World War 11 and the surge of immigration in 1946. Many of their sons were educated at St Vincent's and Mount Carmel. Our registrations show a good number of these old boys are proud to be members of our Association.

No doubt, there are many other communities who have reason to express their thanks for the labours of the Patrician Brothers, particularly in the years prior to government assistance to Catholic education.

So, it is an opportunity to publicly express your thanks for the education your parents desired for you. Dad and Mum met the cost of building the schools. The Brothers taught there. Without the religious teachers. Sisters and Brothers, the buildings would have been empty shells. They instilled the gift of our faith.

Now, down to the nitty gritty. Have you still got it in you to stroll from Elizabeth Street, down Park Street turn into George, say hallo to the officials on the Town Hall steps and make it to Bathurst Street. If so you are our man. Don't worry, Eric Leahy and a few others know the way.

The more active walkers will carry on to Prince Alfred Park.

Those who prefer to watch could stand outside the Catholic Club in Park Street to cheer us on and retire to the club for tea or whatever. The marchers will join you there.

Last year we marched behind a banner, perhaps 50 years old. The Association with the support of the Brothers has invested in a splendid emerald green banner to identify us. Come along and join in.

A phone call to (02) 975 6481 with a brief message (e.g. Tom Jones, Mt Carmel • I'll be there) would be great.

THE IRISH MOTHER'S LETTER

As you can see, the Association endeavours to keep costs at a minimum. The production cost of our newsletter is zilch. Postage is our only cost and has been met by generous donations. We want all to get our newsletter regardless of the ability to pay fees. So we look to those who feel they can afford to send donations to offset those who cannot. We express our thanks for the support received in the past and trust it will continue.

PHOTO FEATURE

We have received numerous photocopies for inclusion. Unfortunately, most do not come up to scratch for publishing.

Reviewing the archives, two photos look like they may come up well. We will give them a try. Sometimes the names are lost in the photocopying. So here are the details:



Patrician Brothers. Redfern St Vincent's Undefeated Premiers Catholic Schools (B Grade) 1931

Standing - A Edwards, F McBride, L Spenser, L Shanahan, G Hyland, L O'Donnell

Sitting - C Noble, E. Buckley, B Drcw (V.Capt), P Monaghan (Capt) C Fitzjohn, F Grady, A Donohoe

In front - A Stiff, E Carlin

Record of Team - Played 9 matches... won 9 Scoring 224 pts to 11

The Rugby League News, September 12, 1931 records the following:

“ The Patrician Brothers School at Redfem was one of the first to play Rugby League in Sydney and ever since has been a force to be reckoned with.

During the past six years they have won **six** premierships. The 1st Grade were undefeated premiers in 1926,1927 and 1930, while the 2nd Grade have won the premiership for the past three years in succession

without losing a game. During these three years they have scored 774 pts to 24. That is a record of which any team may be proud.

The school has produced a large number of international; interstate and grade players. Amongst these who have represented their country or State are Arthur Oxford, John Kerwick, Bill Cameron, the late Vince Sheehan, Jim and Bob Dunworth, Tom Barry, Pat Murphy and Jim Tail

The school always maintains a very high standard of football, playing the same style of game as the famous South Sydney team from which district most of the boys come.”



Patrician Brothers, St Vincent's, Redfem
Undefeated "A" Grade Premiers

Metropolitan Catholic Schools Rugby League Competition 1932 -1933

Top: Rev Bro Joseph [Tierney], S Monaghan, F Floyd, T Downey, T Farrell, **M Gates**, Mr F Coriess (Coach)

Middle: R Gmanc, E Mobbcriey, H Neville, C Noble (Captain), A Kennedy, J Crawford, J Magee

Front: E. Dagg, T. Owen

It is interesting to note that Clif Noble needed a Captain and vice-Captain to control him in 1931 yet, as Captain in 1932/33, needed no help in controlling his team.

HONOURABLE MENTION

Patrician Brothers, St Vincent's, Redfem - Physical Culture Team
Winners of The Combined Patrician Brothers Physical Culture Cup, 1937 - 41

Judge: Mr Gordon Young Result 98 per cent

Back row: J George, R Stephens, P Ceaser, V Bickoff, E Keevil, K Russell

Middle row: J Ryan, G Mason, J McNamara (Captain), E Olsen, F Traverse, T Patterson

Front row: W. Larkm, J. McBeatty, J Griffiths, M Fuller

It is a shame that we cannot reproduce the photo provided by Keith Russell. So we have done the next best thing and recorded their names. A fine record of which they can be proud.¹



Patrician Brothers, St Vincent's, Redfern - Holy Communion 1932.

Oh, how we wish we could reproduce this photo provide by Neville Raper, the little boy on the bottom re right.

Let us try to describe it to you. 50 boys, five rows often, arranged on the steps of St Vincent's church, Redfem and in the centre, their priest. At the top and behind stands a banner surmounted by a crucifix. Each boy is in white shirt with tie and dark suit, a blue sash from left shoulder to right hip, hands clasp with fingers pointing and thumbs crossed. Over the hands and across the wrists, a rosary.

A superb record of a very special event.

Remember, this was a disadvantaged area, and yet in the midst of the great depression their parents presented their sons as the flower of Australian youth.

We will be featuring Mount Carmel in our next issue. If any Mount Carmel ex-student has matter for consideration, please forward it to:

Patricians
34 Ferguson St
Forestville, 2087

1. The photo below has surfaced since thanks to the Griffiths family. And yes, the E. Olsen that features in the photo is Br Benedict Olsen, old boy of St Vincent's.

PATRICIANS AT THURSDAY ISALND

The Brothers have been invited to assist in the education of Thursday Islanders. Bro Paul O'Keeffe took up duty in January of this year. We hope to obtain an article from Brother Paul to include in the next issue.

STOP PRESS
PATRICIANS IN PAPUA NE GUINEA

As well as the Thursday Island venture, the Brothers now have a community in Wcwak at St Benedict's Teachers' College. Two national brothers are trainee teachers there, another is on the staff of the demonstration school and an ex-patriate (Brother Leonard Blahut) is co-ordinating a scheme to train people who will work with disabled children.

[Letter from Br Augustine (Gus) Grealy referred to earlier in newsletter.]

14 September, 1994

Dear Friend:

Sony for the delay BUT The past five weeks very hectic.

Have you ever tried moving? A hard job at any time. When there are over 70 rooms to clear out it takes time. The Antique Dealer in to take his "lot"—The Auctioneer to his job—Things to be kept for the new home—Things to be given to the St. Vincent De Paul. Thank God most things found a good home. The SVP were very grateful for the gift of beds, blankets, lockers, etc.

A large number of blankets also went to the Simon Community who care for the homeless in Galway. Most of the crockery, plus kitchen utensils, was given to the Cheshire Home. The Chapel furnishings were taken by the local parishes. The local Parish took the furniture from the boys' dining room for the new Youth Centre.

Andrew was a tower of strength during the whole moving process. My job was to organise the new kitchen for the hungry mob. It was a pleasure to set up shop in the new home— plenty of cupboard space—new stove with three gas jets and a large electric stove or cooker. By seven o'clock we had tea on the table and by 11 found my bed—rest in peace.

It has taken us a good week to get the place in order; finding a proper place for each item; and we still have a garage full of gear. It looks like we will have one more clearance before long. The new home is very comfortable with nine bed-rooms, five en suite plus two more bathrooms.

The Community Room and Dining Room are joined by glass doors and off the dining room is another small room which is used as a Prayer Room. Each morning we have Mass sitting around the Dining Room table—usually about twenty for Mass.

From the kitchen windows there is a beautiful view of Mount Leinster and the Wicklow Mountains, and in between fields of crops. Right outside our back door a large field of sugar beet. The garden around the house is full of shrubs of every size plus borders of flowers of every kind. The previous owners had always kept the house in tip-top shape; so it's up to us to keep up the high standard.

Bro. Camillus has gone out of his way to give the place a real homely atmosphere. No amount of trouble was spared by him to make each member feel at home.

Shall write soon.



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Annual Mass & Communion Our Lady of Mt Carmel, Waterloo Sunday, May 7 at 10.00am

This year our venue is Mt Carmel, Waterloo. The Brothers laboured in the parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Waterloo from 1908 to 1964. Students came from the local areas including Mascot and surrounding suburbs.

Most ex-students have moved from the area, however we hope for a large turnout of old boys, spouses, friends and Brothers.

The committee feels that the month of May and a 10.00am Mass will be more conducive to attendance. We look forward to meeting with you there.

Morning tea will be provided and our banner will be on display.

The church is located on the corner of Elizabeth & Kellick Streets, Waterloo and is serviced by bus route 309 which travels from Circular Quay via Castlereagh. Goulburn and Elizabeth Streets departing from Circular Quay 9:30am arriving Waterloo 9:48am.

Mini Raffle

Les McMahon advises that the Family Murphy, mine hosts. Toxteth Hotel. Glebe together with Patrick McMahon of McMahon Plumbing have donated a prize of goodies to the value of \$150.

Tickets will sell at 3 for \$5.00 and will be available Sunday 7 at Waterloo. Alternatively you can ring Les on 660 1718. The draw will take place at Balmain Leagues Club at our luncheon, Sunday August 6 next.

The reason for the raffle is to offset our postage costs. Be assured you will not be harassed by ticket sellers. The decision to purchase is yours.

Friends

The Association welcomes friends to join with us. Although "friends" does not appear in our title - heaven knows it's long enough. PBISSOBA for short - a friend is an honorary oldboy of the school he/she nominates. Spouses, sons and daughters, 3rd cousins removed, etc; are all welcome. A heartening sight on St Patrick's day was Guy Sara with his dad, Noel. Guy joined with us, mixing and chatting with all, as well as helping Noel to carry the banner.

St Patrick's day

We are happy to report a 50% increase in attendance and support at this year's march. March 13 last. It was a great day and lots of fun. Again we had old boys from each school.

Our new banner was carried by Noel and Guy Sara to Bathurst Street, where Eric Leahy and Clif Noble took over to Hay Street with Jim McBeatty and Kevin Scott finishing off to Prince Alfred Park. Others in the escort were, Les McMahon, Leo Ryan, Clem Kennedy, Keith Russell and Wally Russell. The group was supported by Pat Casey, Des and Man Rochfort and Marie Leahy.

The marchers retired to the Irish National Association's Club in Devonshire Street. The Catholic Club seemed "just too far away".

Eric Leahy was arrested by a visiting member of the Gardai (Irish Police) for non payment of a parking fine on his last visit to Ireland. Eric protested he had intended to pay it on his next visit.

PS. The postage for this issue was donated on the day by 4 of the old boys mentioned above.

FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday, August 6 at 1.00 PM
Annual Luncheon
Balmain Leagues Club
[More below]

Saturday, October 30 at 7:00pm
Melbourne Cup Dinner
Centenary Hall, Holy Cross College
[More on this in next issue]

Annual Luncheon

The Committee gave a lot of thought to the venue for a luncheon. Looking at Sydney overall, north, south, east and west, it seemed that the Balmain Leagues Club was most central with ample parking and public transport facilities. A fine meal will be provided. Cost \$20 per person. Drinks will be to your own account.

Remember, this is a mixed function; spouses, children, siblings, friends are invited to join with us.

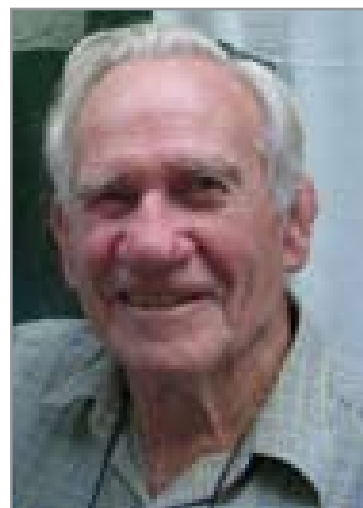
Bookings can be made through Les McMahon. 660 1718, Kevin Scott, 975 6481

Mt Carmel, Waterloo

This being the "Mt Carmel Issue" we have included some photos received from Clem Kennedy (photo).

Clem played with the South Sydney Club and was a member of the 1946 Australian Rugby League Team, playing scrum-half. A very fine footballer. Clem is a solid supporter of the Association.

Following our last issue featuring St Vincent's, Redfern, Clem dropped us the following note and photos which we share with you.



20 February. 95

Dear Editor,

Was pleased to receive your newsletter and be up to date with what is happening. After reading the St Vincent's Redfern football deeds and the fact you want information about Mt Carmel next issue. I thought I would skite about Mountie's deeds over four years. Most of these boys left school to be the right age for World War II and most of us finished in the Army, including myself. I have the four football photos and also a 1935 Patrician Brothers Combined Sports photo of the Mount Carmel teams which won the Senior and Juvenile Cups.

My dad kept a scrapbook full of newspaper clippings about the football team so I know the information is correct. The book is now 60 years old and has to be handled with care. I will say goodbye and hope you can read this letter OK.

Best wishes,

Clem Kennedy

1934 "C" Grade Played 9 Won 9 Scores For 155 Against 5

Coach: Rev Bro Francis

Players: J Camby, J Cochrane, A Watson (V Capt), C Kennedy (Capt), C Annesley, T Cameron, G McIntosh, C Kean, R Tipper, H Cambv, P O'Connor, H Parker, J Abdullah, L. Wright, J O'Donnell.

1935 Played 10 Won 9 Drawl Scores For 236 Against 0

Coach: Rev Bro Francis

Players: J Ratcliffe, R Sheily, J Terry, J Casey, P O'Connor, T Cameron, R Tipper, J Keane. A Watson (V Capt), C Kennedy (Capt), C Annesley, J Cochrane, K Purcell, V Keane, W Thomas,

1936 "B" Grade Played 11 Won 11 Scores For 416 Against 2

Coach: Rev Bro Francis

Players: J Devitt, J Jones, F Holden, J Casey, W Thomas, D Bloomfield, R Tipper, P O'Connor, A Watson (V Capt), C Kennedy (Capt) C Annesley, T Cameron, E Steel., L Navin, K Londregan.

Played	Combined Metrop. Catholic Schools	Scores	For	16	Against	3
Marist Brothers, Parramatta				9		5

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Newcastle Comb. Public Schools				17		3
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Sydney Comb. Public Schools				15		3
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1937 "A" Grade Played 10 Won 10 Scores For 405 Against 2

Coach: Rev Bro Francis

Players: B Williams, W Thomas, J Colwell, W May, J Casey, T Kolster, J Camby, C Annesley (V Capt), C Kennedy (Capt), P O'Connor, E Steel, T Cameron, A Watson.

Played	Holy Cross College	Score	For	25	Against	0
Marist Brothers. Mosman				23		3
Marist Brothers, Hamilton				8		9
The team beat St Vincent's Redfern				104		0

C Kennedy scored 5 tries, 19 goals, a total of 53 points

In the 1937 season. Clem scored 21 tries, 60 goals. A total of 183 points.

Editor's note: Thanks for sharing the above with us, Clem. [Photo next page.]

Please accept our apologies for the late receipt of this issue of THE GREEN SASH. It was programmed for production over Easter, but a computer malfunction resulted in a Late Final Extra instead of an Early Edition as planned.

PATRICIAN BROTHERS, MOUNT CARMEL

Undefeated Premier, Metropolitan Catholic Schools (B. Grade) 1936

Record of team: - Played 11 Games, Won 11, Scoring 416 point to 2 (Record)



Standing: S. CHARLIN, J. DEVITT, J. JONES, F. HOLDEN, J. CASEY, W. THOMAS, D. BLOOMFIELD
REV. BRO. FRANCIS

Sitting: R. TIPPER, P. O'CONNOR, A. WATSON (Vice-Capt.), C. KENNEDY (Captain), C. ANNESLEY,
T. CAMERON, E. STEEL

In Front: L. NAVIN, K. LONDREGAN

? Healy [?] Commercial Photography, Ryde

[Text as on plaque.]

OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL - PATRICIAN BROTHERS' SCHOOL - WINNERS
SENIOR & JUVENILE CUPS - COMBINED SPORTS - 1935



[Handwritten text which accompanied photo: "I rem. CLEM KENNEDY. Middle row third from left. ?M LONERGAN front row first from left. Worked at Forestville R.S.L. Has since passed away.]

Finally, a photo of Mt Carmel 3rd year Class [Year 9] of 1959 provided by Les Miller. It is a small photo and we hope it reproduces well. The cast are as listed below. [A larger photo was later provided by Les.]



Back row: Doug Toohey, Wayne MacKay, Bill Heffernan, Bro Patrick Lovegrove (Principal)
Middle: Frank Laird, Alan Chase, Robert Tam, John Roe, Robert Ridgelly
Front: Tom Deasey, Les Miller, Gary Cary, Pat Wade.

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You may have noticed that one of our daily newspapers has coloured photos. Not to be outdone, this issue includes our own colour section.

The first colour page features the Melbourne Cup Dinner at Holy Cross College and the St Patrick's Day march. The second is of the Mass and Communion held at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Waterloo in May past.

Third from the left in the larger photo [[photo missing]] is Father Victor Doyle of Our Lady of Mount Cannel parish whom this month celebrates the golden jubilee of his ordination. Our heartiest congratulations to Father Doyle.

A large group (40) attended the Mass and joined in a morning tea in the Mt Carmel primary school. The warmth of the group is reflected in the photos. Bros Peter Ryan (Provincial), Patrick Lovegrove, Malachy Corbett and Peter Higgins plus old boys from Mt Carmel, St Vincent's and St James' together with spouses and family members make up the group.

Father Doyle on behalf of his parishioners made a very generous donation to Bro Peter Ryan in recognition of the Patrician Brothers' past service to the parish. Our thanks to Father Doyle and also to the school staff for the use of their facilities.



ANNUAL LUNCHEON - BALMAIN LEAGUES CLUB - SUNDAY, AUGUST 6 at 1:00pm
\$20.00 per person. Drinks will be on your own account

The Luncheon is a non-profit occasion. The club will provide a fine smorgasbord meal with tea and coffee.

It is an opportunity to celebrate Christmas in August, renew friendships and enjoy a social occasion.

Spouses, family members, third cousins, etc, are invited to join with us in making the day memorable.

It is the intention to hold next year's luncheon at South Sydney Leagues Club.

Please tear along the dotted line below

I/We accept Luncheon invitation at the Balmain Leagues Club for the Patrician Brothers' Inner Sydney Schools Old Boys' Association on Sunday, 6 August 1995 at LOOpn. \$20.00 per person

Names: 1 _____ 2 _____ Address _____
3 _____ 4 _____

Post to: Les McMahon, 5 Minogue Crescent, Glebe. 2037 Home Phone: 660 1718

Cheque payable to: Patrician Old Boys' Association. (Let's keep it simple.)

TO BE RETURNED NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY. 26th JULY 1995

**Four generations in Patrician Brothers' schools:
The McMahon family record**

The parents of the first McMahons to attend Brothers' schools were John Lawrence and Maria (Murphy) McMahon who were married at St Vincent de Paul Church, Redfern on August 1, 1894, with Father George Bernard Tuckwell officiating.

Their sons Leslie (known as Sari) and John (known as Vie) both attended St James', Forest Lodge, between 1907 and 1916.

At that time the Brothers had been teaching in Forest Lodge parish since 1895 [[1892]]. They lived at St Patrick's Monastery, Redfern and, until Blessed Oliver's Monastery was opened in Bridge Road in 1922 [[1923]], they walked each day the 5 km round trip from Redfern.

The school was then located on the corner of Bridge Road and Roscbank Street, Glebe. The building now houses An Aboriginal and Islander Dance Theatre.

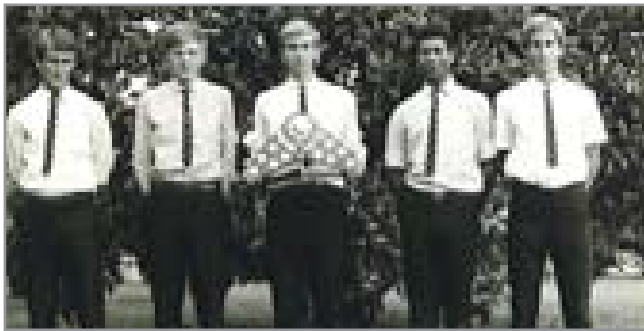
The next McMahons to attend the school were the children of John (Vie) and Florence (Colton) McMahon, who were married at St James' Church, Forest Lodge, on April 28, 1923 with Father Joseph Troy officiating. Their sons John (known as Joe), James (known as Les) and Patrick attended the school over the 20 years between 1931 and 1951.

In 1940 the Brothers' new school was opened in Woolley Street The building, a new playground and extensions to the parish primary school conducted by the Sisters of the Good Samaritan cost the parish ten thousand pounds - a large sum in those days.

The third generation at St James' school were the sons of James (Les) and Patricia (Wellings), who were married at St James' by Father William Clements on February 23, 1952. Beginning in 1961 Les, John, Michael and Patrick were on the Brothers' school roll. After the school closed in 1967, they completed their secondary education at Holy Cross College, Ryde.

This year Lee McMahon is studying for his School Certificate at Holy Cross College. Lee is the son of Michael and Narelle (Foirest), who were married at St Augustine's, Balmain, by Father Murphy on February 7, 1975 and is the great-grandson of Vie and Florence McMahon. [[Lee was the College Captain of Holy Cross in 1997.]]

Many of us can boast of being a second generation old boy of the Patrician Brothers, but how many can equal the McMahon family record?



1970 MCS Swimming Champions - students from Holy Cross featuring Patrick McMahon holding the trophy.



Les McMahon
1997



Lee McMahon (bottom, centre) with his classmates from Holy Cross College in 2007.

THURSDAY ISLAND

by Brother Paul O'Keeffe



Brs Joseph Guidera (l) and Paul O'Keeffe look over their new mission of Thursday Island.

In mid-January Brothers Paul O'Keeffe and Joseph Guidera left Sydney to take up their new posts in Thursday Island. The Cairns Catholic Education Office invited the Patrician Brothers to run the Sacred Heart Primary School on the remote Island. The school was started by the Sisters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart (OLSH) and was later staffed by the Sisters of Mercy.

Thursday Island is one of over 100 islands in Torres Strait, located 30km from the northern tip of Cape York Peninsula. Queensland. It has a population of 3500 with a mixture of Japanese, Chinese, Filipino, Malay, South Sea Island, Papuan, Aboriginal and European ancestries. There is a wet season (Dec. to Apr.) and a dry season (June to Nov.) The Island has a basic but functional infrastructure having a Post Office, bank, airport, ferry service, radio, hotels, some general stores, a bowls club, and a number of Christian churches.

The population of Sacred Heart Primary School is 96, 70% of whom are Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders coming mainly from Thursday Island and neighbouring Hammond and Prince of Wales Islands. In 1996, Hammond Island will have a pre-school/Year 1/Year 2 composite school. Building will commence in June 1995. Presently, the children come to school by barge, which is operated by the local council. The locals are very happy that a new campus for the smaller children will be built. It will remain part of the Sacred Heart School, which remains the only Catholic school in the Torres Strait.

The social problems on the Island are similar to those experienced in other parts of Australia. However, isolation and remoteness stand in direct contrast to the situation in Sydney where one can go to the movies, catch up with friends, and make use of all the facilities any big city can offer.

Please pray that the endeavours of the Brothers on Thursday Island will help to bring the Good News to the people in this remote part of our country.

A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY

How many of us are aware of the Patrician Brothers' contribution to education in New South Wales country towns from 1883 to 1928.

Thanks to Bro Augustine (Gus) Grealey [sic] - still at Tullow in Ireland - we obtained some valuable information that has been tabulated by a member of the Editorial Committee and is included in this issue. Our thanks to the Archivist at County Carlow, Ireland, known to us only as "LHW"¹. [See following pages.]

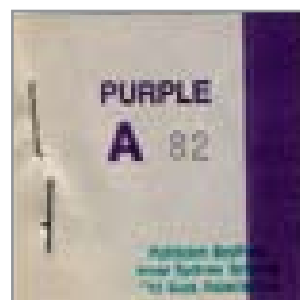
ROLL OF DRUMS - YOUR ATTENTION, PLEASE.

MINI RAFFLE

Our raffle for a prize of "Goodies" to the value of \$150 has been increased by a second and third prize taking the total prize value to \$200. Our thanks to the Murphy family, mine hosts, Toxteth Hotel, Glebe, Patrick McMahon Plumbing, Leo Ryan and an anonymous donor. Attached below are tickets (\$5 for 3).

Should you wish to enter the raffle, please complete the butts and return to Les McMahon, 5 Minogue Crescent, Glebe. 2037. The draw will take place at our Luncheon on 6 August. Les has guaranteed home delivery of your prize should you be successful. Those who have already purchased tickets will note none have been included with this newsletter.

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED BUTTS WITH \$5 NO LATER THAN 26 JULY 1995 [SIC]



1. "LHW" refers to Congregational archivist Brother Linus Walker. Not only has Br Linus been archivist for several decades now, he has also written many items on the history of the Brothers including a book *Fire-Tried Gold*.

FOR YOUR DIARY

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Sunday, August 6 at 1:00pm

Annual Luncheon
Balmain Leagues Club
\$20 per person
Bookings close Wednesday 26 July
Les McMahon. 5 Minogue Crescent Glebe
Phone: 660 1718

Our Mini Raffle will be drawn at the
Annual Luncheon.
Home delivery of prizes guaranteed by
Les McMahon.
If further tickets required, please ring
660 1718 • Why not form a syndicate?

Saturday, October 30 at 7:00pm

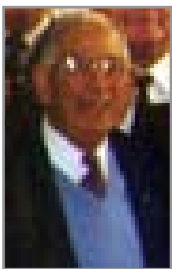
Melbourne Cup Dinner. Centenary Hall, Holy Cross College, Ryde.

If you enjoy entering a sweep on the Melbourne Cup, then this is the night for you. Some have not missed this event in years. A wonderful crowd of supporters from the various Patrician Brothers' schools and colleges thoroughly enjoy the night. Everyone is guaranteed a horse in a sweep, the cost of entry to the sweeps is included in your ticket. There is a monster raffle and you have to be quick to be in it. On top of all that there is fine entertainment and an excellent meal.

The organising committee has addressed space and time considerations in order that the draws will allow for an earlier departure and a little extra room between tables. Tickets are sold as doubles, but the Association can "pair" singles for the purposes of the sweeps. The next issue of TGS will devote a full page information sheet of the night, including parking information.

REMEMBER, YOU ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND MASS IN THE COLLEGE CHAPEL AT 6:00pm

EXTRACT - CATHOLIC PRESS - FEBRUARY 21, 1924



Among those at Mount Carmel on May 7 last was Cecil Baz, past student of St Vincent's, Redfern. Cecil provided us with a photocopy of the following:

"Cecil Baz, a pupil of the Patrician Brothers' School, Redfern, secured first prize, with 10 pounds and gold medal, in the recent Diocesan Examination. Of the 18 boys presented from this school, all were successful, 12 gaining honour passes, whilst Fred McEvoy and John Iredale secured prizes in mathematics. As this is the fourth successive year in which the school obtained first place in the Archdiocese, these results reflect great credit on the teaching imparted by the Brothers. Cecil Baz and Wm. Graham passed creditably in the recent Intermediate examination."

The above appeared under a photo of Cecil. Regrettably it appears to be too dark to reproduce successfully. However you will find Cecil in the colour photo, front row, holding the dark coffee cup.

Ten pounds does not seem much, but the purchasing power today would be in the order of \$1500 - \$2000.

1. Mr Cecil Baz eventually received a Papal award for his services to the Church.



[[1995: Patrician Brothers' Our Lady of Mt Carmel Boys School, Waterloo, "Old Girls": spouses and siblings of the Old Boys of the school.]]



[[1994: Attending the Melbourne Cup Dinner at Holy Cross College, Ryde, in October. The last such dinner was held in 1997.]]



[[1995: The Old Boys march on in the St Patrick's Day parade.]]

This is a Chronology of the Patrician Brothers who served in New South Wales country towuftoffl 1883 to 1928.

In those years much of the Brothers' apbstolate was in their country schools. Gradually the schools were nclosed or handed over to other Orders and the Brothers' concentrated their efforts in the Sydney inner-city suburbs.

This list will be of interest to historians and pupils of the Brothers.

NAME		ALBURY	ARMICLE	BATHRST	DUBBO	GLBURN	ORANGE	WAGGA	MAITLND	DIED	BURIED
Beatty	Livinius						1924				
Bergin	Patricius			1907							
				1910/1							
Bergin	Stanislaus			1886/93			1904/8			1933	Ireland
Boland	Cyril						1917/9			1964	Fid Mars
Bourke	Dominic	1889/92				1888		1891/3		1929	Ireland
Brennan	Thomas			1914			1900/2			1976	Kmpa Ck
				1917/9							
Brosnan	Vincent						1894				
							1900/2				
Byrne	Finian			1912/3			1913/7			1942	Fid Mars
				1919			1925				
				1923							
Carroll	Bonifacio			1910			1908			1958	Ireland
Carroll	Louis		1889			1886/8					
						1890					
Casey	Anselm						1889/90	1891/3		1893	Wagga
Cassidy	Beal			1902						1942	
				1915/7							
Corbishley	Cuthbert							1921		1921	Orange
Curley	Aloys			1912							
Daly	Celsus			1920/2			1923/5			1951	Ireland
Downes	Fidels			1910/4			1906/9			1965	Fid Mars
							1917				
							1923				
Dwyer	Andrew		1892	1899		1894/5		1899			
Dwyer	Malachy	1885	Note 1			1884				1885	Albury
Dwyer	Regis			1891/2				1894		1894	Wagga
Dwyer	Xavier		1893/4								
Evison	Alphonse	1898	Note 2		1923	1898	1919			1957	Fid Mars
Fogarty	Patrick	1891/4						1894/8		1945	Ireland
Fordham	Vincent						1825				
Gaynor	Peter	1897								1897	Albury
Grimes	Canice			1911			1915			1942	Fid Mars
Hanley	Albert			1884							
Hannigan	Aloysius		Note 3	*						1964	Fid Mars
Hannigan	Ignatius		Note 4							1919	
Hannatty	Evangelist			1921/2			1925/7				
Healy	Oliver						1927			1989	Ireland
Hickey	Regis			1908/13			1915			1915	Orange
Higgins	Ligouri	1893	1899	1899/9	1891	1896		1892			
				1900							
Howlin	Clement			1902			1902/4			1929	Fid Mars
				1920/1			1924				
Hunt	Louis	1894/5		1902			1899	1893/4		1902	Bathurst
Hunt	Thomas		1893/5	1905/1			1899/01			1920	Fid Mars
							1904				
Hynes	Louis		1890	1884/8		1891		1899		1891	Goulburn
Kealy	Benignus			1912/3			1916/9			1971	Ireland
Keogh	Regis							1899/6	1899/1896	1886	Maitland
Lee	Anthony			1884/8	1890	1894	1899/92			1899	1899/92
				1895			1895				
Lee	John		1893	1891		1895/8	1891/2			1919	Fid Mars
				1903/4			1899				
				1908			1906/7				
							1909/10				
Long	James	1885/90	1891/2	1900/2		1884	1893/5			1904	Fid Mars
Maher	Stanislaus	1892/5				1891	1898			1896	Orange
McAuley	Jerome					1893/4				1914	Fid Mars
McCahill	Eunan				1923		1922				

NAME	ALBURY	ARMIDALE	BATHURST	DUBBO	GLBURN	ORANGE	WAGGA	MAITLAND	DIED	BURIED
McDermot Francis			1923/4			1925				
McDonald Joseph		1895	1893							
McGrath Austin		1894/5	1892	1891	1893	1904/5			1932	Fid Mars
			1900/7			1911				
			1918	1923		1916/7				
						1921/4				
McGrath Baptist	1893/5		1890			1920/2			1944	Fid Mars
			1896/8							
			1918/9							
			1923/4							
McMenamin Albin			1906							
O'Connell Austin						1918/9			1967	Ireland
						1923/8				
O'Gorman Xavier		1890								
O'Grady Benedict			1891/2			1893				
			1894/5							
O'Leary Aloysius			1890	1890		1899			1890	Bathurst
O'Neill Dominic	Note 5		1898/02	1898/02	1898/02			1883/8	1902	Ireland
O'Neill Fintan	Note 5		1902/9	1921/3	1884/9	1890		1883	1932	Fid Mars
			1912/4		1891/2	1904				
			1919			1917/9				
O'Reilly Columba			1890	1890						
			1899/1900	1899						
O'Toole Bernard			1917/8	1921/4	1896	1910/8			1947	Fid Mars
						1918/9				
Phelan Anthony						1926/7			1963	
Phelan Norbert			1920/1	1921/2		1926/7			1982	Kemps Ck
			1923							
Price Ignatius		1895/8	1884		1884	1890			1916	India
Quann Serenus				1924					1976	Kemps Ck
Rickerby Dominic			1899		1894/5	1890				
			1906			1900/5				
Ryan Ambrose		1899	1884					1885/8	1889	Armidale
Ryan Andrew		1891								
Ryan Bernard			1893/8			1912/3	1891		1951	Ireland
			1900/1			1920				
			1904							
			1912/3							
			1915/9							
Ryan Eugene		1889/93						1884/8		
Ryan James			1891	1891/2		1894/5	1895/8		1896	Wagga
Ryan Laurence	1895	1890			1884		1891/3			
		1892			1889/91					
		1894								
Ryan Leonard			1911							
Savage Raymond				1922						
				1924						
Small Albert			1917/8	1923		1924/5			1972	Ireland
			1922							
Small Albert										
Sweeney Benedict								1884/5	1885	Maitland
Viol Anthony					1889/90	1890		1888		
						1892				

- Note 1. Bro Malachy Dwyer was the first Patrician to die in Australia, aged 20, whilst trying to save a boy in swimming difficulties, at Albury. [There is no mention of a drowning boy in official records.]
- Note 2. Bro Alphonsus Eviston, born at Bathurst, is believed to be the first young Australian candidate to join the Patrician Order. [[Anthony Vial was the first; Alphonsus was the first finally professed.]
- Note 3. Bro Aloysius Hannigan taught at Bathurst and Orange, the specific dates are unknown. Should anyone have any knowledge, please advise the Editor.
- Note 4. Bro Ignatius Hannigan, younger brother of Aloysius, is believed to have taught in the country towns. The places and dates are unknown.
- Note 5. Bros Fintan O'Neill and Dominic O'Neill, namesakes only, were the first Patricians to arrive in Australia. Their journey ended at Maitland on March 7, 1883.

Our thanks to Bro Malachy Corbett and his sources for the above notes and, in many cases, the place burial.

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MELBOURNE CUP DINNER - HOLY CROSS COLLEGE, RYDE • SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

This is the major social event and fund raiser for the Brothers' Papua New Guinea missions. The evening starts with Mass in the College chapel at 6:00pm followed by dinner and dancing in the Centenary Hall from 7:00pm.

You will have the opportunity to enter a raffle entitling the winner a \$200 bet on the horse of his or her choice in the Cup, \$150 in cash and a choice of the prizes on display.

COST FOR DINNER IS \$30 SINGLE, \$60 DOUBLE. Please bring your own drinks.

Each double draws a horse in one of the several Cup sweeps. If you are attending alone, don't worry - for the purpose of the sweeps we will arrange a "pair" for you. First prize in the MAJOR SWEEP is \$1000, second \$200, third \$100. Winners of the minor sweeps each receive \$50,

Ample parking is available at the rear of the College buildings - entry by Frank or College Street - please refer to your directory. Should you be travelling by public transport. Routes 500 and 501 operate each 15 minutes, a check with Sydney Buses - phone 13 1500 is suggested.

You are assured of an enjoyable evening and at the same time you will be supporting the work of the Patrician Brothers in Papua New Guinea.

[An order form follows but not included here.]

Who can remember these faces?



Can any Forest Lodge Old-Boys help us fill the gaps in the names of Pat Casey's photograph of the 1940 Second Year and Third Year combined class (in today's terms, Years 8 and 9)? This was the first year the school moved into the new building in Woolley Street. [The names given under the photo are a combination of the names known (italics) and those later given (regular) by someone named Jim, would probably be Jim Gillfeather from this photo.]

From left to right we have back row:
unknown, ? Bob Cummins, Pat Small, Jim Gillfeather, Morrie Moroney, ? Dunne, unknown;

middle row: Bob Bennett, Frank Walsh. Pat Casey, Bob Straker, Alan Binnie, Nicky Lamrock;

front row: David Parker?, Eddie Burgess, unknown, Don Ritchie, Keith Stedman

MINI RAFFLE THE WINNERS ROLL OF DRUMS HUSHED SILENCE

FIRST PRIZE Bernadette Farrugia of Eastlakes
2ND PRIZE Patrick McMahon of Terrigal
3RD PRIZE Des Rochfort of Baulkham Hills

All winners were in attendance at the luncheon. Les and Patricia McMahon delivered the prizes. Fortunately, Patrick stayed overnight with his brother Les, saving him quite a drive.

We close with a word to our sponsors and supporters: THANKS.

REPORT ON OUR ANNUAL LUNCHEON - SUNDAY, AUGUST 6.

A warm welcome was extended to all who attended:

Val & John Bymes, Pat Casey, Patricia & Barry Claridge, Elaine A Joe Cordina, Bernadette Farrugia, Sadie Fletcher, Margaret Fordward, Jean & Jim Griffiths, Kevin Hilferty, Bede Hogan, Mons. Lex Johnson, Marie & Eric Leahy, Patricia, Les & Patrick McMahon, Nancy & Patrick McMahon, Frank McManus, Ray Malavey, Cliff Noble, Cherrie A Wally Nolan, Norman O'Donnell, Michelle, Pattie & Ron O'Donohue, Mary & Des Rochfort, Alma & Wal Russell, Maisie & Leo Ryan, Maureen & Noel Sara, Rhonda & Kevin Scott, Bill Wenham, Jean & Bob Whaites, together with these members of the Patrician Brothers' Congregation, Brothers Bernard Bulfin, Gerard Bulfin, Malachy Corbett, Peter Higgins, Patrick Lovegrove, Mark Ryan, Peter Ryan (Provincial).

The photos were so good we have included copies. We had a great rollup, over 50 in number. The photos together with the following letters say it all.

Dear Les,

On behalf of my brother, Jim Griffiths, his wife Jean, our sister Margaret Fordward, I would like to thank you and your Committee for organising such a wonderful day for the Annual Luncheon at the Balmain Leagues' Club. It was extra special for me, as winner of the first prize in the raffle, for which I would like to thank the persons responsible for donating such a great prize. Also Pat and Les for delivering same to my home.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the next function. Kind regards to all.

Yours sincerely,

Bernadette Farrugia

I wish to thank you most sincerely for such a great day on Sunday. The company was excellent, the food delicious and the setting very appropriate. No doubt it was the result of a lot of hard work for which we are all grateful.

Hoping the next re-union is just as successful.

Yours sincerely,

Bernard Bulfin, fsp

[Photos at end of newsletter.]

ST JAMES' CHURCH - FOREST LODGE 1877 - 1977

Our thanks to Jim [Stenning](#) for providing a copy of "A Chronicle of Parish Life 1877 -1977" compiled by John [Fletcher](#). It is a splendid addition to our archives. We reproduce the preface.

"The history - the chronicle - depicted here is sketched in broad sweeping strokes. Of the thousands of living faces that have sat in Forest Lodge on school-bench and pew, murmured in the confessionals, knelt at the altar rails, been [cossetted](#) at the font, of these unknown throngs only the tiniest fraction is recorded here.

But the spirit lives still. The same spirit that saw our [greatgrandparents](#) labouring into the early hours to build their 'pretty little church', [perennially](#) organizing fetes, recitals, concerts to pay for schools, teachers and books, straining every tendon and nerve to better their children's lives.

Let us not betray this vibrant force. Let us draw our inspiration from the sturdy witness of the past.

Let us build on a healthy and vital present and look to the future resonant with faith and hope and promise."

These words, no doubt, equally apply to the parishes of Redfem and Waterloo.

Jim obtained the copy of the chronicle from Father Tom Kerr “who has retired from his last appointment as P.P. Blakehurst”. Reference in the chronicle to Father Ken is reproduced below.

“March, 1935 Father Thomas Kerr, assistant priest until November, 1940, when he will join the armed forces. Later he becomes Parish Priest at Blakehurst.”

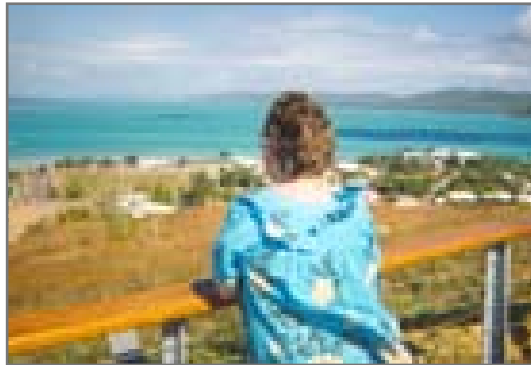
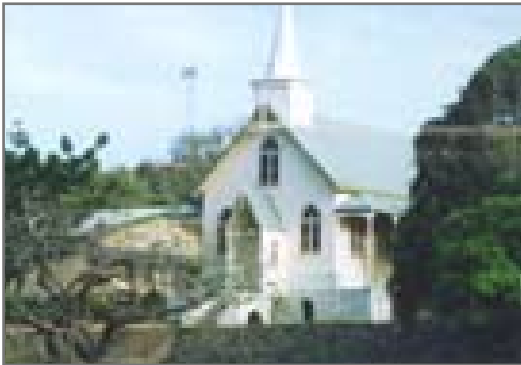
THURSDAY ISLAND

Jim Stenning writes also of his visit to Thursday Island.

“...During a visit to the Island early August, I threw my hat into the ring and had an exciting time with Brother Basil Downey and Brother Phillip. The two Brothers Paul O’Keeffe and Joseph Guidera were not available. Brother Paul was elsewhere on the Island. Brother Joseph was away on leave. Brother Basil was known to me but Brother Phillip originates from Papua/N Guinea and was a little shy. Brother Basil was sent from Sydney to fill-in for Brother Joseph during his absence on leave.

The attached photos show Sacred Heart Church and the school buildings surrounding the church are also visible. Due to the steep slope of the hillside it was not possible to get a good overall shot in the time available. The other snap was taken by my wife Ellen (Nell) who accompanied me on the trip. As usual the Patricians never complain but I think they need some sort of financial help in this location. They are firmly committed to making any visitors welcome....”

Thanks, Jim. We hope to include the photos in our next issue. [[These photos did not materialise, so here are a couple of others.]]



Sacred Heart parish church with school and monastery adjacent. And Gwen Marketo (Patrician Affiliate) - not Ellen - taking in one of the special views available for those with the time.

THE BROTHERS WHO TAUGHT US

Our next historical project is to prepare a Roll of Honour of all the Brothers who taught at Forest Lodge, Redfem and Waterloo. While our records of the Brothers who came from Ireland are complete, some born in Australia are not included in the record, e.g. Brother Ignatius Barrett who taught at Forest Lodge and Mount Cannel.

So we seek your help in completing the following table and returning same. Don’t worry if you don’t know the surname, “Bro Oliver, Bro Cyril, Bro Aloysius, etc” will suffice. If you can remember approximately the year and class, this will be of help to us.

OK, go to it.

[A simple form follows to facilitate this request. It is requested that it be returned to Kevin Scott.]

Br Ignatius Barrett in 1930 while teaching at Waterloo. Here he is making his way home with some students after the St Patrick’s Day Combined Sports.



STOP PRESS

Interpol searches for parking meter absconder

Described as Australian, 180 cm, 80 kg, friendly smile, quietly spoken, balding, excellent Irish dancer, known to visit Bateau Bay area.

Recently visited Ireland, driving vehicle registration GUI 8213

The Garda Siochana (Irish police) have issued an all points bulletin to be on the lookout for this tourist, answering to the name of Eric, last known to wandering in County Kerry tracing his family history.

It is alleged that after the Bishop refused to grant him search rights, he is believed to be rampaging through the Republic leaving behind a trail of unpaid parking fines.

Last sighting, Dublin August 24 at 12:21pm near St Stephen's Green north, opposite Goodlet St. Offence No. 9 "Parking a vehicle in a meter parking place without paying the required fee - Fine 15 Punts" Docket 8 9334542

The Association would like to pay this fine on the President's behalf but the notice carries the following warning:

FOLAIREAMH

Beidh aon duine ach amhain an duine lena mbaineann an Fogra seo ciontach i gcion ma bhaineann se anuas e no ma bhaineann se leis.

WARNING

It is an offence for any person, except the person to whom it applies to remove or interfere with this Notice.

[[Photos of annual luncheon. Scans of original photocopies. See previous for names of those who attended.]]



[[Forest Lodge Old Boys including Kevin Scott (front, far left). Also including Old Boys Brs Patrick Lovegrove and Peter Ryan, and Br Bernard Bulfin who taught at the school and Br Peter Higgins the last principal in 1967. Below, all the boys gathered together.]]



[[May be a Waterloo/Redfern Old Boys combination with Les McMahon there in the middle of the front row. Br Patrick Lovegrove a principal of MC in the 1950s. Br Malachy Corbett taught at both Forest Lodge and Redfern. Below, all the old girls of the old boys who attended.]]



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THIRD YEAR OF PUBLICATION.

NO INCREASE IN PRICE.

Let us start the year of '96 with

AN IRISH BLESSING

May the grace
of God's protection
and His great love
abide within your home
and within the hearts
of all who dwell inside

Errata

We at "The Green Sash" are ever alert to correct any mistakes. The most recent appeared in the September 1995 Vol. 2.4 issue in which we reported the winner of the 3rd prize in the mini raffle was Des Rochford of Baulkham Hills. The correct winner was Kevin Rochford of Glebe. Our apologies to Des; so many turned up to celebrate his good fortune. Our congratulations to Kevin.

The Social Editor has departed and a vacancy exists.

PICNIC AT FOREST LODGE

JUBILEE PARK, GLEBE POINT
SUNDAY, 11 FEBRUARY, 11.00AM

Old Girls and Boys, of St James' Good Samaritan Convent School and St James' Patrician Brothers Boys' School, together with old members of St James' Catholic Youth Organisation (CYO), and their families are invited to a PICNIC to be held in Jubilee Park, Glebe Point, near Northcote Road end, on Sunday, 11 February commencing at 11:00am. Bring your own food and drink, utensils, tents, tables, chairs etc. Bring along the grandparents, children and grandchildren. If you have any who fall in the category of "great"; bring them along, too.

This function is organised by Tom McManus, Class of '46.

The following items have been taken from "A Chronicle of Parish Life" compiled by John Fletcher as part of the celebrations of the centenary of St James' Church, Forest Lodge (1877- 1977)

April,	1877	Mr John O' Shaughnessy of Woolley Street donates land "whereon to erect a church."
1 September,	1878	Solemn opening of St James' Church. High Mass celebrated by the Rev John S V Vaughan, the sermon ("Blessed are the eyes that see the things you see") by Archbishop Roger B

		Vaughan. Admission by ticket. The choir (Mr Peter Curtis) and the organ (Miss Fitz-Stubbs) perform Webers in G and Mozart's 12th. The Church - Venetian Gothic, of Pymont stone and New Zealand kauri pine – was designed by Mr John Kirkpatrick, stained glass by Messrs Falconer and Ashwin, tiles by Lyon, Cottier and Co.
21 March,	1880	Palm Sunday. The Archbishop, Roger Bede Vaughan, opens the “densely crowded” St James’ School. Over 200 pounds is collected. The head teacher will be Sister Mary Austin; Sister Marie des Anges. Misses Scott, Taylor. Lonergan and Alice Brown assist. The boys are catered for by Professor Anglin, Messrs Keating, Dunn O’Connor and John Doyle.
4 March,	1888	As a result of a recent mission held by the Vincentian Fathers, nearly every adult member of the congregation enrolls in the Holy League of the Sacred Heart.
23 March,	1903	There are 100 pupils at the Patrician Brothers School.
19 September.	1911	On 19 September, 1911, Archbishop (re St James’ Church) recommends that “the extension in question be not postponed”.
November.	1911	Father James (“Jimmy”) Smith (1884-1948), born in County Meath, ordained at All Hallow, Assistant Priest in Forest lodge until May, 1918, eventually (1938) Parish Priest in Tempe. Once in the Burren Valley, he found himself in an out of control car with Archbishop Michael Kelly. Abandoning his hapless passenger to his fate. Father Smith jumped from the accelerating vehicle, severely injuring his head. The Archbishop was unharmed.
5 May,	1912	Archbishop Michael Kelly lays and blesses the foundation stone of extensions to the western end of the Church.
3 March.	1923	The Patrician Brothers move into their newly purchased monastery “Woodlands” 165 Bridge Road, thus obviating their daily walk from Redfem. The first Superior of the community was Brother Cyril Boland, the community -was formed by Brothers Finian Byrne and Joseph Tiemey.Brother Cyril remained Superior and Principal until 1935 “and became almost a legend in the Glebe area”.
March,	1926	Father John O’Flaherty, assistant priest until February, 1931, was known for his public saying of the Rosary in Gaelic.
	1931	Brother Macarten Keegan of St James’ School (until 1937) also distinguished himself by establishing the Glebe Hockey Club. He had learnt the game in India, to which he returned in 1937.
February,	1936	Brother Baptist McGrath becomes (until 1938) Superior and Principal of the Boys’ School.
February,	1938	Brother Norbert Phelan is appointed (until 1943) Superior and Principal at the Boys’ School.
18 August,	1940	The new school, built at a cost of 2563 pounds, is opened.
February.	1944	Brother Rodan Bergin becomes Superior and Principal at the Boys’ School. He will stay at Forest Lodge until 1950.
February.	1950	Brother Aloysius Delaney becomes Superior and Principal of the Boys’ School until 1955.
September	1952	St James’ “A” grade football team “ finish the season in a blaze of glory, emerging as premiers”, thanks largely to the coaching of former Balmain player, Mr W Bischoff. The 6-7 team win the Minor Premiership (coach: Brother Malachy) and the 5-7 “These mighty atoms.....were glorious in defeat” (coach: Brother Ignatius)
August,	1953	In football, St James’ “A” grade team (coach: Brother Aloysius) retained the premiership, the “B” grade (coach: Brother Malachy) secured the premiership and the “C” grade (coach: Brother Ignatius) “Had but one defeat, that for the premiership”.
	1954	During the year Brother Baptist Stenning and Brother Patrick Lovegrove, two ex-students of St James’ School made their Final Profession as Patrician Brothers.
February,	1956	Brother Gerard Histon becomes Superior at St James’ Boys’ School, until 1957.
February,	1958	Brother Pius O’Leary becomes Superior and Principal (until 1961) of the Boys’ School.
February,	1962	Brother Anthony Phelan becomes Superior and Principal (until 1963) of the Boys’ School.
February,	1963	Brother Augustine Grealey [[[sic]]] becomes Principal of the Boys’ School. He will remain in what is now a primary school until 1965.
February,	1967	Brother Iranaeus (Peter) Higgins presides as Principal over the final year of the Patrician Brothers’ teaching in Forest Lodge. The school consists of 58 pupils.

Photo As a mother's day present, in 1941, their father arranged to have a photo taken of them at the RKO Radio building in Pitt St, opposite the Water Board. They wore their new school uniforms. Jack and Linda Scott's three sons; Barry, Kevin and Paul. Only Kevin survives. The photo is reproduced on page 4 [below]].

HONOUR ROLL - Patrician Brothers' Inner Sydney Schools. To date, 76 Brothers have been identified. Further checks are needed to ensure the record is complete. Our thanks to those who responded to the information sheet. Your contributions were most helpful. For the information of Redfem and Mt Cannel Old Boys, "THE COACH" was Brother Francis McDermott.

Diary notes. Our official program for the year includes the four following events:

St Patrick's Day March	Sunday 17 March
Annual Mass and Communion	May
Annual Luncheon - Sth Sydney Leagues Club	August
Melbourne Cup Dinner - Holy Cross College	Saturday 2 November

St Patrick's day March. Our President, Eric Leahy, has approached the Organising Committee to give us a forward position in this year's March. We know that many would like to join with us but are committed to other groups. We feel this will give them the opportunity to march with us to, say, Liverpool Street, where and when they would be free to gallop back to take up their other commitment.

March with us on Sunday 17 March - St Patrick Day. We meet at the Archibald Fountain in Hyde Park at 11:00am. The March commences at noon. If you are not up to marching, come along and have a chat and a laugh. It is the happiest day of the year.

Wholly set up and printed at "Forest Lodge", 34 Ferguson Street, Forestville, 2087



The Scott brothers
Forest Lodge, 1941

From left to right:

Kevin, 5th Class, R.I.P.
Barry, 6th Class, R.I.P.
Paul, 3rd Class, R.I.P.

Kevin died on the 15th October, 2007, from cancer. It was intended to Affiliate Kevin and his then wife Rhonda into the Congregation during the 2008 bicentennial celebrations, but this was brought forward to the 16th October, 2007, when it was clear his death was imminent. Kevin knew of the Affiliation but died before the ceremony could take place. The Affiliation was incorporated into Kevin's funeral Mass held on the 19th October at Holy Cross College, Ryde.

Note: Photo provided as a photocopy in "The Green Sash" but Kevin since donated a quality print to the Patrician archives in Sydney.

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Annual Mass

St James', Forest Lodge (Glebe)

Sunday, May 19 at 9:00am

This year we return to St James', Forest Lodge, Glebe.

The Patrician Brothers taught in the parish of St James', Forest Lodge from 1892 to 1967. Some, such as, Bro Cyril Boland, principal from 1919 to 1935, became legends in the parish.

Again, we look for a large turnout of old boys, spouses, friends and Brothers. We will be joined by local parishioners, many of who are lifelong friends. We look forward to meeting you there.

Following the Mass, morning tea will be provided in the presbytery and the quadrangle area. Entry to this area is by the left hand side door of the church. All are welcome.

There is ample parking in the school playground, entry to which is via the presbytery driveway. Access will be highlighted by signposts.

This is our most important annual event. The Committee has been delighted with the increase in attendance and is confident of a greater number joining together this year.

The church is on the corner of Woolley & John Streets, Glebe and is serviced by bus route 434 to Balmain via Glebe that travels from Circular Quay via George Street, Central Square, Broadway and Glebe Point Road. Alight at Rest Park on the corner of Glebe Point and Pymont Bridge Roads.

Route 434 departs Circular Quay on Sundays at 7:42am and 8:12am, Central Square 7:48am and 8:18am arriving Glebe 7:59am and 8:29am respectively.

The church is about 150 metres from the bus stop. A map showing directions is attached.



Brothers teaching in Forest Lodge in 1900:
(l-r) Dominic Bourke, Clement Howlin,
& Alphonsus Eviston.

St Patrick's Day March 17 last.

It was a great day and, again, we had old boys from each school. This year the announcer got it right, with a clear message to the cheering throngs as we paraded past the Town Hall, closing the message with, "Is that good enough, Eric."

Our banner was carried in turn by Cliff Noble, Clem Kennedy, Frank McManus, Noel Sara, John Alleyne, Wal Russell and Kevin Scott. Others in the escort were Les McMahon, Tom McManus, Jim Doyle, Bro Bernard Bulfin, Eric Leahy, Jim Stenning, Leo Ryan. As we passed the Town Hall, from the crowd we were joined by an old boy your reporter has been unable to identify. He returned, after marching a distance with us, to his grandchildren watching the parade.

We retired to The Catholic Club for recovery, laughs, eats and drinks.

Picnic at Forest Lodge February 18.

Tom McManus reports almost 100 attended the picnic at Glebe Powl It was great day, good weather and good friends recalling their times in school and at the CYO. Tom is looking to holding another picnic next year. The park at Glebe Point is very picturesque now and extends to the waterfront. Gone are the lumber yards and the oil terminal. Many of the old footballers recalled their youthful prowess on the oval, now stripped of the outside 8 foot fence.

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Correspondence from members of the Association

Recently, we received letters from Frank Corless (90 years) in retirement at Gerringong and William (Bill) Bourke (85 years) in retirement at Heathcote. Both were long associated in supporting the Patrician Brothers; Frank at Redfern and Bill at Forest Lodge.

Frank writes:

“Dear Kevin.

.....The Green Sash has brought back many memories of my association with the “Pats”. My actual contact began in 1914 as a pupil and went through until the war years and later. Apart from the periods I devoted to coaching football teams at Redfern and the Mount, ...my tasks as Secretary were more concerned with bread and butter issues, particularly during the Great Depression years and of course clearing the financial debt of the Wahroonga Novitiate. The input of the Brothers was of great value, to that of the various committees, of parents, friends and ex-students throughout the Archdiocese, which were formed and finally brought about a successful termination to their difficulties. I was glad to be part of the experience, which gave me the opportunity to show some thanks to the Brothers for the education they gave me, as well as, more importantly, the everlasting gift of faith.

Very best regards”

Many will recall Frank as compere of the Patrician Concerts held in the Sydney Town Hall.

Bill writes:

“Dear Les,

.....I lived in the Forest Lodge Parish from 1927 to 1942 but was not an Old Boy of Forest Lodge although active in all appeals for the Brothers. However I attended Holy Cross College at Ryde from 1924to 1927.

Kind regards and good wishes for your effort for the Old Boys Association.

Yours sincerely,”

Bill was active still, with the Combined Old Boys’ Association in 1954. Copies of its journal, “The Patricians” form part of our archives. Bill, at the time, was Secretary of the Association. The journals are a veritable mine of information, and have been a great help in researching the Brothers who taught in the Inner Sydney schools. Bill is an honorary St James’ Old Boy. The Forest Lodge parish laid claim to him many years ago.

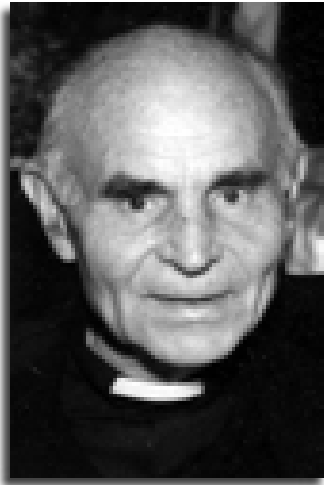
The Committee was delighted to receive the letters. Both men have been unstinting in their support to the Brothers. We wish them continued good health.

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Tribute to a Brother of 60 years
Brother De Sales Gilbert

(Extract from "The Catholic Weekly")

For Patrician Brother De Sales (John) Gilbert, the acceptance and generosity of the Australian people is one of his most enduring memories in 60 years with the order.



Working closely with people in Sydney's Granville and Blacktown areas since his arrival from Ireland in June, 1947, he has established a profound regard for those he has served and helped.

"The Australian people were fantastic to the brothers. We could not have survived without their great generosity," he says of the parents of his classroom students.

"They have always been a marvellous support to me and all the brothers, physically and spiritually. Their acceptance of the brothers was immediate and their rapport sincere."

It was 63 years ago that 15-year-old John Gilbert knocked on the door of the Patrician Brothers' formation house in Tullow, County Carlow. He had travelled all day by train and car from the picturesque surrounds of his home in North Kerry and was tired, hungry and apprehensive when the door was opened by the first Patrician Brother he had ever seen to the sound of a grandfather clock striking 9 o'clock.

Brother De Sales was born in the small Irish village of Listowel, just a short distance from Tralee, on September 25, 1917.

One of eight children - four girls and four boys - his parents, farmers John and Helen Gilbert, provided a gentle and playful environment which made him sensitive to the idea of a religious vocation. Believing he was called to be a brother he consulted his parish priest who suggested the Patricians, and though he had never heard of them he soon took leave of his family for Tullow.

Two years later on January 6, 1935, 17-year-old John Gilbert was professed as Brother De Sales. As part of his preparation to become a brother De Sales was encouraged to continue his studies, although his education at Listowel was only basic. His efforts were rewarded with excellent results and entry to Galway University where he graduated in 1941 in arts and education.

He returned to Tullow to teach, eventually becoming the director and door opener to newcomers to the Patrician congregation, until the offer came to go to Australia in 1947.

Although it was to Hoty Cross College, Ryde, that he was appointed, it was to Granville he was sent, to a school that had begun only five years previously. Brother De Sales taught at Granville for 12 years, serving as principal for the last seven.

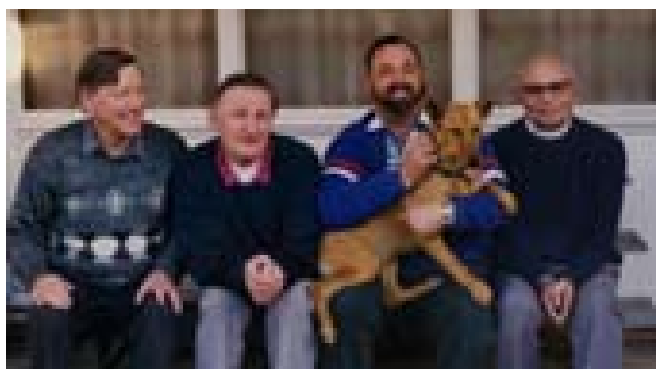
It was a position which brought many challenges - finding room for students in an already overcrowded school, teaching six lessons every day, buying badly needed furniture and equipment without any money, being in the front line of attack against the millions of fleas that infested the old wooden classrooms, and holding meetings with the many daily visitors in the classroom doorway which served as his office.

In 1959 he began at St Patrick's High School, Blacktown, serving as principal from 1960 to 1962, and playing a major role in the construction of the school's fine sport fields.

A year at Fairfield was followed by his appointment to Novice Master at the new novitiate at Narellan in 1964 where he spent five years, returning to Blacktown in 1959 for three years, then to Granville in 1972 until his retirement from teaching in 1980.

Brother De Sales Gilbert is highly regarded by all who know him. He is described by friends as a man who has worked hard in the classroom and the field, someone who loves to watch things grow.

"He takes great comfort in being with friends, whether it is on the golf course, at the card table or in chapel," said friend and associate Brother Stephen Sweetman.



De Sales with his 1994 Granville community: Aengus Kavanagh, Gerry Bulfin, Stephen Sweetman, and Princess.

“There are many unsung heroes in our society and certainly Brother De Sales is one of them. He has given 60 of his 77 years to the service of others, placing the needs of those about him a long way ahead of his own personal needs and quite literally leaving behind mother, father and country to answer God’s call.”

“He may never receive an Order of Australia, but on the mantelpieces of the memories and heart of thousands of former students and parents Brother De Sales will always occupy a special place.”

The Association [Alumni] joins in congratulating Brother De Sales on his diamond jubilee as a member of the Patrician Congregation

Listed below are the names of 85 brothers identified as having taught at St Vincent’s, Redfem; St James’. Forest Lodge; and Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Waterloo. Many taught at any two of the three, some taught at all three. The relevant schools and applicable years will be detailed in future issues. The first to open. St Vincent’s commenced in 1885 [[1886]] and the last to close St James ceased in 1967 - a span of eighty-two years.

BROTHERS			
Barrett	Ignatius	Johnson	Peter
Bergin	Patricius	Keating	Callistus
Bergin	Rodan	Keegan	Macarten
Bergin	Stanislaus	Kennedy	Bernard
Boland	Cyril	Kennedy	Felix
Bourke	Dominic	Kenny	Regis
Brennan	Thomas	Larkin	Emilian
Brosnan	Vincent	Lee	Anthony
Bulfin	Bernard	Lee	John
Byrne	Finian	Lovegrove	Patrick
Carty	Raphael	McAuley	Jerome
Cassidy	Basil	McCahill	Eunan
Comerford	Xavier	McCarthy	Austin
Connaughton	Fintan	McDermott	Francis
Corbett	Malachy	McDonald	Joseph
Darcy	Lazarian	McGovern	Xavier
Delaney	Aloysius	McGrath	Austin
Downes	Fidelis	McGrath	Baptist
Downey	Basil	McGree	Lactaen
Duffy	Nicholas	McMenamin	Albin
Dwyer	Xavier	Mulhall	Celestine
Egan	Gerald	O’Connell	Austin
Eviston	Alphonsus	O’Connell	Patrick
Feeney	Alphonsus	O’Leary	Columba
Fitzpatrick	Cyprian	O’Leary	Pius
Gallagher	John	O’Mahoney	Patrick
Gaynor	John	O’Meara	Cronan
Grealy	Augustine	O’Neill	Dominic
Guidera	Joseph Malachy	O’Reilly	Columba
Hanley	Albert	O’Toole	Bernard
Hannigan	Aloysius	Phelan	Anthony
Hannigan	Ignatius	Phelan	Norbert
		Price	Ignatius

Hanratty	Evangelist	Quann	Serenus
Harmey	Sylvester	Rickenby	Dominic
Healy	Oliver	Ryan	Bernard
Hickey	Regis	Ryan	Eugene
Higgins	Ligouri	Ryan	James
Higgins	Peter Iranaeus	Savage	Raymond
Histon	Gerard	Small	Albert
Howlin	Clement	Thompson	John
Hume	Patrick	Tierney	Joseph
Hunt	Thomas	Tobin	Majella

Should anyone identify any error or omission, their advice will be most appreciated. Our thanks to Denis Culloty for his contribution.

Historical Notes – Redfem

This edition of “The Green Sash” contains a number of historical articles. This deals with the early days at Redfem.

The first residence for the Brothers was apparently in Cleveland Street and they named it “Mountrath”. after the hometown in County Laois of Bishop Delany. founder of the Patrician Brothers and the Brigidine Sisters.

In 1892, Brother Jerome McAuley (of Tullow Community, Ireland) [[photo, 1909]] was asked by the Superior General to go to Australia, and. in consideration of his age, was told that his absence from Ireland would be brief. Brother Jerome replied that he would go indefinitely and under the same conditions as the youngest member of the Congregation. He spent most of the remainder of his life at Redfem where he retired from school work around 1907. Needing a slight operation for an internal ailment he entered St. Vincent’s Hospital and died there on June 18, 1914, in his 85th year.



Cardinal Moran, in a letter dated January, 1895 to the Superior General, Bro Anthony O’Neill. noted with regret that the Brothers at Redfern had no permanent residence.

St Patrick’s Monastery, Redfem, was built by Bro Stanislaus Bergin, Provincial, in 1904. It could accommodate only six novices, besides the professed community.

Redfem Staff (1885-1895)

First Community 1885 Bros Ignatius Price, Albert Hanley

1886	Ignatius Price, Albert Hanley, Sylvester Harmey
1887	Ignatius Price, Albert Hanley, Sylvester Harmey
1888	Ignatius Price, Austin McGrath, Baptist McGrath, Dominic O’Neill
1889	Ignatius Price, Austin McGrath, Baptist McGrath, Ligouri Higgins
1890	Ignatius Price, Austin McGrath, Baptist McGrath, Columba O’Leary
1891	Stanislaus Bergin, Austin McGrath, Baptist McGrath, James Ryan
1892	Ignatius Price, John Lee, James Ryan, Bernard Ryan*, Bernard O’Toole*
1893	Ignatius Price, James Ryan, Dominic Bourke*, Bernard O’Toole*
1894	Jerome McAuley, Dominic Rickenby, John Lee, Eugene Ryan, Bernard O’Toole*, Patrick O’Mahoney
1895	Jerome McAuley, Xavier Dwyer, Peter Gaynor, Vincent Brosnan, Bernard O’Toole*

*at Forest Lodge by foot

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We asked Bro Malachy Corbett to relate the story of the voyage of the first Patrician Brothers to come to Australia from Ireland after World War II. He has kindly provided it. Bros. Aloysius Delaney, Pius O'Leary, Majella Tobin, Xavier Comerford, John Gallagher and Malachy Corbett made up this group.

It is presented as written. The title is in Brother's own hand; the minor corrections are his.

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You will have noted that we close our journal with a footnote similar to that which appeared on the back of the Catechism "Wholly set up and printed at St Vincent's Boys' Home, Westmead". This journal is "Wholly set up and printed at 34 Ferguson Street Forestville".

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The Trip Down Under

On Easter Tuesday, April 10, 1945 I was notified of my transfer to Australia with five other Brothers, one of whom, Br. Aloysius Delaney, was then a student with myself at University College, Galway. World War II had still had about a month to run in Europe and up to August 15 in the Pacific. Our likely departure date was completely unknown due to the difficulty of securing post-war passage. [[Photo: Malachy's 1946 passport photo.]]

So it was not till 8.00am on the morning of April 1, 1946 that we left Dublin by boat to Holyhead and then by train to London, followed by night-train to Southampton. We had a pleasant two-hour break in London thanks to Jim Tobin, Br. Majella's brother, who took us home for a quick cup of tea and it was only later we realised what an awful dent we must have put in his severely rationed food supply. (Comparative war-time rationing in Ireland was much easier).

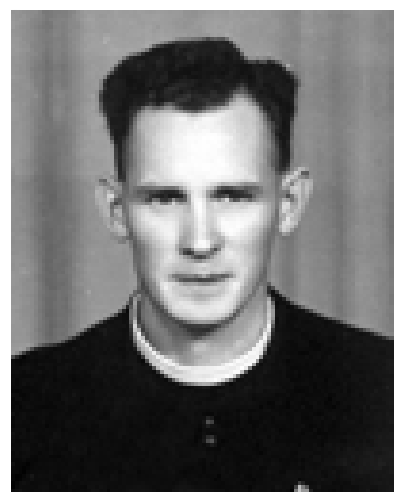
Southampton still looked almost a shambles due to bombing and we were housed for a couple of nights in what was obviously a temporary structure. By happy coincidence during our stay we met the local parish priest and his assistant, both Patrician ex-students from Ireland. Fr. O'Byrne, the parish priest, had gone to the Brothers in Tullow while Father O'Donovan was an ex-student of the Patrician Academy, Mallow (Co. Cork). Fr. O'Donovan was a superb baritone and I can still almost hear his beautiful rendition of the war-time United States Marines. [[Photo: HMS Indomitable. It was launched in 1940 and decommissioned in 1955.]]

Anyway, by April 4, it was all aboard the Aircraft Carrier Indomitable, a totally male passenger list consisting of Australian and N.Z. returning servicemen plus the first post-war English Rugby League team to visit Australia and eagerly awaited. (Clem Kennedy, for instance, will likely recall the "Indomitables!").

We also had on board three priests en route to Queensland. We were all referred to by the ship's personnel as "Padres" and as Padres we were given honorary Officer status upstairs as distinct from the other indomitables downstairs (including the footballers!). The ship's officers were initially a little distant but very courteous and later became very friendly with the padres.

Our brief ports of call on the four-week voyage were Valetta (Malta), another urban war-wreck; Aden with its blistering heat; Colombo (Sri Lanka), likewise and finally Fremantle. With three priests aboard we had daily Mass of course plus ceremonies for Good Friday and Easter Sunday. The first week felt a bit boring but the magnificent flight-deck of the Indomitable, itself the size of a mini football field gave ample scope for walks and later became the launching pad of the padres' sporting prowess.

The ship's personnel organised a deck-hockey competition and cordially asked if we would like to enter a team. Though we knew little about the game we said "of course" and the organisers immediately christened



us "The Sky Pilots". Our team consisted of five Brothers and two priests and believe it or not for the first trial we were drawn out of the hat to play The Black'n'Tans! (The organising officer was later very apologetic about the mishap). With the trials over our first competition match was against seven ship officers and even already we could detect some quiet Aussie/N.Z. support. The officers scored early and then we were down 2-0 before we got back a goal early in the second half. For the next ten minutes our superb defence kept it 2-1 and the barrackers were hoarse. In the final seconds as the referee raised his whistle to blow full-time Br. Majella slotted in the equaliser. The resulting cheer could be heard many miles away and from there on the Padres/Sky Pilots were a privileged lot! We won on replay and then the next before losing in the semi-final.

The last ten days of the voyage across the Indian Ocean were rather relaxed. By then we had met many aboard, including the footballers as they all enjoyed the flight deck. I suspect our sports show changed our image in all eyes. Close to the Equator I remember one little incident that I have always cherished. As I strolled on the deck just as the sun had suddenly set an officer passing by casually said: "Padre, look at something you may never see again." And there on the Northern horizon was the famous well-known stellar-grouping The Plough and on the Southern horizon for the first time I saw The Southern Cross. Never again have I seen both simultaneously, though I crossed the Equator a couple of more times.

We knew nothing of Rugby League but once they knew we were human it was a pleasure meeting Joe Egan, Fred Hughes, Frank Whitcombe, the Ward brothers, the great lock Ike Owens and a few others. In fact when Joe returned with the 1950 English team he and three team-mates called out to Holy Cross with a distinguished Old Boy, Mr. Jack Renshaw, much to the delight of all the students, particularly the country boys.

I myself was particularly looking forward to Fremantle. My sister, Sister Majella, had arrived there nine years previously on her way to the St. John of God Convent at Subiaco, Perth. But when I rang the convent and asked for her I got a bit of a shock as did the Sister who answered the phone. "But", she said, "Sister Majella is in Kalgoorlie for some weeks". Her first letter from Kalgoorlie had not arrived home before I left Ireland and of course we had no forwarding address en route.

Anyway, within twenty-four hours came the second surprise. A shipload of war brides from Sydney to London ran into trouble in the Australian Bight and had to dock finally in Fremantle. The Indomitable was commandeered to continue with the war brides and with little fuss we were told that we would continue by train to Sydney. Then came surprise number three for me. At our stop in Kalgoorlie there was Sister Majella with two other nuns who took Br. Pius and myself out to lunch at the convent while the other passengers changed trains! (Sister Majella passed away at Perth, August 14, 1995, over 58 years after she first arrived there).

The three-day trek across the Nullarbor to Adelaide was cramped to put it mildly with nine of us in a compartment for eight seated and sleep as best you could. Meals were in the open during stoppages. At Adelaide the Bishop's secretary welcomed us and took us to the Presbytery for a meal.

It was there I also got a glimpse of Aussie humour. As our new train moved off at dusk a gentleman opposite me casually said, "They have the best lighted-up cemetery in the world here." "Oh!" I said, "where is it?" as I looked out the window. With a grin he said, "Nobody moves here after dark." (probably a Sydney-sider).

And so on to Melbourne for a few hours break on Saturday and then overnight to Sydney. Brothers Anthony Phelan and Norbert Phelan met us at Central and took us to Holy Cross where there were many more of the Brothers to greet us. [[Photo: Malachy in 1998.]]

I still recall walking up the College steps and in the main door with the clock on the stairway showing some minutes after 1.00pm on Sunday May 12, Mother's Day 1946.

By amazing co-incidence May 12 is Mother's Day 1996 - the close of a half-century of many pleasant memories for me. [[This last paragraph refers to the time Malachy wrote the piece.]]

- Br. Malachy



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ANNUAL LUNCHEON - SOUTH SYDNEY LEAGUES CLUB - SUNDAY, AUGUST 4 - 1:00 PM

\$20.00 per person. Drinks will be to your own account.

Our Annual Luncheon is a non profit event. The Club will provide an excellent smorgasbord meal with tea and coffee.

Last year's lunch was a memorable occasion. The Committee issued invitations to a number of the Brothers and they were delighted to be with us. Monsignor Lex Johnson was able to attend. It was a great day; everyone stayed to the very end. We look forward to this year's function being as joyful. This year we intend to issue name tags IN LARGE LETTERS to make identification easier for all.

When forwarding your reservations please provide the CHRISTIAN and SURNAME of the members of your party. Spouses, family members, etc., are invited to come along.

South Sydney Leagues Club is at 263 Chalmers Street, Redfern, opposite Redfern Oval. It is convenient to public transport and off street parking is available.

Remember lunch is at 1.00pm. So, a noon to 12:30 arrival will give you the opportunity to relax prior to lunch.

PLEASE CUT ALONG THE DOTTED LINE

I/We accept the Luncheon invitation at the South Sydney Leagues Club for the Patrician Brothers' Inner Sydney Schools Old Boys' Association on Sunday, 4 August 1995 at 1:00 PM. \$20 per person

CHRISTIAN NAME	SURNAME	ADDRESS
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
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5. _____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	PHONE NO. _____

POST TO: Les McMahon, 5 Minogue Crescent, Glebe. 2037 Home Phone: 660 1718

Cheque payable to: Patrician Old Boys' Association.

TO BE RETURNED NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY. 24 JULY. 1996

Annual Mass and Communion

A wonderful attendance, an inspiring message from Monsignor Lex Johnson. Our thanks to Monsignor for his kindness to us and the welcome from the Glebe parishioners. We had the opportunity to view the baptismal register from 1879. Some had the pleasure of seeing the registration of their parents in the early 1900s. Thanks to Frank Anderson. Our sincere thanks to Les and Patricia McMahon for the wonderful morning tea. Also our appreciation to the Patrician Brothers who joined with us. It is great to see the green sash.

MINI RAFFLE

Our raffle is for a prize of "Goodies" to the value of \$100 with a second and third prize the total prize value to \$ 150. Attached below are tickets (\$5 for 3).

The draw will take place at our Luncheon on 4 August. Les has guaranteed home delivery, within the metropolitan area, otherwise by Comet - no free ads. should you be successful.

As you know, the reason for the raffle is to offset postage and stationery costs, Be assured the decision to purchase the tickets is yours. You will not be harassed by ticket sellers. However if you are unable to attend the Luncheon, it is an opportunity to be with us in spirit.

Now, you will notice we are being very cunning in preparing this page to back onto the Luncheon booking slip. The tickets are attached below and, if you wish return your butts with "the ready", please cut off where indicated and return to Les McMahon, 5 Minogue Crescent, Glebe. 2037

Remember, the Association welcomes friends to join with us. Although "friends" does not appear in our title - a friend is an honorary "old boy" of the school he/she nominates.

PLEASE CUT ALONG THE DOTTED LINE

POST TO: Les McMahon, 5 Minogue Crescent, Glebe. 2037

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the Mini raffle.

I return the butts together with entry fee of \$5.00

CHRISTIAN NAME

SURNAME

ADDRESS

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PHONE NO.

TO BE RETURNED NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, 24 JULY, 1996

FINANCIAL REPORT

Our Honorary Treasurer, Noel Sara, has provided financial statement for the period 23 June 1993 through to 31 December 1995. They are reproduced below for your information.

PATRICIAN BROTHERS' INNER SYDNEY SCHOOLS OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION			
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS			
(INAUGURAL FROM 23 JUNE 1993 TO 31 DECEMBER 1993)			
RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
Function Contributions and Donations	1041	Function Costs - Glebe Rowing Club	846
Bank Interest	<u>2</u>	Bank Charges	<u>2</u>
	1043		848
	\$1043	Bank Balance carried forward	<u>195</u>
			\$1043
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1994			
Bank Balance brought forward	195		
Function Contributions & Donations	1918	Function Costs - Holy Cross College Ryde	1320
Bank Interest	4	Postage	208
Brothers' Contribution for Banner	200	Bank Charges	4
		Purchase of Banner	<u>550</u>
	2122		2082
		Bank Balance carried forward	<u>235</u>
	\$2317		\$2317
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1995			
Bank Balance brought forward	235		
Function Contributions & Donations	2167	Function Costs - Balmain Leagues Club	907
		- Holy Cross College Ryde	600
		Postage	250
Bank Interest	<u>8</u>	Bank Charges	<u>6</u>
	2175		1763
		Bank Balance Carried forward	<u>647</u>
	\$2410		\$2410
Bank Balance brought forward 1/1/1996	<u>\$647</u>		
		Noel D. Sara Chartered Accountant (Honorary Treasurer)	Sydney April, 1996

TRIVIA SECTION

In 1945, three teenagers were successful in the Intermediate Certificate Examination. All three were then too young to leave school.

In February, 1946 Kevin Hilferty commenced work as a copy boy at the Sun newspaper. In the following June, Noel Sara started his working life at S R Buttle. Grocers and in August, 1946, Kevin Scott was employed as an office boy in the Traffic Dept of the then Qantas Empire Airways. Each started work before his fifteenth birthday.

Kevin Hilferty has succeeded as a journalist, editor, and in the field of public relations, Noel as a chartered accountant, Kevin Scott somehow got through in the clerical field reaching managerial level. All are still working.

They remember with affection and respect those who taught them; Brothers Fidelis Downes,

Alphonsus Feeney, Ignatius Barrett, Cyril Boland, Nobert Phelan, Baptist McGrath, Nicholas Dufy and Rodan Bergin.

Their combined working effort now totals 150 years. Who says Australians won't work?

Memorabilia

The remainder of this issue is devoted to reproduction of items supplied to the Editorial Committee by enthusiastic members of the Association.

Tuesday, 2nd December, 1941 - Programme, 3d: A Musical Revue. Produced and Played by Members of the 6th Glebe (St James) 80th Catholic Scout Group. Provided by Noel Sara. (In his youth, Noel had a splendid treble voice.) One of the performers. Rover Brian McCormack, a member of a well known Glebe family, was killed in action a few years later in New Guinea. Most of the others are still with us.

Photos

Two of these have been in our archives for a little time and we apologize for the delay in featuring them in our newsletter.

The first is a group from Redfern? There are eleven in the photo. A cricket team, perhaps, or a physical culture squad? Unfortunately, the details have been misplaced. But it is a good photo and if any of the boys can provide the names and any appropriate comments, we will be happy to reproduce it in a future issue.



The second photo is circa 1936, taken in the Good Samaritan Convent School at Forest Lodge (Glebe) Bob Whaites provided this one.

Some of the names are: Frank Jackson, ? Coady, Bany Scott, Pat or Don Heaton, ?

Miles, Reg Lawler, Les McMahon, Alan Dunne, or is it Mick Mullins, Bob Whaites. More importantly, who is the cheeky fellow in the middle of the bottom row?

The last is a classic, circa 1927, provided by Jim Stenning. Do you remember the flower girls walking backwards at liturgical processions, scattering petals? These are their forerunners - "Pages"-they apparently vanished with the arrival of the Depression. Who could afford the outfit! Some of the names; Don Ritchie? Paul Rogers, Is there a Murtagh there? But one thing is sure. The little fellow in the front row left is Jim Stenning. Jim, in later life, is in the middle of the other photo with Bros Basil Downey and Philip (from Papua New Guinea) taken at Thursday Island. The remaining photo is of Sacred Heart Church, Thursday Island.





Jim Stenning around 1927 (sitting, centre) as a page boy in Forest Lodge. And Jim a bit more than 60 years later (standing, centre) as a visitor to Thursday Island with Brothers Basil Downey (left) and Philip Akayawo (PNG).



1941 ~ Glebe Scout Music Revue



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MELBOURNE CUP DINNER - HOLY CROSS COLLEGE, RYDE - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

The Organising Committee has decided that this will be last Melbourne Cup Dinner. Let's make it a winner! Come along and join in the fun with us.

The evening starts with Mass in the College chapel at 6.00 PM followed by dinner and dancing (not compulsory) in the Centenary Hall from 7.00 PM.

You will have the chance to enter a raffle entitling the winner to a \$200 bet on the horse of his or her choice in the Cup, \$ 150 in cash and a choice of prizes on display.

COST FOR DINNER IS \$30 SINGLE, \$60 DOUBLE. Please bring your own drinks.

Each double draws a horse in one of the several Cup sweeps. If you are attending alone, don't worry -for the purpose of the sweeps we will arrange a "pair" for you. First prize in the MAJOR SWEEP is \$1000, second \$200, third \$100. Winners of the minor sweeps each receive \$50.

Ample parking is available at the rear of the College buildings - entry by Frank or College Street -please refer to you directory. Should you be travelling by public transport. Routes 500 and 501 operate each 15 minutes, a check with Sydney Buses - phone 13 1500 is suggested.

MELBOURNE CUP DINNER ORDER FORM:

I REQUIRE _____ SINGLE/DOUBLE TICKETS AND ENCLOSE:

(i) CHEQUE PAYABLE TO "PATRICIAN BROTHERS OLD BOYS" IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ _____
OR

(ii) RECEIPTED BUTT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ _____ FOR DEPOSIT MADE AT THE
COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA WHICH HAS BEEN CREDITED TO:

ACCOUNT IDENTIFICATION NUMBER 2102 1001 6639

ACCOUNT NAME: PATRICIAN BROTHERS' OLD BOYS'

PLEASE RESERVE THE BOOKING IN THE CHRISTIAN AND SURNAME/S OF:

1. _____ 3. _____ 5. _____
2. _____ 4. _____ 6. _____

I MAY BE CONTACTED AT PHONE NUMBER () _____ FOR CONFIRMATION
OF THE RECEIPT OF MY BOOKING.

PLEASE FORWARD TO: KEVIN SCOTT (PHONE 02 9975 6481)

34 FERGUSON STREET

FORESTVILLE 1587

DON'T DELAY!

DO IT TODAY!

***** BOOKINGS CLOSE 24 OCTOBER 1996 *****

IN THE MAILBOX

With the return of raffle tickets came notes from many who were unable to attend the luncheon. Les McMahon wishes to share them with you.

Dear Les & Pat

....Gee, some of the names of I have not heard of since I left school. All the best for your luncheon	Alan Dunn
....Hoping to see you in the future.	Bob Whaites
....Sorry, a surprise 60 th birthday lunch means we are unable to be with you.	Pauline & Geoff Vickers
....I am enclosing an extra donation as I know you must have mailing expenses etc	Pat Heaton
....number legs eleven is the winner.....	Vince Malone
....Best wishes	Denis Culloty
....Best wishes	Paddy Bastie
....Regret I will be away on the 4 th , best wishes	Cecil Baz
....Best wishes	Peter Rowsell
....Best wishes, please note change of address	Dennis Mullins
....Best wishes	Patrick O'Connor
....Best wishes	Alan Cain
....Best wishes	Robert Weeks
Hi Les, Regards to you and Pat. Best wishes	Jim Gillfeather
....Best wishes	Bob Neate
....Regret unable to attend. Do hope you all have a great day	Pat McMahon
....Best wishes	Denis Hoolahan
....Best wishes. I enjoyed Bro Malachy's account of his journey to Australia.	Les Miller
....Sorry I cannot get there. A gallstone operation on 31 st July	Mick Mullins
....Sorry to be late. I have been away	Terry Pendergast
....Best wishes	Morrie Baraket
....Best wishes	John Campbell
....Best wishes	Frank Jackson
....Best wishes	Harold Jenkins
....Sorry can't make it this year.....	Kelvin Harris
....Sorry unable to go to South Sydney Leagues.....	Patricia & Barry Clardge

MINI RAFFLE

FIRST
2nd
3rd

PRIZE
PRIZE
PRIZE

THE WINNERS

Margaret Fordward of Eastlakes
Alan Dunn of Kogarah
Peter Hayes of Sadlier

Of her charity, Margaret donated her prize to the Patrician Brothers in Papua/ New Guinea. Peter returned his prize and it looks like it will reappear next year.

Our thanks to all.

REPORT ON OUR ANNUAL LUNCHEON - SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

A warm welcome was extended to all who attended. Again an increase in numbers. Last year we had 50 in attendance, this year 59. One commented, "I remember when we could only get 15 along to lunch.

South Sydney Leagues Club provided us with a private room, superb food and excellent service. Les intended to call and thank the management, but they beat him to it by phoning the next day to inquire if all had been satisfactory to us.

We list those who attended:

Margaret & Albert Arnold, Pat & Brian Arnold, Bill Bourke, Mary & Leo Budin, Val & John Bymes, Patrick Casey, Elaine & Joe Cordina, Bemie Crawford, Sadie & Stan Fletcher, Patrick Griffiths, Jean & Jim Griffiths and sister-in-laws, Margaret Fordward & Bernadette Farrugia, Marlene & Peter Hayes, Joan & Kevin Hilferty, Bede Hogan, Mary & Clem Kennedy, Marie & Eric Leahy, Pat & Les McMabon, Fay & Frank McManus, Tom McManus, Ray Malavey, Clif Noble, Cheri & Wally Nolan, Norm & Wally Russell and their sister Elma Doyle, Maureen & Noel Sara, Rhonda & Kevin Scott, Nell & Jim Stenning, Eileen & Charles Wilkins, Jack Cummings & his niece, Carol Finn.

We had the pleasure of the company of Father Victor Doyle and Monsignor Lex Johnson together with Brothers Malachy Corbett, Basil Downey, Gerald Egan, Peter Higgins, Patrick Lovegrove, Peter Ryan (Provincial) of the Patrician Congregation.

Sadly, Mary & Des Rochfort were unable to come along, as was their intention, owing to illness. We missed them both.

BROTHER MACARTAN MICHAEL KEEGAN (R. I. P.)

Whenever a Glebe District, New South Wales or Australian Hockey Team runs on to the turf, the spirit of a Patrician Brother is with the side.

In 1929, the St James' Sports Club was formed. They fielded a hockey team in 1931 and two in 1932. The founder of the St James' Sporting Hockey Club was Brother Macartan Michael Keegan, fsp. In 1931 he was captain-coach of the team. From this beginning the Glebe District Hockey Club was formed in 1932.

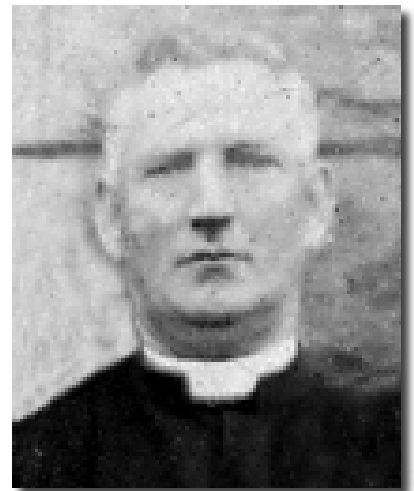
The Glebe District Hockey Club has been a dominant force in hockey, producing State and International representatives since its inception. Every Australian medal-winning mens' Hockey team at the Olympics has had a Glebe man in the side.

Little is known of Brother Macartan who spent most of his teaching years in India where he returned in 1938. Our sporting editor sought information from Brother Linus Walker, archivist at Tullow, Co Carlow, Ireland.

We reproduce Brother Linus' archival report on the following page. Brother Boniface Carroll (RIP), who wrote the Obituary was in Australia 1903 - 1919 most of which time was spent at Ryde, with short periods at Orange and Bathurst. Brother Boniface died in Ireland in 1958.

Pictorial evidence is that Brother Macartan was a big man and no doubt was nurtured in the sport of Hurling at Galway to give him his great stick ability. It is said he could "flick" a hockey ball the length of the field and that he introduced the skill of carrying the ball on the stick to Australian hockey. ".... He was able to pass on his great knowledge of the game to the boys, impressing upon them the value of combination and short passes."

At our luncheon, Bill Bourke, vice-Captain of the 1931 team, commented. "... -we were very fast, we got it to the wings and poured down the field". The St James' Sports Club - B Grade Premiers Metropolitan Hockey Association, 1931 comprised the following players:





Back Row: Roy Pearce, Tom Barklmore, Walter Batty; Second Row: Ernie McGrade, Jack Quinlan, George Gold, Mick Cummins, Jimmy Burt, Jack Taylor, Tom Pearce (Australian Player 1937); Front Row: Ted Mockler, Br Macartan Keegan (Captain-Coach), Stephen McCormack Goal Keeper), Billy Bourke (vice-Captain), Jack Ryan.

Brother Malachy Corbett provided further information from a journal issued by the Indian Province. “.. He first started playing Hockey in St George’s College, Mussoorie in 1908 when he qualified for the All-India Hockey team, no mean feat at a time when India were the undisputed world champions. From St George’s

College he left for Lahore to take charge of St Anthony’s School. After a stay at Conoor Brother Keegan became Principal of the Academy at Mallow in Ireland. In 1929 he left for Sydney Australia only to return to St George’s College in 1938... ..He is remembered as a true sportsman, one who played the game and was instrumental by his example and advice in forming the host of sportsmen the Patrician Brothers have produced in India.”

Titled “Under the Arches”, a history of the Glebe District Hockey Club to 1993 has been produced by Max Soiling and Harry Wark. Max is a walking encyclopedia on all things Glebe, Harry is the archivist of the Glebe District Hockey Club. Together they have produced a wonderful record of the Club. For those who have an interest in the sport of Hockey, the Patrician Brothers, and/or Glebe, it is essential reading. The writer obtained his copy from Gleebooks, Glebe. \$25 P&H \$5 (Free Ad)

BRO MACARTAN MICHAEL KEEGAN 1885-1941

Source: Patrician Annals, Vol 1

p. 38 (Summary):

NAME: Michael Keegan. Parents Names: Not Entered. Address: Bowling Green, Galway (City, Ireland), Born: 03 January 1885. Entered: 01 Sept. 1906 Religious Name: Macartan. 1st Profession: 15 Aug 1908 Final Profession: 07 January 1912, Date of Death: 12 Api 1941. Place: Lahore (Pakistan). Cause of Death: Blood Pressure.

p.43: SEPT 1908: Sailed (with two others) for India, via Genoa.

p.112 APL 1926: Home Vacation. Was retained for work in Ireland.

p.323 NOV 1937: Transferred from Australia to India. p.330 OBITUARY (Written by Bro. Boniface Carroll, Tullow, Irl)

MICHAEL KEEGAN was born at Bowling Green, Galway, on 3rd January 1885 and entered our Brotherhood at Tullow on 1st September 1906. He took 1st Temporary Vows on 15th August 1908 and Final Vows on 7th January 1910. He was educated at the Brothers’ Primary school and at St. Joseph’s Seminary, Nuns’ Island, Galway. Having passed the Public Examinations of the Intermediate Board of Education he became a Pupil Teacher with the Brothers at Lombard St.

Monastery School, Galway, and after qualification took a post as Assistant in a National School at Drogheda, (Co. Louth). This he resigned after two years in order to join the Patrician Brothers at Tullow, (Co. Carlow). Professed in August 1908 he was transferred to the Indian Province in September of that year, remaining there until 1926 when he had his first vacation at home. He was then appointed Principal at the Secondary School, Mallow, (Co. Cork) where he remained two years before transfer to Australia. In 1938 he returned to India, going first to St. George's College, (UP), and later to St. Anthony's, Lahore (modern Pakistan). RIP.

Compiler's Note: Entries in brackets do not appear in the original, and are added by way of explanation. "The Bowling Green" [otherwise Saunder's Lane] was immediately to the rear of the Brother's Monastery, Lombard St. Galway. The fact that the "boy" attended Primary School at Nuns' Island, where a small fee was payable, may indicate that his parents were slightly better off. The term "National School" indicates a Primary School in connection with the Government's "Commissioners for National Education, Ireland", i.e. receiving State Aid. The dearth of information in the Obituary indicates that Bro. Boniface did not have any personal knowledge of Bro. Macartan.

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, WATERLOO.

Built in 1859. Father Doyle's church stands on a hill. It seems to be the only hill in the entire area. In the early days it must have enjoyed a view in all directions. The Zetland tram rattled past. cows grazed and the parishioners strolled to Mass. The church was damaged by fire in 1956. Next year the parish will celebrate the fortieth anniversary of its restoration. We look forward to featuring the history of Mount Carmel in our next edition. Meanwhile, we include a photo of the interior before the fire. Our thanks to Father Victor Doyle. [[Thank you to Les Miller for the photo, the one in TGS was very dark.]]



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This is our 4th year of publication. Circulation has grown to over 160. We express our thanks to those who forwarded names and addresses to be added to our mailing list. Our thanks for the donations and support to our annual mini-raffle, and to those who participated with us throughout the year. The Committee appreciates these expressions of support. Thank you.

Christ with
me, Christ
before me,
Christ behind
me, Christ
in me, Christ beneath me,
Christ above me, Christ on
my right hand, Christ on
my left, Christ where I lie,
Christ where I sit, Christ
where I arise. Christ in the
heart of
every man
who thinks
of me. Christ
in the mouth
of every man
who speaks
to me. Christ
in every eye
that sees me.
Christ in
every ear
that hears
me.

The
breastplate
of Saint Patrick

May it shield you during the year.

McMahon Saga

Grandparents Les and Patrici (nee Williams), together with parents Michael and Narelle (nee Forrest) are thrilled with the election of Lee McMahon as Captain of Holy Cross College, Ryde. Lee is the 4th generation of McMahon's to be educated by the Patrician Brothers. Great grandparents John (known as Vic) and Florence (nee Colton) would be looking down fondly on Lee. The Patricians have been responsible for the family McMahon's education since 1907. Les proudly commented: "Not bad for a family that was hard put to pay the school fees to the Brothers in the thirties!"

Congratulations Lee. We look forward to reporting the enrolment of the 5th generation.

We list below the Patrician Brothers who have served in the Australian Province [1881 - 1996]. The list is shown alphabetically and those who taught at the Inner Schools are identified by the numbers 1,2,3, which indicate as follows: 1. St Vincent's Redfern, 2. St James' Forest Lodge, 3. Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Waterloo. There are 178 names.

Aitken Stephen	Foyle Vianney	McGree Lactean 3
Barrett Ignatius 2,3	Gaffney Bartholomew	McMenamin Albin 3
Barry Charles	Gallager John 2	Maher Stanislaus
Beattie Livinius	Gaynor Peter 1	Mahoney Matthew
Bell Michael	Gilbert DeSales	Mulhall Celestine 3
Bergin Patricius 1	Grealy Augustine 2	Mulhall Philip 2,3
Bergin Rodan 2,3	Grimes Canice	O'Connell Austin 1,3
Bergin Stanislaus 1	Guidera Joseph Malachy 2,3	O'Connell Patrick 2
Blahut Leonard	Hall-Robinson John	O'Connor Paul
Boland Cyril 1,2	Hanley Albert 1	O'Gorman Xavier
Bourke Doniinic 2	Hannigan Aloysius 1,2,3	O'Grady Benedict
Brennan Thomas 1,2,3	Hannigan Ignatius 1,2	O'Keeffe Killian [O'Keefe]
Brosnan Vincent 1	Hanratty Evangelist 1,2,3	O'Keeffe Paul
Budin Vincent Leo	Harmey Sylvester 1	O'Leary Aloysius
Bulfin Bernard 2	Harsas Nicholas	O'Leary Columban
Bulfin Gerard	Hayes Timothy Urban	O'Leary Pius 2
Byrne Andrew Ligouri	Heafy Oliver 1,2,3	Olsen Benedict
Byrne Finian 1,2,3	Henchev Cyril	O'Mahoney Patrick 1
Byrne Joseph Basil	Hetherington John Stanislaus	O'Meara Cronan 2,3
Byrne Jude	Hickey Regis 3	O'Neill Dominic 1
Carroll Boniface	Higgins Ligouri 1	O'Neill Fintan
Carroll Louis	Higgins Peter Iranaeus 2	O'Reilly Columba 1
Carty Raphael 2	ffiston Gerard 2	O'Toole Bernard 1,2
Casey Anselm	Howlin Clement 1,2,3	Peters Ronald
Cassar Lawrence	Hume Patrick 1,3	Phelan Anthony 1,2,3
Cassidy Basil 1,2,3	Hunt Louis	Phelan Norbert 1,2
Coates Dominic	Hunt Thomas 3	Phelan Raphael
Cody Charles	Hyett James	Power Finian
Comerford Xavier 1,2,3	Hynes Louis	Price Ignatius 1
Connaughton Fintan 2,3	Johnson Peter 2	Quann Serenus 1,2,3
CorbettMalachy1,2	Kavanagh Aengus	Rice Thomas
Corbishly Cuthbert	Kealy Benignus	Rickerby Dominic
Crowley Joseph Senanus	Keating Callistus 1,3	Rooney Damien
Curley Aloysius	Keegan Macartan 2	Ryan Ambrose
Daly Celsus	Kelly Eugene	Ryan Bernard 1,2
Daly Norbert	Kennedy Bernard 1,2,3	Ryan Eugene 1
Darcy Lazarian 1	Kennedy Felix 2	Ryan Felician
Delaney Aloysius 1,2,3	Kenny Regis 2	Ryan James 1
Delany Alphonsus	Keogh Regis	Ryan Laurence
Doheny Richard	Larkin Emilian 1,2,3 [[Aemilian]]	Ryan Leonard
Dollard Marius	Lee Anthony 1	Ryan Macartan
Donnelly Anthony	Lee John 1,2,3	Ryan Mark
Downes Fidelis 1,2,3	Leonarder Paul Canice	Ryan Peter
Downey Basil 2,3	Long James 1,2	Samuel Kevin
Dubois Anthony	Lovegrove Patrick 1,3	Savage Raymond 1,2
Dufy Nicholas 1,2	Luff Michael	Small Albert 1,3
Dwyer Andrew	McAuley Jerome 1	Smythe Ignatius
Dwyer Dermot	McCabe Alphonsus 2	Stanton Andrew
Dwyer Malachy	McCabe Aquinas	Stanton Jeffrey
Dwyer Regis	McCahill Eunan 1	Stenning Baptist
Dwyer Xavier 1	McCarthy Austin 1,2,3	Sweeney Benedict
EganEnda	McCann Flannan	Sweetman Stephen
Egan Gerald 3	McCluskie Gerard	Thompson John
Eves Raymond	McConnon Majella	Tierney Joseph 1,2
Eviston Alphonsus 1,2,3	McDermott Francis 1,2,3	Tobin Majella 1,2
Feeney Alphonsus 1,2	McDonald Joseph 3	Turner Phillip
Finucane Christopher	McGovern Xavier 3	Vella Michael
Fitzpatrick Cyprian 3	McGrath Austin 1,2,3	Verhoeven John
Fogarty Patrick	McGrath Baptist 1,2	Vial Anthony
Fordham Vincent		Weir Vincent

This listing may be incomplete or require amendment. Any information will be welcomed.¹

It is probable that some of the Brothers identified to Redfem only may have taught also at Forest Lodge and/or Waterloo. This well may have been the case when the Brothers were all housed at Redfem.

St Patrick's Monastery, Redfem, was built in 1904. Prior to that time, the Brothers had lived at "Mountrath" on Cleveland Street, Redfern.

On 3 March 1923, Blessed Oliver Plunkett's Monastery opened at 165 Bridge Road, Glebe. Since beginning teaching at Forest Lodge Parish in 1892, a period of 31 years, the Brothers had walked to and from Redfem each day.

Until the opening of Blessed Oliver's, the accommodation at St Patrick's Monastery may have been stretched, as records show that in 1913 Brother Regis Kenny, in 1917 Brother Austin McGrath travelled from Holy Cross College, Ryde to Forest Lodge and in 1918 Brother Anthony Phelan from Ryde to Waterloo. It is probable that from 1913 to 1923 certain Brothers commuted daily from Ryde because of accommodation difficulties at Redfem. We trust they didn't have to walk all the way!

REPORT ON MELBOURNE CUP DINNER - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Well, the Organising Committee resolved it would be the last, but those who attended shouted for more. We await further advice.

It was a wonderful night. Tables were festooned with balloons in school colours. "The Celtics" played music which made you want to dance.

Alas, we had no winners among us in the Sweeps, but Margaret Fordward did us proud in the raffle.

However, we are happy to report that the winners of the BIG SWEEP were Stan and Sadie Fletcher (nee Eves), who have attended the Melbourne Cup Dinner since its inception. There could be no more deserving winners.



This photo was actually taken at the 1995 Melbourne Cup Dinner. But it shows Kevin Scott (front, left) and his wife Rhonda (second, right), and the many good friends who attended the nights and helped the Brothers out.

ST PATRICK'S DAY MARCH, SUNDAY 16 MARCH.

As with last year, our President, Eric Leahy, has approached the Organising Committee to give us a forward position in the March.

We meet at the Archibald Fountain at 11:00 a.m. The March commences at noon, but we have to take up our position prior to that time. If you are not up to marching, come along and have a chat and a laugh. It is the happiest day of the year. Again, we hope to retire to The Catholic Club on Castlereagh Street.

1. F2010 records show that from 1883 to 1996 we had 235 men who had ministered as Patricians in the Australian province, Kevin gives 178 names. He does not include the PNG professed Brothers of which there were ten, nor the Indian Brothers on loan to Australia. He does miss some who were Brothers for just a short time, but also misses some very significant Brothers. This is in no way a criticism of Kevin; it just getting the facts right.

We reproduce below, the commentator's authorised remarks as our banner is paraded past the Town Hall on Sunday, 16 March.

PATRICIAN BROTHERS INNER SYDNEY SCHOOLS OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

The group marching today are Old Boys' of the Patrician Brothers Inner Sydney Schools.

They are honouring the memory of the 84 Brothers who laboured for over 80 years in Redfern, Glebe and Waterloo.

The Brothers of St Patrick, known as the Patrician Brothers, commenced teaching in the then Colony of New South Wales in 1883. Their particular vocation is the education of the underprivileged.

From 1886 to 1967 the Brothers taught in the Inner Sydney parishes of:

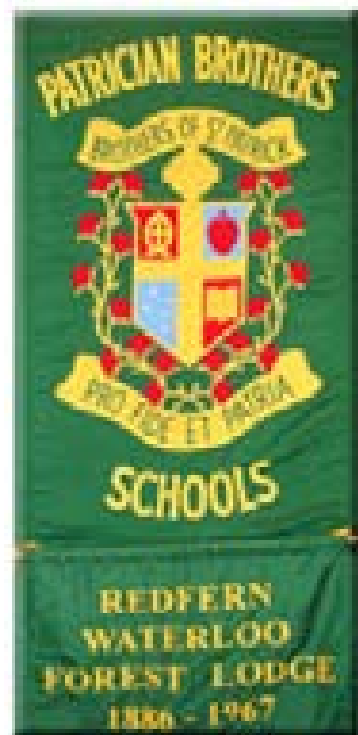
St Vincent's, Redfern
St James', Forest Lodge
Our Lady of Mt Carmel, Waterloo

Since the 1940's the Patricians have concentrated on Sydney's Western Suburbs at:

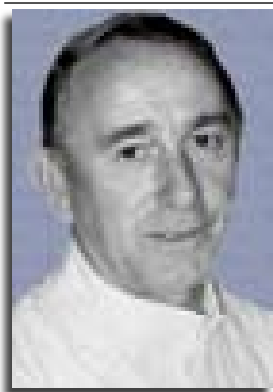
Blacktown
Fairfield
Granville
Liverpool

and Holy Cross College, Ryde, which was founded in 1891.

[[Not forgetting Sefton and Marayong.]]



The Brothers of St Patrick have given 114 years of dedicated service to the families of New South Wales.



WELCOME

On behalf of the Association, we offer a warm welcome to the Superior General, Brother Cormac Commins, who is visiting Australia from Ireland. We trust his stay will be both informative and fruitful.

APOLOGY

We regret the late production of the January '97 issue. This was caused by the transition from the discipline of 50 years of work to unregimented retirement. All day to do it, yet no time available!

Wholly set up and printed at "Forest Lodge", 34 Ferguson St., Forestville. 2087

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ANNUAL RETREAT AT HOLY CROSS COLLEGE, RYDE. MAY 1947

- Back Bros. Ignatius Barrett, Malachy Corbett, Majella Tobin, Fidelis Downes, Paul O'Connor, Xavier Comerford, Pius O'Leary, Aloysius Delaney, Serenus Quann.
- Front Bros. John Gallagher, ["Mick"], Cyril Boland, Anthony Phelan, Bernard O'Toole, Carmelite Father, Norbert Phelan, Aloysius Hannigan, Joseph Tierney.
- Absent Bros. Alphonsus Eviston, Gerard Histon, Peter Johnson, Xavier McGovern, John Thompson, (at Wahroonga)
Bros. Rodan Bergin. Oliver Healy. Austin O'Connell. (General Chapter Meeting, Tullow. Co. Cariow. Ireland.)

FIFTY YEARS AGO

During a chat with Brother Malachy Corbett at Holy Cross College, Ryde about some of the Brothers who were teaching in the “forties”. Brother was prompted to provide the photo reproduced on page 1.

The doyen of the group was Brother Bernard O’Toole (R.I.P.), who in 1892 was one of the first to do the daily “long march” from “Mountrath” at Redfern to and from St James’ Forest Lodge.

A quick calculation! $7\text{km} \times 5\text{days} \times 40\text{weeks} \times 10\text{yrs} = 14\,000\text{ km} = \text{say } 8\,500\text{ miles}$. In all weathers!

By the way, the Irish Terrier sitting with Bro John Gallagher answered to “Mick”. Do you recall the faces and the times?

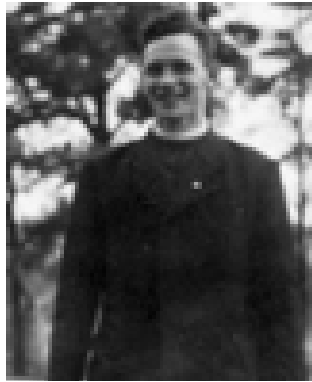
Brother	Taught at	Died	Buried
Ignatius Barrett: 1927	Ryde, Forest Lodge, Waterloo, Blacktown, Fairfield, Liverpool, Wahroonga.	1979	Kemp’s Creek
Malachy Corbett: 1946	Redfern, Forest Lodge, Ryde, Blacktown, Fairfield, Granville, Liverpool, Narellan, Wahroonga		
Majella Tobin: 1946	Forest Lodge, Redfern, Ryde, Granville.		
Fidelis Downes: 1908	Orange, Bathurst, Forest Lodge, Redfern, Waterloo, Ryde.	1965	Field Mars
Paul O’Connor: 1940	Redfern, Ryde, Granville, Wahroonga, Fairfield.		
Xavier Comerford: 1946	Granville, Redfern, Waterloo, Ryde.		
Pius O’Leary: 1946	Forest Lodge, Ryde, Granville		
Aloysius Delaney: 1946	Redfern, Forest Lodge, Waterloo, Ryde, Blacktown, Fairfield, Wahroonga.		
Serenus Quann: 1920	Redfern, Dubbo, Forest Lodge, Waterloo, Fairfield, Wahroonga.	1976	Kemp’s Creek
John Gallagher: 1946	Ryde, Fairfield		
Cyril Boland: 1916	Redfern, Orange, Forest Lodge, Ryde, Sefton, Wahroonga.	1964	Field Mars
Anthony Phelan: 1916	Redfern, Orange, Forest Lodge, Waterloo Ryde, Wahroonga	1963	
Bernard O’Toole: 1892	Forest Lodge, Bathurst, Dubbo, Goulburn, Orange, Redfern, Ryde, Granville, Wahroonga	1947	Field Mars
Norbert Phelan: 1920	Bathurst, Dubbo, Orange, Forest Lodge, Redfern, Ryde, Granville, Liverpool, Narellan.	1982	
Aloysius Hannigan: 1904	Redfern, Forest Lodge, Waterloo, Ryde, Wahroonga.	1964	Field Mars
Joseph Tierney: 1922	Forest Lodge, Redfern, Mt. Carmel, Granville, Blacktown, Liverpool, Orange, Wahroonga.	1969	

Note 1. Brother Aloysius Hannigan entered 1904 which “probably indicates a novitiate at Redfern”,

Note 2. The year and the first named school are in which the Brother commenced teaching in the Australian Province. The locations shown thereafter are not necessarily in chronological order.



Ignatius Barrett
1930



Malachy Corbett
1946



Majella Tobin
1948



Fidelis Downes
1947



Paul O'Connor
1948



Xavier Comerford
1948



Pius O'Leary
1946



Aloysius Delaney
1948



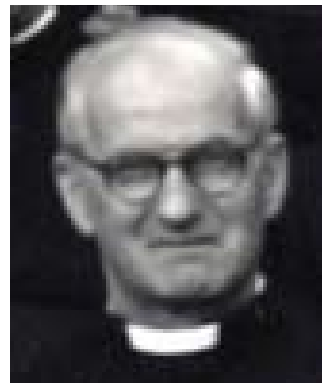
Serenus Quann
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John Gallagher
195?



Cyril Boland
1948



Anthony Phelan
1948



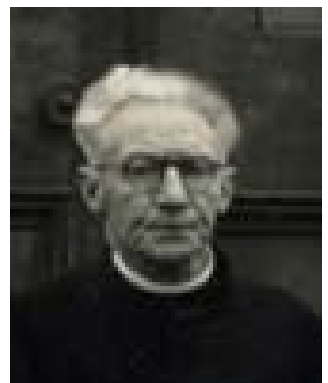
Bernard O'Toole
1948



Norbert Phelan
1948



Aloysius Hannigan
1948



Joseph Tierney
1956

ANNUAL MASS AND COMMUNION SUNDAY, MAY 18, 10:00AM
OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, WATERLOO.

All our functions are important to us. However, they range on a scale of 7 to 10. This is the top of the scale: our Annual Mass.

This year, we make a return visit to Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Waterloo. Father Victor Doyle and parishioners again offer us a warm welcome.

May is a pleasant time of the year and 10:00am allows for leisurely travel.

Morning tea will be provided. We look forward to meeting you there and expect a large attendance of alumni, spouses, friends and Brothers.

The church is located on the corner of Elizabeth & Kellick Streets. Waterloo and is serviced by bus route 309 which travels from Circular Quay via Castlereagh, Goulburn and Elizabeth Streets departing from Circular Quay 9:30am arriving Waterloo 9:48am.

We enjoyed a wonderful morning there in May, 1995. A number moved on to lunch at the nearby South Sydney Leagues Club and boasted of their exploits on the Redfern and Waterloo Ovals. Some recalled the exhibition game of hurling the Brothers played on Jubilee Oval, Glebe. A spirited game. It is said, six players went to hospital!

PATRICIAN BROTHERS INNER SYDNEY SCHOOLS ALUMNI.

Did you note our change of name. shown below our masthead on the first page? No longer are we 'Old Boys'.

We are now "Alumni", which is described in the Concise Oxford Dictionary of Current English as "[Former] pupils or students". With this change. Association is considered inappropriate. It's a bit like saying "First XI". No further explanation is necessary.

So. take a bow "Patrician Brothers Inner Sydney Schools Alumni"! However, to paraphrase a revered leader of the past. "Nothing will change "The Green Sash"".

WHERE WAS "MOUNTRATH?"

"Mountrath" is the town in County Laois (pronounced "leash") where the founder, Doctor Daniel Delaney, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin, was born in 1747.

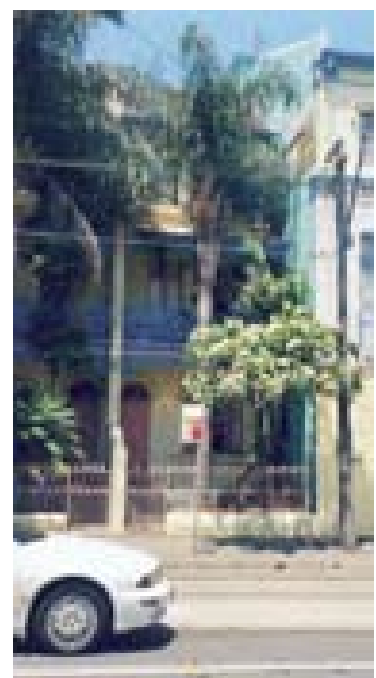
It was also the name of the dwelling used by the Patrician Brothers in Redfern from 1885 until St Patrick's Monastery was built in 1904. It is believed the house was on Cleveland Street, but its location is unknown. Can you help us find it?

Were the Brothers eligible to vote? If so, they may have appeared in the New South Wales electoral rolls. However, such registration, if any, will be in a Christian, not fraternal, name.

They surely would have made a return to the 1901 Census under the name of the householder.

Another source may be the "Sand's Directory". If shown, the name of the householder probably will be that of the Superior of the day. However, it well may be whoever happened to answer the door.¹ >>

1. Kevin continued with his investigations and in 2003 this photo was taken of 269 Cleveland Street, Redfern, where the Brothers lived in 1893 & 1894. Thanks to be Kevin we know that before moving into the 1904 monastery, the Brothers lived in six other locations around Redfern.



Then there is the family legend. "Granddad told my mother that the Brothers used to live in that house!" You would be surprised how often such a similar recollection has put a family historian on the right track.

If the house still exists, in all probability, the name has changed or been removed.

The Brothers known to have lived in Redfern during the period are shown below. In those days, they constantly were on the move to country towns, to Albury in the south. Armidale in the north and Wagga, Goulburn, Bathurst, Orange, Dubbo and Maitland in between.

Brothers Stanislaus Bergin. Dominic Bourke. Vincent Brosnan. Basil Cassidy, Xavier Dwyer, Alphonsus Eviston, Peter Gaynor. Albert Hanley, Sylvester Harmey, Ligouri Higgins, Clement Howlin, John Lee, James Long, Jerome McAuley, Austin McGrath. Baptist McGrath. Dominic O'Neill. Patrick O'Mahoney, Columba O'Reilly, Bernard O'Toole, Ignatius Price, Dominic Rickerby, Bernard Ryan. Eugene Ryan. James Ryan.

Bro Ignatius Price was Superior 1885 - 1890 and 1892 - 1893. Bro Stanislaus Bergin in 1891. That is all the information we currently have available to set you on your search.

Your prize is 12 months free subscription to "The Green Sash", together with an acknowledgment in the next issue. This is available to all informants.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

It is our boast that we produce "The Green Sash" at minimum cost and like the little green Catechism we all remember, our journal is "wholly set up and printed" in house. Such is true. BUT, the reproduction was always done gratis by another organisation. Such contact has been lost. Our sincere thanks for all they did for us in the past. Nothing was a trouble, no request a nuisance.

Last issue was reproduced by the office staff of Holy Cross College. Ryde. Our thanks.

To the Brothers and office staff of Holy Cross College, Ryde. As they say in the big end of town, "we look forward to a long and fruitful relationship."

ARCHIVES

Some may wonder why we include historical details in our journal. The time of oral history is fast fading. There is a need to have a written record of the past.

Is a member of your family researching the family history? Usually, the female members of the family are the oral historians - they remember the good, the bad, "there was a bit of a scandal about him/her!" etc.

The family relies on them, until they are gone. Then someone decides to do the family history. "If only Aunt Mary was still alive. She knew it all. Why didn't we write it down!"

The snippets we include help to collate a written record of the Patricians. For example. Brother Aloysius Hannigans record states, "No dates given for the six years of teaching at Redfern, but seem to be later than 1911". "Was at Forest Lodge for four years, no dates given, apparently post 1911". "Served at Mt Carmel for one year, apparently post 1911". Fortunately. "The Patrician" published by Bill Bourke in 1954 during Brother Aloysius' lifetime, contains the information that he was Principal at Forest Lodge from 1913 to 1917. An important record and another gap closed. Thanks, Bill.

"THE GREEN SASH" is forwarded to the Archivist, Patrician Brothers Generalate. Ireland.

Wholly set up and printed at "Forest Lodge", 34 Ferguson St., Forestville. 2087

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ALUMNI LUNCHEON - BALMAIN LEAGUES CLUB - SUNDAY, AUGUST 10 NOON FOR 1:00 PM

\$20.00 per person. Drinks will be to your own account

Have you heard people say, "It was great. You couldn't move"!

Well, that's how it was at South Sydney Leagues Club last year. We had a private room for 60 and 62 turned up. The Committee was delighted. Everybody had a great day. We record our thanks to the management and staff for the excellent service and first class meal.

We look forward to this year's Luncheon continuing in the same joyful manner. The room at Balmain Leagues will provide adequate space.

As with last year we intend to issue name tags IN LARGE LETTERS to make identification easy for all.

When forwarding your reservations please provide the CHRISTIAN and SURNAME of the members of your party. Spouses, family members, etc., are invited and we encourage you to bring them along.

Balmain Leagues Club is on Victoria Road, Rozelle. It is convenient to public transport and off street parking is available.

Remember lunch is at 1:00pm. So a noon arrival, or soon thereafter, will give you the opportunity to relax prior to lunch.

PLEASE CUT ALONG THE DOTTED LINE

I/We accept the invitation to attend the Luncheon at the Balmain Leagues Club for the Patrician Brothers Inner Sydney Schools Alumni on Sunday, 10 August 1997 at 1:00pm. \$20 per person.

[Form here for names and addresses.]

POST TO: Les McMahon, 5 Minogue Crescent, Glebe. 2037 Home Phone: 9660 1718

Cheque payable to: Patrician Alumni

TO BE POSTED NO LATER THAN MONDAY, 28 JULY, 1997

ANNUAL MASS AND COMMUNION

Again a wonderful attendance, even though we received apologies from those on overseas trips and others unable to come along because of family commitments. They were with us in spirit and we thank them for their support.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel is one of the truly beautiful churches of the Archdiocese. Set on a hill - a trial for the elderly - but what a splendid location it must have been when it was built in 1859.

Father Doyle and his parishioners made us most welcome and we extend our thanks to them.

Our thanks to Patricia and Les McMahon who provided the excellent morning tea and those who assisted. Also to the Patrician Brothers who joined with us. It is always great to see the white soutane and the green sash.

MINI RAFFLE

Our raffle is for a prize of to the value of \$100 with second and third prizes to bring the total value to \$150.

The draw will take place at our Luncheon on August 10. Les has guaranteed home delivery, in the metropolitan area, should you be successful.

The reason for the raffle is to offset postage and stationery costs. Be assured the decision to purchase is yours. You will not be harassed by ticket-sellers. However if you are unable to attend the Luncheon, it is an opportunity to be there in spirit.

As we did last year, we are being very cunning in preparing this page to back onto the Luncheon booking slip. The tickets are attached below and if you wish to return your butts with the "ready", please cut off where indicated and return to Les McMahon, 5 Minogue Crescent, Glebe 2037.

PLEASE CUT ALONG THE DOTTED LINE

I return the COMPLETED butts together with entry fee of \$5.00

POST TO: Les McMahon, 5 Minogue Crescent, Glebe 2037. Cheque
payable to: Patrician Alumni

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WELL DONE

The Committee was pleased to receive the following note from Brother Bernard Bulfin and Les McMahon has requested we share it with you.

*Patrician Brothers College
Fairfield
26.5.97*

Dear Les,

Congratulations to you and your Committee on the Mass and Re-union last Sunday. It was an excellent day and enjoyed by all.

Thanks for all the energy and hard work you all put into it and may God reward you and your families in ways he knows best.

God Bless

Bro. Bernard

WE PRESENT FOR YOUR INFORMATION OUR FINANCIAL REPORT

PATRICIAN BROTHERS INNER SYDNEY SCHOOLS ALUMNI STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER, 1996.

Previous Year	Receipts		Payments		Previous Year
235	Bank Balance brought fwd		647	Function Costs -	
2167	Function contributions			South Sydney Leagues Club	1160
	and donations	2125		(1995 Balmain)	907
8	Bank Interest	10		Holy Cross College, Ryde	600
			2135		1760
				Postage & Stationery	473
				Bank Charges	7
					6
					480
					2240
				Bank Balance carried fwd.	542 647
<u>\$2410</u>			<u>\$2782</u>		<u>\$2782</u> <u>\$2410</u>
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\$647	Bank Balance brought fwd.	\$542			
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Noel D. Sara
Chartered Accountant
(Honorary Treasurer) 11 April, 1997

THE SEARCH FOR 'MOUNTRATH'

The first home of the Patrician Brothers in Sydney, known to the Brothers as "Mountrath", was in the inner suburb of Redfern. It is said to have been on Cleveland Street between Chalmers (then known as Castlereagh) and Regent Streets, opposite Prince Alfred Park.

A search of the entire length of Cleveland Street in Sands' Directories and the 1901 Census failed to identify the dwelling. However, as a matter of interest, the writer discovered that the "Bat and Ball" hotel was then named the "Duke of Cleveland".

The Archives at St Mary's Cathedral advised that the 1898 Ecclesiastical Directory contained only the number of Brothers located at Redfern. No address was detailed. Similarly the 1901 Directory only revealed that seven Brothers were at Redfern.

A further search was made of the 1901 Census at the State Archives. It was restricted to those dwellings with 6-8 males. This made the scanning of the microfiche a relatively easy operation.

Listed under Census District 90, Municipality of Redfern, Belmore Ward, Sub-District D was "79 Pitt Street - Timothy Bergin, 7 males, 2 females". This, no doubt, was Brother Stanislaus Bergin.

The Census was conducted on the 31 March 1901, in geographical blocks of streets within sub-Districts, whereas Sands' Directories was compiled annually in alphabetical order of street names within municipalities.

To the City of Sydney Public Library to view Sands. This location was used because of the ready availability of the Sands and cheaper, speedier copying of the microfiche.

It should be noted that Sands begs to advise, "The whole of the information has been COLLECTED, COMPILED AND PRINTED BY A STAFF RESIDENT IN AND KNOWING THE CITY AND SUBURBS, therefore this edition should be as complete and reliable as it is possible to render so voluminous a work."

Sands' Directories shows - "79 Pitt Street - Patrician Brothers (R.C.)"

A further reference to Sands and the Census revealed "41 Pitt St" Rev. Richard O'Regan (R.C.). Father O'Regan later became the parish priest. The presbytery at 117 Redfern Street was built circa 1905.

The next step was to verify that the occupancy was from 1886-1904. Sands reveals the following:

- 1886 Redfern Street [south side] first mention in Sands of St Vincent's Church (R.C.) between Pitt and George Streets.
- 1887-89 Redfern Street [north side] between Elizabeth and Great Buckingham Streets. Price Rev Ignacio (R.C.) "Parkville" [unnumbered] 6 doors west of Elizabeth Street.
- 1889 First mention in Sands of school on Redfern Street [south side] between Pitt and George Streets. St Vincent's church previously only identified.
- 1890 38 Redfern Street [north side] between Elizabeth and Great Buckingham Streets. Price Rev Ignatius (R.C.) house numbered - "Parkville" now not recorded.
- 1891 46 Redfern Street [north side] between Elizabeth and Great Buckingham Streets. Price Rev Ignatius (R.C.) houses in street re-numbered. - "Parkville" not recorded.

Sands' Directories (Cont.)

- 1892 No record found. Ecclesiastical Directory shows Patrician Brothers at St. Charles' Villa, Ryde no community shown at Redfern.
- 1893 21 Pitt Street [east side] between James and Wells Streets - five doors south of James Street. Brother Ignatius
- 1894 269 Cleveland Street [south side] between Great Buckingham and Castlereagh [Chalmers] Streets, next to shop on corner of Cleveland and Chalmers Streets. Brother Ignatius
- 1895 No record found
- 1896 No record found.
- 1897 67 George Street [east side] between Short and Wells Streets - two doors south of Short Street. The Patrician Brothers
- 1898-02 79 Pitt St [east side] between Wells and Redfem Streets - three doors south of Town Hall Patrician Brothers (R.C.)
- 1903-05 93 Redfem Street [south-east] corner of Redfem and Pitt Streets, [now commercial premises] Patrician Brothers (R.C.)
- 1905 105 109-111 George Street, Redfem -[north east] corner of George and Turner Streets. Brothers of St Patrick Monastery.

From probably 1886-1891, the first dwelling identified to the Brothers in Redfem was "Parkville", on the north side of Redfem Street, opposite Redfem Park. Other houses immediately to the east were named "Louisaville" and "Midlothian". In 1890 it was numbered 38, which in 1891 was then changed to 46 because of further development beyond Elizabeth Street. It retains the same number today.

REDFERN STREET [NORTH SIDE]

here Elizabeth Street

- 28 Marr William G., auctioneer, "Ashford Villa"
- 30 Graham Rev C.W. (Wes.)
- 32 Hadkins Douglas M., "Ivanhoe"
- 34 Burkitt, William, "Midlothian"
- 36 Locke John R., builder, "Louisaville"
- 38 Price Rev. Ignatius (R.C.) "Parkville"
- 40 Gray Andrew, inspector of telegraphs ["Dudley House - Erected 1885" on top of building] Coyles Stables
here Great Buckingham Street

The above is an extract from the 1889 Sands. "Louisaville" and "Parkville" were unnumbered, the numbers 36 and 38 were established from 1890 Sands. This address is in easy walking distance of both the churches of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Waterloo and St Vincent de Paul, Redfem. Redfem originally formed part of the parish of Waterloo.

1892 was the beginning of the depression period of the time and it would have been even more difficult for the Brothers. .

No entry has been located in the 1892 Sands. Where had the Brothers gone? The 1892 Ecclesiastical Directory shows the Patrician Brothers at St Charles' Villa, Ryde, with no community at Redfern.

At the time the only feasible forms of transport would have been by train from Eveleigh Station to Ryde Station [West Ryde], which opened in 1886, followed by a three kilometre walk, or ferry from probably Darling Harbour, or (hereabouts, to perhaps the foot of Tennyson Road, Gladesville. The tram service from the city to Gladesville Bridge did not commence until December 1902, previously proceeding only as far as Rozelle Junction. At the official opening of Holy Cross College "on Sunday 3 July, 1898.... Dignitaries and visitors.... arrived by water and were conveyed to the college from Gladesville wharf in four-horse buses." (A Place of Pioneers - P. Geeves)

The 1893 Ecclesiastical Directory records the Brothers at 21 Pitt Street, Redfem. This is confirmed in Sands. 1894 Sands shows - "Brother Ignatius" at 269 (now 245) Cleveland Street between Great Buckingham and Castlereagh (now Chalmers) Streets.

CLEVELAND STREET [SOUTH SIDE]

here Great Buckingham Street

249 Mozell Thomas, fruiterer

251 Venos Andrew, fishmonger

255 Beaver John, carpenter Beaver Miss A., music teacher

257 Whitfield Peter B., wool broker 2

59 Terry James, boardinghouse

265 Roberts C., lime merchant

267 Lougheed Noah, inspector

269 Brother Ignatius

271 Donald William, chemist here Castlereagh [Chalmers] Street

In 1895, 269 Cleveland Street was occupied by Joseph Wearing. The Brothers' stay on Cleveland Street was of a short duration. The housing development between Elizabeth and Castlereagh [Chalmers] Streets, took place after 1885. Previously, Cleveland Street from Elizabeth to Castlereagh Streets was taken up by cement stores operated by C. Roberts.

Cleveland Street, in those days, was numbered from east to west. The numbers now run in the opposite direction which explains the change of house number from 269 to 245.

In 1895-1896 the Brothers have not been located at Redfern in Sands. The 1896 Ecclesiastical Directory shows a community at Redfem but no address is detailed.

In 1897 Sands' records the Patrician Brothers at 67 George Street (east side).

1898-1902 79 Pitt Street (east side).

1903-1905 93 Redfem Street (south side) .

1905 109-111 George Street (east side)

PITT ST (EAST SIDE)

here Wells Street

73 Redfern Town Hall

75 Grierson Robert .

77 Helman Samuel, builder

79 Patrician Brothers (R.C)

81 Curtis Rev T.J. (Pres.)

83 Ward John A

85 Parker Mrs F.

87 Poole William T., J.P.

here Redfem Street

REDFERN ST (SOUTH SIDE)

here Castlereagh [Chalmers] Street

73 White William, bread factory

75 Ryan Herbert, leather dresser

77 Bumett James

79 Isaacs A.

81 Sargeant J., pastrycook

83 Field Thomas

85 Baxter Mrs. Eliza

87 Roberts Mrs. E. "Ventnor Cottage" here Turner Street

89 Collins Williams

91 McNally John, printer

93 Patrician Brothers (R.C)

here Pitt Street

GEORGE ST (EAST SIDE)

here Redfem Street

Moyse Hy., post and

telegraph master

103 Murray Archibald

105 Gaffet Emile

107 King John

109-111 Brothers of St

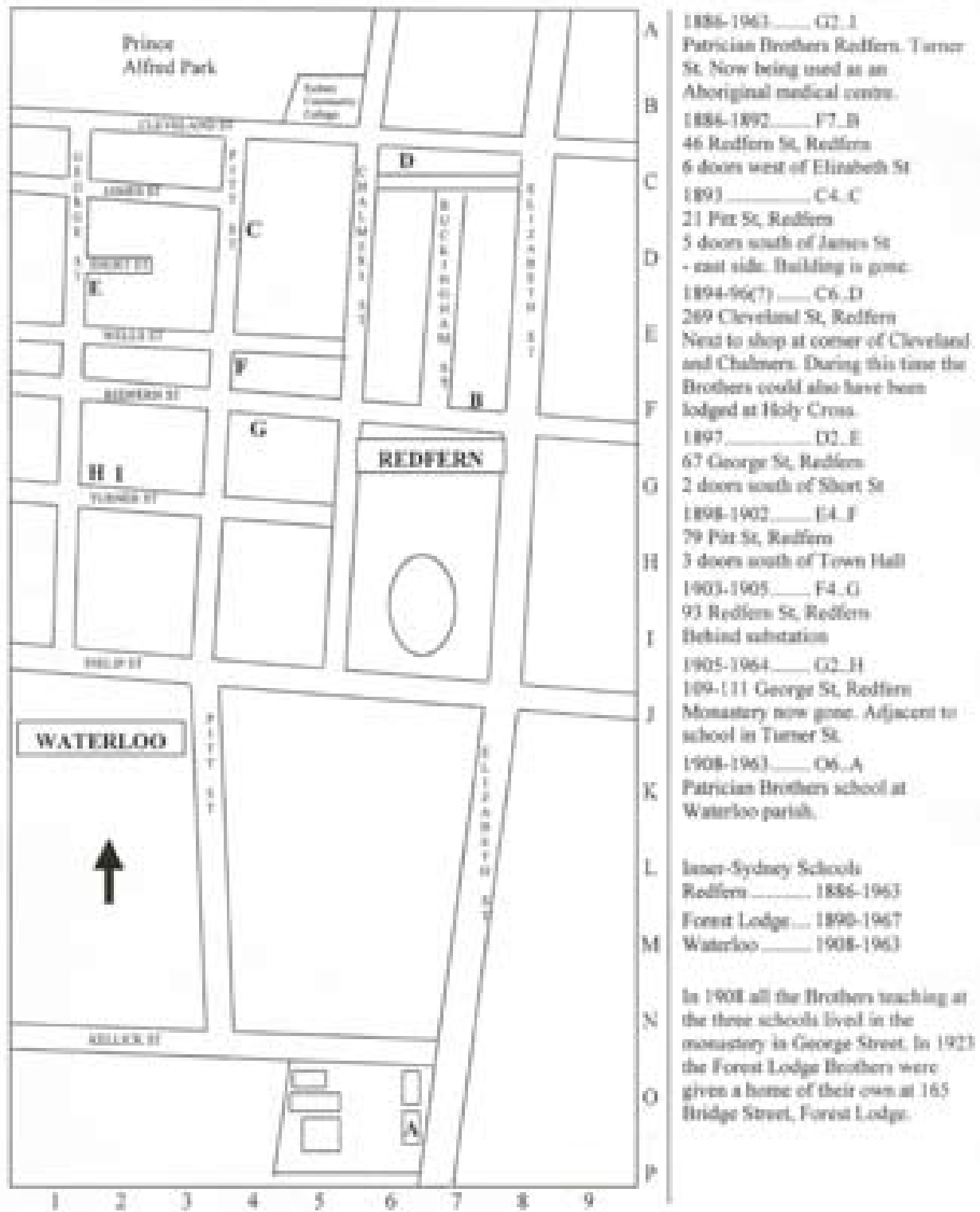
Patrick Monastery

here Turner Street

It seems that "MOUNTRATH" was at "Parkville", 38 [now 46] Redfem Street, 21 Pitt Street, 67 George Street, 269 [now 245] Cleveland Street, 79 Pitt Street and 93 Redfem Street. The addresses are in a block bounded by Elizabeth, Redfem, George and Cleveland Streets. That the dates are not precise is of little interest. What is important is that we have traced the steps of the Brothers, over a period of 20 years, from their arrival in Redfem in 1886 to the building of St Patrick's Monastery at 109 George Street, Redfern, their permanent residence for the next 60 years. St Patrick's Monastery closed in 1964 - the end of an era.

PATRICIAN REDFERN RESIDENCES, 1886 - 1964

When the Brothers were teaching in the inner Sydney schools of Redfern, and Forest Lodge, they lived at several different addresses until moving into a purpose-built monastery in George Street in 1905. The research into these addresses has been made by Kevin Scott who produces "The Green Sash". Details on these residences can be found in Kevin's July '97 edition of "The Green Sash".



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We wish all a happy and holy Christmas. This is most beautifully expressed in the following.

AN IRISH BLESSING

May the grace
of God's protection
and His great love
abide within your home
and within the hearts
of all who dwell inside.

A HISTORY OF THOSE WHO INSTILLED IN US THE GIFT OF FAITH.

The first religious to teach in the parish of Waterloo, which at that time incorporated Redfern, were the Institute of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan of the Order of St Benedict, founded by Archbishop Polding at Pitt Street, Sydney on 2 February, 1857. From 1866 to 1868 the Sisters of the Good Samaritan taught at Our Lady of Mount Carmel. The Sisters had to walk from Pitt Street, near Rawson Place, and their health became impaired. They reluctantly withdrew from the school and were replaced by the Sisters of Mercy who continue their work in the parish to this day. [[Photo: 1950 Mercy Sister at Mt Carmel. Name unknown. Photos thanks to John Roe and Les Miller.]]



The Sisters of Mercy first school in Redfern was the Sacred Heart school at 16 Pitt Street in 1894. The convent was located at 19 Pitt Street (East Side) five doors south of James Street (1895 Sands' Directories). In 1902 they established a convent at 109 Redfern Street, on the eastern side of the church of St Vincent de Paul. The convent was demolished some years ago but the Sisters of Mercy remain committed to serving the elderly of the parish.

The first Catholic school in Glebe was St. Mary's College, Lyndhurst. It was a famous Catholic school for boys in Sydney in the last century conducted by the Benedictine Fathers from 1853-1877.

The Sisters of the Good Samaritan commenced teaching in the parish of Forest Lodge in 1880 and are still active in the parish today.

In 1885 the Patrician Brothers commenced their work within the parish of Waterloo at Redfern followed by Forest Lodge in 1892 and Mount Carmel in 1908. Students at Redfern and Waterloo came not only from these convent schools but also from the Mercy convent schools of St. Mary's, Erskineville and St. Joseph's, Rosebery.

Most of our alumni started their earliest education at the convent schools. Many have spouses who completed their secondary education under the teaching of the Sisters.

Least of all we should not forget the parish priests and curates who were responsible for the parishes.

It is essential that we remember all that contributed to our education from kindergarten to our final year.

And so it was when the Committee discussed the production of a history of those who taught in the three parishes.

1. As Kevin mentions, when the Brothers first arrived to teach in Redfern, Redfern was a part of the Waterloo parish. And while the Brothers may have appeared in Redfern as early as 1885, the school did not open until January, 1886.

To bring life to such a record personal reminiscences are needed. If you have a recollection you wish to share for possible inclusion in this project, please forward it in writing to:

The Green Sash,
34 Ferguson St.,
Forestville, 2087.

We have, at this time, collated the names of almost 100 Patrician Brothers who taught at Redfem, Forest Lodge and Waterloo.

The Sisters of the Good Samaritan have supplied the names of several hundred Sisters who taught in the parish of Forest Lodge at St James and St Ita's convent schools and St Scholastica's College together with those who taught at Mount Carmel during their time there. They have also provided a most informative history of their involvement in the Forest Lodge schools.

Currently, research is being done at the archives of the Sisters of Mercy at North Sydney and again several hundred Sisters need to be identified.

Fortunately, The Catholic Weekly of 14 February, 1957 contained a most informative article on St Mary's College, Lyndhurst, Glebe. The Sisters of the Good Samaritan provided this copy for which we are most grateful.

It is of interest to note that Father Hugh Bernard Callachor, parish priest (1882-1891) and Father Myles Edmund Athy, assistant priest (1880-1887) at Forest Lodge, both Benedictines, taught Catechism at Lyndhurst in the 1870s. Coincidentally, Father Athy was one of two priests the Patrician Brothers had in their care in 1891 at St. Charles' Villa, Ryde, a home for aged and invalid priests, which at the time, was conducted in conjunction with Holy Cross College. Father Athy died at St. Charles' Villa on 19 October, 1891.

This is a major project and a further 12 months has been programmed to complete the research. A sub-committee has been formed to oversee the project through to publication. The Orders have been most helpful in making their records available. We thank them for their continued assistance.

Those who desire to have a family entry are encouraged to do so. There will be a modest charge for an entry, which will help to defray production costs. A format for lodging an entry will be included in future mail outs.

Progress reports will be included in following issues of The Green Sash. The Committee earnestly seeks the support of all alumni. A note from the Provincial, Brother Peter Ryan says it all:

"Great meeting on Sunday. There is tremendous energy around this project.

I look forward to seeing the project develop and suspect that given the enthusiasm the research phase will be shorter than anticipated.

Best wishes."

FOUR YEARS OF PUBLICATION AND STILL NO INCREASE IN PRICE.

We are proud of our effort in producing our journal. Over the period of issue a great deal of information has been collated and published. Copies are forwarded to the official archivists both at Holy Cross College, Ryde and the Patrician Brothers' Generalate at Tullow, County Carlow, Ireland. Your continuing support makes the effort worthwhile.

FRANCIS JOSEPH McMANUS (R.I.P)

Frank passed way on 1st October 1997. The Thanksgiving Mass celebrating Frank's life was held at St Thomas More Church, Brighton-le-Sands on the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, Tuesday 7th October.

It rained heavily throughout the day but that did not stop those who came from all over Sydney and as far as the Central Coast joining with Fay and family in mourning his passing. The church was filled and among them were many friends from Blacktown.

Frank was a classmate of the year of '45 at St James' Forest Lodge. As a boy he was a gentle giant. Frank was a strong CYO and Balmain League player until he suffered a recurring shoulder injury.

Of his charity, Frank had a lifetime commitment to the Society of St Vincent de Paul. He cared about those less well off and the youth of our nation. Some say Frank loved an argument. It was simply his way of questioning what he believed to be wrong.

Requiescat in pace.

FOR YOUR DIARY - THE YEAR OF '98

It has been agreed we will sponsor only two events in 1998.

The Annual Mass will be held at St James' Church, Glebe on Sunday 17 May 1998 at 10.00 a.m.

We are confident the weather will be balmy. A barbecue is programmed after the Mass so there will be no need to rush home to prepare lunch.

The old parish name of Forest Lodge has been changed to Glebe. It was confusing to newcomers to the suburb who searched the 'phone book in vain for the Catholic Church. Generally, old-timers in the area applied Forest Lodge to the area west of the old Balmain tramline. The line wound its way from Parramatta Road along Derwent, Catherine and Mount Vernon Streets into St John's Road then turned into Ross Street and continued along what is now Minogue Crescent before entering the Crescent and crossing the canal into the suburb of Annandale. This, of course, put the Glebe Town Hall on the wrong side of the tracks.

Geographically, Forest Lodge seems to no longer exist, if it ever did. Glebe Morgue is located on Parramatta Road through to Arundel Street, beyond Ross Street, slap-bang in Forest Lodge. The writer has an involuntary seizure every time he hears or reads "Glebe Morgue" in the media and nearly becomes a client!

The Annual Luncheon in 1998 will be held at South Sydney Leagues' Club.

There is the problem of South Sydney, Balmain, Sydney Swans, etc. We need to avoid a clash of fixtures, a very difficult task. This will be kept in mind in deciding upon the date that is anticipated to be in August.

Further information regarding these events will be highlighted in our next issue.

ROTATION OF VENUES.

The Committee has confirmed its policy of rotating its Annual Mass between Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Waterloo and St James, Glebe. The Annual Lunch in that year will be held at the other location, e.g. Mass at St James, Glebe then the Luncheon will be at South Sydney and vice-versa.

REPORT ON 1997 ANNUAL LUNCHEON.

Again, another successful afternoon.

Our thanks to go "Tigertown" and Balmain Leagues' Club. We had the sole use of the restaurant with a grand view of Iron Cove and Birkenhead Point.

Some 60 of us enjoyed an excellent meal and wonderful company.

Brothers Gerald Egan, Basil Downey, Gerard Bulfin, Peter Higgins, Malachy Guidera, Charles Barry, Patrick Lovegrove, Bernard Bulfin and Peter Ryan joined with us.

Sadly, Brother Malachy Corbett was unable to attend owing to illness. We are happy to report Br. Malachy is back on his feet and we look forward to seeing him with some of his Holy Cross College colleagues at South Sydney Leagues' in '98.

Again, a note from Brother Peter Ryan puts it in a nutshell.

"Dear Les,

Just a note of appreciation for your direction of Sunday's gathering. It was not hard to tell that there was high level of satisfaction and a great deal of enjoyment among us all.

These occasions have proved to be very significant in the lives of a wonderful group of people. There's lots of animation when we get together and the likes of Br. Gerald, Basil etc. receive a real boost.....

Sincerely."

Brother Bernard Bulfin's note supported those remarks.

"Dear Les & Committee,

With sincere thanks for a most enjoyable get-together and delicious dinner in Tiger territory.

God bless."

Brother Bernard brought along his camera to capture the event for posterity. We had hoped to provide a colour copy but production costs ruled against it and so had to settle for black and white. The colour may be missing but the enjoyment is evident.



CORRESPONDENCE

A recent letter from Frank and Eileen Coriess, both raised in Redfern and educated at St Vincent's schools, longtime supporters of the Patrician Brothers and now in retirement at Gerrington, carries with it their very best wishes to the Brothers and alumni. Many may recall Frank as Master of Ceremonies at the Patrician Brothers concerts held at Sydney Town Hall. Distance and age preclude their attendance to Sydney but they follow our activities and read our journal with great interest.

FROM THE PAST. St. Vincent's Redfern. Successful candidates. Intermediate Examination 1932.

John Bastic, William Cocks, John Dalton, Sydney Fegan, Patrick Griffiths, Vincent Hallinan, Sydney Mobberley, Patrick Monaghan, Raymond Smith, Leo Spencer. [Photo: Two of these appear in the 1931 photo below: Leo Spencer, back row third from left; and Patrick Monaghan, middle row, centre, as he was captain.]

Pat Griffiths appears in the Luncheon photo.



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ANNUAL MASS AT ST. JAMES' CHURCH, FOREST LODGE
SUNDAY 17 MAY 9.30 a.m.

The Committee extends a warm invitation to alumni and spouses, their families and friends to our Annual Mass on Sunday, 17 May at St. James' Church, Woolley Street, Forest Lodge - in the heart of Glebe - to commence at 9.30 a.m.

We also extend a cordial invitation to alumnae of St. Ita's and St. James' convent schools and St. Scholastica's College.

Parking is available in the schoolyard located behind the church. Please use the driveway between the Good Samaritan school and the presbytery for access.

All are invited to a cup of tea and sausage sizzle in the presbytery courtyard following the Mass. To assist in catering please advise Les McMahon of your attendance -phone 9660 1718.

FROM THE PAST

On Sunday 1 September, 1878, at the solemn opening of St James' Church, a High Mass was celebrated by the Rev John S. Vaughan. The sermon ("Blessed are the eyes that have seen the things you see") was delivered by Archbishop Roger Bede Vaughan. Admission was by ticket. The choir (Mr. Peter Curtis) and the organ Miss Fitz-Stubbs) performed Weber's in G and Mozart's 12th. The Church, Venetian Gothic, of Pymont stone and New Zealand kauri pine, was designed by John Fitzpatrick, stained glass by Messes Falconer and Ashwin, tiles by Lynn, Cottier and Co.

In September, 1911, Father Coonan requests permission to extend St James' Church. He applied for a temporary loan from the Cathedral Building Fund since "the Committee of St. James' refused the late pastor to guarantee the debt on the parish in 1886". On the 19 September, 1911, Archbishop Kelly recommends that "the extension in question be not postponed".

[Extracts from "St. James' Church - A Chronicle of Parish Life (1877 - 1977)" compiled by John Fletcher]

FAITH OF OUR FATHERS

A few weeks back the ABC on Channel 2 presented an Irish program *Faith of our Fathers* that was pure delight. The writer every now and again replays it and sings along. If there were a top twenty of hymns these would fill the number. We don't seem to hear them anymore. The Video and CD are available from ABC shops at \$29.95 each. You will love it! (This is the opinion of the writer and not necessarily of the management.)

PROGRESS REPORT ON OUR HISTORICAL PROJECT

The initial research to identify those Brothers who served at Redfem, Forest Lodge and Waterloo has been completed. The listing is subject to review and a thorough check by the project sub-committee.

Records show that three Brothers had a long association with one of each of the schools.

Redfem	Brother Baptist McGrath	20 years	Arrived Sydney 1888	Died 1945
Forest Lodge	Brother Cyril Boland	26 years	Arrived Sydney 1916	Died 1964
Waterloo	Brother Ignatius Barrett	16 years	Novice Orange 1924	Died 1979



Baptist in 1909



Cyril in 1929



Ignatius in 1924

Many will recall them. Brothers Cyril and Ignatius taught at all three schools. Brother Baptist at Redfem and Forest Lodge. They are but three of the 97 Brothers who laboured at our schools from 1885 to 1967.

Up to 1928 the Brothers also served, at various times, at Albury, Armidale, Bathurst, Dubbo, Goulburn, Maitland, Orange and Wagga. From 1891 Holy Cross College, Ryde, had need, at times, of the services of the Brothers from the inner city schools. The same can be said of Granville, Wahroonga and Narellan. Some of the Brothers served in almost all locations.

Tracing the Brothers' movements has been one of the enlightening experiences of the research, particularly in the early years when they moved from one country town to another across the State.

Towards the closure of the inner city schools, the Brothers identified their mission in the western suburbs at Blacktown (1952) Fairfield (1953), Liverpool (1954), Sefton (1961), Narellan (1963) and Marayong (1981) adding to their first school in the western suburbs at Granville (1942). Regional constraints subsequently required the Brothers to withdraw from Sefton and Marayong.

In 1968 the Brothers commenced a new venture in Papua New Guinea at Aitape. This year will see the Papua New Guinea community self-reliant.

In 1995 the Brothers answered a call for help from Thursday Island.

These recent endeavours are all in living memory, but the history of the inner city schools needs to be collated. Much does exist, but there are gaps to be filled and separate records interwoven.

Those Sisters of the Good Samaritan who taught in the Waterloo and Forest Lodge have been identified by that Order's archivists.

Work is continuing with the Sisters of Mercy to identify those Sisters who taught at Waterloo, Redfem, Rosebery and Erskineville. These convent schools were pipelines to both Redfem and Waterloo. We are receiving assistance from their archivist.

The Priests who ministered to the parishioners are to be detailed. Those at Forest Lodge up to 1977 have been listed in *The Chronicle* aforementioned, so little remains to be done in that parish.

Similarly, many that ministered at Our Lady of Mt Carmel, Waterloo have been identified up to 1958. So again, little will remain to be done there.

St Vincent's, Redfem, however will require a great deal of work particularly in respect of the curates.

Finally, the Benedictines who taught at Lyndhurst at Glebe to 1877 will need to be identified. Some are detailed in the Sands' Directories and no doubt the archives of the Archdiocese will be of assistance.

S. S. CEPHALONIA [photo], of Liverpool 3489 tons, from the Port of London, arrived Port Jackson on 7 March 1883. Among those on board were the Reverends Dominic and Fintan O'Neill, namesakes only, the first Patricians to come to Australia. They travelled First Class, thanks to the Bishop of Maitland. Yes, the *CEPHALONIA* was a steamship! [The Irish Brothers travelled to Australia by boat until 1959 when Brs Charles Barry, Peter Higgins, and Flannan McCann travelled by plane...economy class.]



FAMILY ENTRIES

The Committee extends an invitation to alumni to include a record of their association with their school to be included in the history. A sample of an information sheet is set out below.

SCHOOL	St James'	SURNAME	Scott	THEN ADDRESS	34 Hereford St Glebe
Student's Christian Names	Born	Years at school in	Parish Father	Mother	
Zita Mary Agnes	1894	c 1899 • 1908	Athanasius James	Mary Teresa (nee Keane)	
Mary Frances	1896	c 1901 -1910			
Catherine Cecilia	1898	c 1903 -1912			
Agnes Veronica	1900	c 1905 -1914			
Athanasius James II	1902	c 1907 -1916			
Dorothy Margaret Winifred	1906	c 1911 -1920			
Barry John	1930	1935 -1944	Athanasius James II	Linda May (nee Wood)	
Kevin Athanasius	1931	1936-1945			
Paul Aloysius	1932	1938 -1947			
GaiTherese	1954	1960-1971S*	Kevin Athanasius	Barbara Jean (nee Lawler)	

S* indicates proceeded to St Scholastica's

COMMENT. My great aunt, Mary A. Scott, Sister Mary Zita, entered the Sisters of the Good Samaritan at Pitt St in 1883. She was professed on 4 January, 1887 and taught music at Balmain. She died on 27 March 1897 aged 35 years in the 14th year of her religious life and is buried at Rosebank.

The above entry shows three generations of the Scott family, all of whom were educated by the Sisters of the Good Samaritan with the males proceeding in 3rd Class to the Patrician Brothers.

In the case of St Vincent's and Our Lady of Mt Carmel where primary education was at Rosebery or Erskmeville convent school a notation would be required, e. g. , -

SCHOOL	Mount Carmel	SURNAME	DOE	THEN ADDRESS	24 John St Rosebery
John Tobias	01/01/1945	c 1950 - 1959R	(indicating Rosebery convent school)		

The above examples are an endeavour to draw out as much information as possible. The choice as to the information you desire to include is yours alone. Forms will be provided with future issues of TGS.

MINIRAFFLE

We apologise for failing to report the result of the Miniraffle in our last issue.

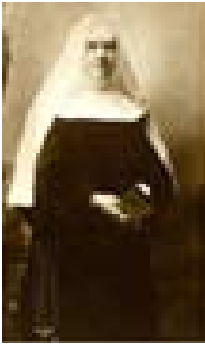
ROLL OF DRUMS — — — SILENCE, PLEASE!

THE WINNERS.

First prize Frank Jackson Second prize Taylor Hayes Third prize Patricia McMahon

OUR CONGRATULATIONS. THE COMMITTEE THANKS ALL FOR THEIR SUPPORT.

MY CHURCH



Recently the Editorial Committee received, in the post, *St James' Parish, Forest Lodge - Planned-Giving Programme, 1964.*

One page of the brochure bears a photo of St Ita's, Lyndhurst and the convent of the Good Samaritan on Bridge Road, Glebe. It also contained the following article. [Photo: Good Samaritan Sr Charles was in charge of St Ita's when it opened in 1900. The Sisters would walk from St Scholastica's, Glebe Point. The school closed in 1955 due to a lack of enrolments. Photo taken from Good Samaritan website.]

This Brochure is dedicated to my Church.

BEFORE I was born, my Church gave to my parents ideals of life and love that made my home a place of strength and beauty. In helpless infancy, my Church joined my parents in consecrating me to Christ and in baptising me in His Name.

My Church enriched me in my childhood with the SACRAMENTS and the lessons of life that have become part of my personal make-up. Sometimes, I seem to have forgotten and then, when else I might be in danger of surrendering my ideals the truths of my Church taught me, help me to face the realities of life.

In the stress and storm of adolescence my Church heard the surge of my soul and she guided my footsteps by lifting my eyes heavenwards.

When first my heart knew the strange awakenings of love, my Church taught me to chasten and spiritualise my affections, she sanctified my marriage and blessed my home.

When my heart was seamed with sorrow and I thought the sun would never shine again, my Church drew me to the Friend of all the weary, and whispered to me the hope of another morning eternal and tearless.

When my steps have stopped and I have known the bitterness of sin, my Church has given me faith and hope, welcoming me back to the love of God.

Now have come the children, dearer to me than life itself, and my Church is helping me to train them for all joyous and Christlike living.

My Church calls me to her heart. She asks for my service and my loyalty. She has a right to ask it. I will help her do for others what she has done for me. Let me unite, in a spirit of charity, with the other members of the Parish in which I live, so that, together as one family, we may keep alight the torch of faith in ourselves and our children, showing the way to all men of goodwill.

Our thanks to Pat and Geraldine McManus (nec McCartney).

**ANNUAL LUNCHEON
SOUTH SYDNEY LEAGUES' CLUB
Sunday 16 August, 1998
Noon for 12.45 p.m.**

This year we return to the South Sydney Leagues Club. We have the use of the auditorium so there will be ample space to move and mix.

Paste the date in your hat-band, stick it on the fridge, but don't forget it.

and

Remember we are at the Majors not the Minors

We have reviewed the major sporting fixtures and consider 16 August most suitable date to all.

SEE THE NEXT ISSUE FOR MORE INFORMATION

Brother Majella E Tobin, fsp (R.I.P.)

It is with sadness that we record the passing, in his 83rd year, of Brother Majella at Ballyfin, County Laois, Ireland.

Born at Kilworth, County Cork, Ireland on 3 November 1915, Brother Majella entered the Novitiate at Tullow, County Carlow on 14 August, 1933.

1935-1937	Galway, Co. Galway
1937-1938	Tullow, Co. Carlow
1938-1946	BaUyfin, Co. Laois
1946-1950	Forest Lodge
1951-1952	Redfem
1952-1954	Ryde
1954-1955	Redfem
1955-1976	Ryde
1977-1986	Tullow, Co. Carlow
1986-1997	Ballyfin, Co. Laois



Called to his eternal reward on 16 December, 1997 in the 65th year of his religious life.

Brother Majella was one of the group of Brothers who sailed to Australia in 1946 on the British aircraft carrier *Indomitable*. They were the first Patrician Brothers to come to Australia from Ireland since the outbreak of World War II in 1939.

While at Redfem in 1954 and 1955, "Brother Majella had to go to Ryde on Fridays to supervise cadets."

"The Cadet Corps (at Holy Cross College) was well organized by Brother Majella (Captain Tobin) and gained distinction for the band and for rifle shooting. In 1954 the unit was placed first in the AN.A Shield (for shooting) among the State (of NSW) schools and second in the Commonwealth to Adelaide High School..... In 1956 the Hon J.O. Cramer took the salute and presented prizes. That year there were 111 cadets in the unit..... On parade days the bugler's reveille replaced the usual *Benedicamus Domino*."

(Extracts from the histories of Redfem and Ryde compiled by Brother Paul O'Connor)

An outstanding teacher. Brother Majella was renown also for his fund raising and organisation capabilities. He successfully promoted one of the first Walkathons held in Sydney to raise funds for the College.

In 1977, failing health caused his return to Ireland.

Many whose lives were influenced by Brother Majella gathered in the Holy Cross College Chapel for a Memorial Mass on the evening of Monday 22 December, 1997 to celebrate his life and honour his memory.

Requiescat in pace.

Those who die in grace go no further from us than to God and God is very near.

GOLDEN JUBILARIANS

We congratulate Brothers Joseph (Malachy) Guidera [top photo] and Benedict Olsen who this year celebrate the Golden Jubilee of their profession as Patrician Brothers.

Brother Benedict is an alumnus of St Vincent's, Redfern and among his many endeavours is renown for the establishment of the playing fields at Holy Cross College, Ryde and St. Patrick's, Blacktown,

Brother Joseph arrived in Australia from Ireland in 1952 and has served at Forest Lodge, Mt Carmel, Granville, Blacktown, Fairfield, Ryde and Thursday Island.



PATRICIAN BROTHERS' INNER SYDNEY SCHOOLS ALUMNI STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS For the Year ended 31 December, 1997					
1996	Receipts	1997	Payments	1997	1996
\$		\$		\$	\$
<u>647</u>	Bank balance brought forward	<u>542</u>	Function Costs		
			Balmain Leagues'	1340	1160
2125	Function Contributions and	1501	(1996 South Sydney)		
	Donations		Holy Cross College, Ryde	-	600
10	Bank Interest	2		1340	1760
			Postage & Stationery	346	473
-	Patrician History Project		Gov't & Bank Charges	3	7
	Brothers' Donation	500		349	480
2135		2003		1689	2240
			Bank balance carried fwd.	856	542
<u>\$2782</u>		<u>\$2545</u>		<u>\$2545</u>	<u>\$2782</u>
<u>\$542</u>	Bank balance brought fwd, 1/1/98	<u>\$856</u>	Noel D. Sara		
			Chartered Accountant		
			(Honorary Treasurer) 20 th March, 1998		

As can be seen from the above financial statement our organisation is run on a shoestring. Not a cent is wasted. Our mini-raffle provides a small profit, donations make up the difference. We are reliant on your financial support. We want all to receive *THE GREEN SASH*. Those who feel they can afford a donation, no matter how small, are asked to send it to the address shown at the foot of this page. Cheques should be made payable to *Patrician Brothers Alumni*.

While our bank balance on the January 1, 1998 was \$856, of that amount \$500 is dedicated to the historical project and is not available for operating costs.

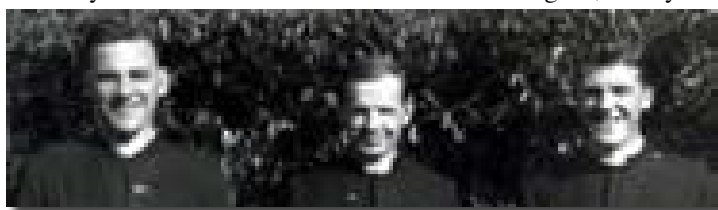
The Committee has resolved to donate \$150 for the purchase of much needed textbooks for Brother Gary Ambai at the Aitape school. The problems the Brothers face in Papua New Guinea are very much like those confronted by the pioneer Patricians when they came to Australia over 100 years ago. The school is seriously under-resourced and the people among whom they work are very poor. If you have any old primary textbooks you think may be suitable, please contact Brother Peter Ryan, 'phone 9809 6427.

We are examining ways of funding the production of our *Historical Project*. New technologies are to be investigated e.g., computer driven records, internet access, establishment of a website leading to the capability to produce copies, as needed, rather than holding stocks of printed books that require a large upfront outlay.

Your support by way of a *FAMILY ENTRY* will assist in meeting our objective. At this stage we don't know what the costs will be. We expect there will be a modest charge for a *Family Entry* that also will ensure that you receive a copy of the *History* at no extra cost.

BON VOYAGE

Brothers Gerald Egan and Joseph (Malachy) Guidera shortly return to Ireland to visit fraternal colleagues, family and friends. Brother Gerald was at Mt. Carmel from 1950 to 1956, Brother Joseph at Forest Lodge in 1952 and Mt. Carmel 1953 to 1960. We wish both a joyous holiday and safe return. [Photo: (l-r) Joseph (Malachy) Guidera, Gerald Egan, and Patrick Lovegrove in 1954 at Redfern.]



THANK YOU

We record our thanks to the Brothers and Staff of Holy Cross College for their assistance in the reproduction of *THE GREEN SASH*. A production run of 200 copies is quite a demand on the time and facilities of the College. To the Office Staff, a special word of thanks for their ever ready help and kindness.

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[[For this issue Kevin changed the appearance of the front page of *The Green Sash*, and over the next few issues of the journal he continued to experiment just a little: Kevin was prepared and even anxious to move with the times as best he could.

However, for this presentation of Kevin's work we will maintain a consistent layout/presentation as best we can.]]

**ONCE A SOLDIER....
Brother Aloysius J. Howlin
"Papal Zouave and Patrician Brother"**

by Br Linus Walker fsp¹

In 1977 the Patrician Brothers, Galway published a pamphlet by Brother Linus H. Walker on the life of Brother Aloysius John Howlin, an extraordinary man.
(Headings have been added for ease of reference.)

BY WAY OF EXPLANATION

For many years in diverse places interested persons have questioned the Patrician Brothers about their distinctive green sash and its historical background.

An answer required that research be focused on Brother Aloysius J. Howlin from County Wexford, for to him goes the credit for the existence of the sash. The present pamphlet serves a dual purpose. It answers the question about the distinctive green sash and gives an outline history of the development of the Congregation of Patrician Brothers during the lifetime of Brother Aloysius.

One learns from "Once A Soldier..." that Bro Aloysius John Howlin was one of the most dynamic back-room men to have entrusted his life and talents to the Patrician Brothers. He brought a new dignity – and urgency – to everything he undertook. A man of virile spirituality, boundless energy and scholarly accomplishments he inspired confidence by the strength of his convictions and the open sincerity of his heart.

1. Br Linus Walker is the Congregational Archivist of the Congregation. He has written books and many booklets on the history of the Congregation and on its members. Br Linus gave great assistance to Kevin in his work; and no doubt Br Linus thought Kevin's work of great assistance too.

In his efforts to assist in winning Papal Approval for his Institute he learned how the balm of soft words can prove ineffective against the harshness of reality. A man of vision, he raised his eyes beyond the boundaries of his native Ireland to Australia and India. To many weary confreres he symbolized strength, to those who experienced confusion he pointed a way, for those drifting he set a course, to those despairing he was a dynamic figure of promise. One might truly say his life was routine and unspectacular, yet his impact on those he met and on the history of his Congregation was truly remarkable.

Brother Aloysius was a man of God, totally dedicated to the ideal of serving God through the Brotherhood. No labour was too great for him, no burden too heavy, no distance too remote when the work of the Congregation was concerned.

We are deeply indebted to Brother Linus Walker for reincarnating Brother Aloysius in this carefully written historical pamphlet which necessitated much painstaking research and documentation. Hopefully through his efforts we may be inspired to steel our wills for accomplishment, undaunted by faults and failures, as Brother Aloysius shows, seeming to thrive in adversity, yet always remaining in the background, content to do the hard work.

As you peruse this pamphlet you will discover the openness of the response of Brother Aloysius to the Divine call; you will discover the loyal, stouthearted, cheerful Wexfordman; you will discover 'the true believer'.

*Brother Robert J. Ruane,
Superior General,
Patrician Brothers' Generalate,
Tullow Hill, Tullow, Co. Carlow,
July 9, 1977*

Brother Aloysius - Background



Brother Aloysius John Howlin was born in 1837 and raised in Mulrankin, County Wexford where he had an all too short primary education followed by six years behind a drapery counter in Wexford town. There he had the good fortune to be involved with the O'Connell Debating Club, membership of which taught him many things of which he must otherwise have remained ignorant. There had been further shop service in Dublin, then a never to be forgotten half year's soldiering "for the Pope". [Photo: Aloysius Howlin, c. 1900.]

He had enlisted in Dublin in April 1861 and with 20 others had travelled via Liverpool and Hull to Antwerp, the very first contingent of 'The Battalion of St. Patrick' to embark on the papal service. They had a week in Rome, then on to Spoleto. John Howlin's company of 120 went with General Schmidt to the defence of Perugia and its archiepiscopal palace. Overwhelming forces forced the surrender of the garrison. Two months of captivity followed, first at Leghorn and then at Genoa. The war ended after Castelfidardo and Pius IX had voluntarily become 'the Prisoner of the Vatican'. The prisoners of war had been declared free, but a Liberal government at Whitehall had refused to be interested, saying any that of its subjects who had gone to fight for the Pope had thereby forfeited his British citizenship. As a result 'The Battalion of St. Patrick' belonged nowhere, until those who had sent it out in the first place organized its return. Money was collected and they were returned to Cork. From there John Howlin had gone to Dublin to seek employment.

From the train he had gone to a little eating-house he knew. There he shared a table with Brother Patrick McCrystal from a small monastery in the Queen's [Laois] County. This chance meeting had been for John Howlin the beginning of a new adventure. Because of it, at the age of 24, he transferred from 'The Battalion of St. Patrick' to the 'Brothers of St. Patrick'.

In January 1872, Aloysius would find himself charged with the senior classes at Mountrath College and so virtual head of the school. In the Congregation he had had the minimum terms as postulant and novice and since profession had filled the last place on the college staff. He had learned his mathematics under Brother Augustine Marnell and had been coached in the modern and classical authors by Brother Bernard Kennedy. He had never had any formal training for teaching and, he was quite sure could never have been considered a possible headmaster. What he knew he had learned from observation and an early-days apprenticeship to Brother Patrick McCrystal.



Br McCrystal in 1884

Character and leadership were now being asked of him, Augustine would be in charge of mathematics, Patrick would continue to look after some of the classics and he would have the benefit of their guidance and advice.

The Question of Self-government

As far back as 1869 a conference of the three monasteries which comprised the Brotherhood of St Patrick had adopted certain resolutions calculated to meet the long-term needs of the Congregation. In December 1871, 16 delegates had assembled at Mountrath where they repeated their adherence to these ideals and pledged themselves to seek a form of self-government and a common novitiate for all the monasteries. Some held very strongly for 'loyalty to the Bishops' and would have the Brothers remain a diocesan Congregation. Most would agree that a central novitiate was to be desired, but opinions differed as to whether such an establishment was possible without a general superior who would be independent of the Bishops.

In September 1872 a conference of Superiors, Brothers Paul Palmer of Tullow, John Lynch of Galway and Augustine Marnell of Mountrath was held at Tullow. The result was that the three men went together to see the Coadjutor Bishop of the diocese and proposed to him three steps which seemed necessary for the common good of the Congregation. These were a common novitiate, the appointment of a general superior with power over all the monasteries and an approach to Rome seeking the status of a pontifical Institute. They were unsuccessful.

In 1873 the Brothers, at the invitation of the Dean of Cashel, established a primary and classical school in the parish of Fethard in Co. Tipperary. This foundation represented the first attempt at expansion since the failure of an endeavour in the United States in the mid-forties.

In 1879 the four communities co-operated in establishing a new foundation at Mallow in Co. Cork.

Missionary Hopes

In March 1880 took place the election to find a successor for Brother Dominic O'Neill as superior at Mountrath. Aloysius found himself elevated to that most unwanted office, but he applied himself to his duties.

The single most important development was the acceptance into the monastery of 15 young postulants to be trained for the Australian dioceses of Maitland, Bathurst and Goulburn. In this project Aloysius had the keenest interest and his secret hope was that he might be one of the advance guard which was to be sent to prepare the way for these young men. In this he was to be disappointed, for when the time came Dominic and Fintan, both

O'Neills though unrelated, were the men selected. Four months after the departure of these pioneers in 1883 his term of office ended and he was not re-elected. Far heavier responsibilities were in the offing.



In this amazing 1884 photo we have Br McCrystal at Mountrath with the young men who had been prepared for the Australian mission.

Unfortunately the Brothers were no identified, but some we can conclude from later photos.

One of these was the hapless Malachy Dwyer who drowned in the Murray River just months after arriving in Australia, no more than a years after this photo was taken.

Note that McCrystal is wearing a sash which is interesting for reasons we will not go into here.

Papal Approbation - A Slow Business

The same summer of 1883 saw Brother Paul Hughes back in Ireland, the very first visit home of a Brother from overseas. But Brother Paul was not on holidays; he was on a questing tour for the benefit of his orphanage at Madras, India and on his way through Rome had somehow managed an interview with the Cardinal Secretary of the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith. Discussion of the work at Madras had led Cardinal Simeoni to suggest that since the Brothers now had foundations on three continents it was scarcely consistent or convenient for them to remain an entirely diocesan Congregation. His Eminence thought that steps should be taken to seek recognition of a fully-fledged pontifical institute with its own central government. The Cardinal's recommendation rekindled old fires and revived hopes long dead in the dust, directing the Brothers to take up plans left in abeyance nearly a decade earlier.

In July 1883 a general conference met at Galway and Brother Paul was invited to be present. A document was drawn up for circulation to the monasteries and after it had been approved in each a second conference assembled at Mountrath in the week before Christmas. It was agreed that someone must go to Rome in order that the Galway document and all other necessary papers should be cast in proper canonical form and entered for approval by Propaganda. For this labour of supreme importance and altogether unknown difficulty Aloysius was nominated, with Paul as a kind of part-time, unofficial, assistant to aid him in negotiating the uncharted channels of Roman procedure. Alphonsus [Delaney] and Paul [Hughes?] were dispatched to Tullow to seek permission of the Bishop, Dr. Lynch. They returned with the laconic instruction that the Brothers were "to do whatever Cardinal Simeoni recommended." Thus armed, Aloysius set out on Christmas Eve with the intention of joining Paul in Rome and being back in Mountrath in time for the resumption of classes after Twelfth Day.

Aloysius had not been prepared for the many complexities of procedure and the snail's pace, it seemed, progress was to be made at Rome. A consulter in Canon Law, Dr Gualdi, would see to the preparation of the documents and the presentation of their case before the Sacred Congregation. The Constitutions needed to be translated into Italian. An immediate revision of the entire Rule was required. Propaganda would set up an expert commission before which the petition must be presented and which would scrutinize everything. Everything. The beginnings, aims, history, procedures and proposed Constitutions of the Brotherhood would all come under review. It was most thorough and it was all laid down. So much for a speedy disposal of their business.

Permission to Wear the Green Sash

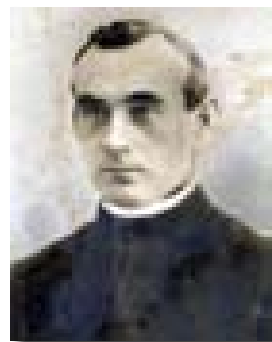
Towards the end of February 1884 Aloysius obtained an introduction to Signor Mellata, secretary to the Pope's Major Domo. Thanking the Father Secretary for his kindness in affording the interview he had thought to end the business with a joke, remarking that if the Holy Father knew who sought the interview things would be different. "After all" he concluded, 'he wouldn't be Pope at all only for me.' He had to explain this reference to his guard duty at Perugia, but there the conversation had ended.

It was with real surprise and immense pleasure that he received from the office of the Major Domo and delivered by hand a gilt-edged, red-ribboned and red sealed missive inviting him to a 'private audience' with His Holiness, Pope Leo XIII, Successor of St. Peter, Patriarch of the West. A smiling chamberlain had presented him with the words "Holy Father – The Irishman who says you would not be Pope but for him." In the act of going on his knees, Aloysius had halted thunder-stricken and embarrassed, but Leo had laughed and enquired as to the nature of his "Irish friend's" influence in the conclave. For a while then they discussed Perugia and the papal war, before going on to matters of more immediate concern to the Brothers of which the Pope expressed warm approval. Leo had signalled the end of the audience by asking if there was anything Aloysius desired for himself personally, but Aloysius had been so happy that he was on the point of saying there was nothing when he noticed the robes of the papal officials in the chamber. On an impulse, and scarcely able to frame the request, he had asked if His Holiness would be pleased to grant...on his own initiative and as a mark of special favour.... since it was not in the Constitutions. that the Brothers should have... should be allowed to add to the garb prescribed by the Rule a green sash. In honour of St. Patrick, he added hastily. The favour granted and the apostolic blessing imparted, "for you specially, for your brethren and your countrymen", Aloysius withdrew. Before he left Rome the Brothers' petition had been lodged and the Constitutions readied for presentation. The rest remained in the hands of God.

Temporary Approbation Granted - Green Sash Worn

In 1887 Alphonsus [Delaney]¹ travelled to Rome and arrived a few days before Christmas to be advised by the now Monsignor Mellata 'your business here is complete.' Monsignor Mellata arranged for the decree of confirmation to be executed. Alphonsus was more than agreeably surprised to have a parchment, signed sealed and approving his Congregation for an experimental period of five years, delivered to him on Christmas Day.

The first great event thereafter was the holding of a convocation to elect a Superior General. On April 3, 1888, the Tuesday of Easter week, the professed Brothers resident in Ireland assembled at Mountrath under the presidency of Dr. Lynch and chose as their first Superior General Brother Alphonsus M. Delaney with Brothers Aloysius J. Howlin, Anthony M. O'Neill, John P. Lynch and Malachy E. Barr as Assistants.



Br Alphonsus Delany
first Superior General
and architect of Holy
Cross College, Ryde

On August 15 1888, at the close of their annual retreat, the Brothers donned for the first time the green sash obtained for them by Aloysius five years earlier.²

1. "Delaney" or "Delany"? It was spelt both ways in Ireland and in the Congregation both versions were used: Bishop Daniel Delany and, more recently, Br Aloysius Delaney. In the case of Br Alphonsus? It was "Delany": so written in his own hand.

2. So, why was Br McCrystal wearing the sash in 1884. Papal permission was given in 1883 but, it would seem, Congregational approval was not until 1888.

Final Approbation

The Brothers in Australia had not been included in the decree of temporary approbation because of the financial arrangements entered into with their Bishops in 1880, but they were included by special indult in 1891. [At the annual retreat held at St Charles Villa, Ryde in January 1892, the Brothers in Australia first donned the green sash. KS.]

Bother Aloysius in the company of the Superior General, Brother Alphonsus, went to Rome in 1892 seeking the final approbation. After five months the two returned, their efforts successful. On September 8 1893 the decree of final approbation was signed and with it an indult permitting the resignation of the Superior General and his Council. In accordance with the indult the First Chapter reassembled in October, but this time at Woodstock on the outskirts of Mountrath. The first business on its agenda was the election of a Superior General and the new man was Brother Anthony O'Neill with Aloysius, Alphonsus, Malachy and John his advisers. The new General personally proposed and the assembly agreed that the novitiate be transferred to Tullow and the 70 year old boarding school there closed. Tullow, place of foundation, was also fixed upon as official residence of the Superior General and his Assistants. For Aloysius this meant a severance of a 33 years connection with Mountrath, where he had lived since Patrick brought him to the Congregation in 1861.

At Tullow he continued teaching for the next eight years and though then 65 he had no thoughts of retiring.



1892/1893 General Chapter ~ As with the 1884 photo above we know all the names of those in this photo but we are not one hundred percent sure which names go with which people. That would be Alphonsus seated in the middle with Anthony to his left. As an advisor Aloysius Howlin would be in the front row somewhere. From Australia were present Fintan O'Neill (with beard) and Dominick O'Neill to his left.
We are so blessed to have this most historic photo.

Final Years

In 1902 he transferred to Mallow and for the next 15 years he worked seven hours a day in the Academy there, as well as attending to the duties of headmaster. When urged to take things easier because of years and increasing asthmatic trouble he would say that he long prayed to be allowed to die in harness. In those years he rarely left the monastery, except to attend morning Mass at the Convent of Mercy. For recreation he took a stroll in the garden or along the tree lined avenue, telling his beads over and over with the rosary concealed beneath his soutane. Though it was his known custom to follow the Way of the Cross every evening, with his arms extended, he always picked a quiet time for this devotion, since the Stations hung in the monastery corridor.

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Age and infirmity finally forced a retirement from school duties. On the night of January 9, 1917 Father Aherne was summoned, administered the Last Sacraments and spoke a little with his old friend.



c. 1909, Mountrath ~ Aloysius sitting at the left.

Next to him would seem to be Vincent Riordan who died in that year.

But of more interest to Australian readers is the Brother to the right: Dominic Rickerby. Dominic was in Australia from 1890 to 1906. He had been principal of Goulburn, Ryde, Bathurst, and Orange. Soon after this photo was taken he left the Brothers to become a priest. He returned to Australia and ministered in the diocese of Rockhampton.

The next morning, after the convent Mass, Father Madden came to give Absolution and within the hour death dropped silently by to find an old man, soldierly to the end, seated in an armchair and expecting his visitor, fully conscious and lucid, still able to raise his rosary to his lips and tell the Brothers about him:

“Pray for me and take me out of Purgatory.”

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An excellent smorgasbord meal with tea and coffee will be provided.

We anticipate that our Patrons, Father Victor Doyle and Monsignor Lex Johnson together with members of the Patrician Congregation will be with us. It is a great opportunity to chat about the parishes, the schools and the old days.

We intend to issue nametags to make identification easier for all. When forwarding your reservations please provide the CHRISTIAN and SURNAME of the members of your party. Spouses, family members, etc. are invited to come along.

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RESPONSE TO OUR APPEAL.

Well, there was not a great flow of funds to the Committee, but Brother Peter Ryan received a wonderful gesture of support for the school at Aitape in Papua New Guinea.

An alumnus associated with a sporting Club arranged for the donation of soccer and baseball shirts that had been replaced by a new strip and were now surplus to its needs. The shirts are in good condition and come in sets. There are enough sets for all the Aitape "house" teams.

The Club is to be congratulated. It had made similar gestures to their feeder schools and was happy to donate the surplus shirts to a school or club in Papua New Guinea and/or the Northern Territory. The Club's only request: "couple of photos in due course for our archives will be sufficient payment." Our thanks. Bill.

Can you imagine the looks on those kids' faces!

Your Committee has forwarded its donation of \$150 for the purchase of textbooks.

MINI RAFFLE

Our raffle is for a prize to the value of \$100 with second and third prizes to bring the total value to \$150.

The result will be announced at our Luncheon on August 16.

Stationery and postage costs for THE GREEN SASH is about \$100 per issue so once a year we run our mini raffle. Be assured you will not be harassed by ticket-sellers, the decision to buy is yours. However if you are unable to attend the Luncheon, it is an opportunity to be there in spirit. The tickets are attached below and if you wish to return your completed butts with the "ready", please cut off where indicated and return to Les McMahon, 5 Minogue Crescent, Glebe 2037.

[Raffle entry form followed but not included here. Les McMahon the receiver.]

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Maria Lane, Steve, Nigel

REDFERN, FOREST LODGE, WATERLOO 1885-1967.

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Motto: *Love, Serve, Hope*



Here we have 6th Class in 1951 with their teacher Br Kevin Samuel. Their classroom was actually not on the school site but a few hundred metres away next to the monastery, in a bit of a tin shed actually. Imagine mid-March with tie on, with black soutane on!

BLACKTOWN



Br Gerard Histon

In 1950, Rev. Father Slowey, Diocesan Inspector of Schools, requested the Provincial, Brother Norbert Phelan to consider opening a school at Blacktown or Wentworthville. The Provincial Council made the choice of Blacktown for the site of the Patrician College in the parish of St Patrick's, Blacktown about 40 kilometres from the centre of Sydney.

On opening day, 28 January, 1952 there were 120 pupils with a staff of three; Brother Gerard Histon, assisted by Brothers John Thompson and Basil Downey. The new school was situated in an excellent site of 13 acres, convenient to rail transport and in the heart of a quiet rural community. Soon it was to be the centre of an expanding population belt with growth so rapid and extensive as to be equalled by few areas in metropolitan Sydney.

By 1958 the roll was 607 and this increased to 890 in 1960. In 1970, the roll had passed 1000 and in 1982 a teaching staff of 58 catered for 1039 pupils. Meanwhile Blacktown, by the early 1960's, had been divided into five new thriving parishes.

At first the Brothers travelled from Granville until the Blacktown Monastery was opened on 15 August 1955. The then Principal, Brother Benedict Olsen became Superior of the new Community and during his term to 1961 extensive improvements were made to the surrounds of the Monastery and school: new lawns, tennis courts, playing fields, walkways. Parents generously gave of their time in assisting in these improvements.

Brother Benedict was succeeded by Brother de Sales Gilbert and Brother Patrick Lovegrove for successive three year terms which saw more concern with consolidation including the completion of the playing ovals and extensions to the Monastery.

The start of Brother Bernard Bulfin's long term as Principal from 1966 until 1982 coincided with the introduction of the Wyndham scheme. Impressive extensions were added to cater for the new syllabus requirements in the areas of manual arts, music, technics and art. This required, as a matter of urgency, a massive program of planning, extra staffing, teaching spaces and general administration to which the present complex bears fitting tribute.

In a multicultural survey held in 1979, there were students born in 40 different States from 21 countries, with 25 different languages and dialects spoken at home. The school has generated a spirit of deep friendship and goodwill amongst all students from different ethnic backgrounds.

Brother Patrick Lovegrove returned as Principal in 1983 and continues in that capacity today. The current enrolment is 923 to Year 11 - extending to Year 12 in 1999. Motto: *Christas Regnat - Christ Reigns*.



A 1954 school assembly with boys from 4th Class to 3rd Form. The boys are facing south and in the background in Flushcombe Rd. In there somewhere, most probably along the back, is future Patrician Pat (Br Philip) Mulhall.



Br Peter Johnson

FAIRFIELD

In August 1951, the Brothers received a letter from Bishop O'Brien on behalf of His Eminence Cardinal Gilroy, requesting staff for a school for boys planned for Fairfield. Whereas there were primary convent schools at nearby Cabramatta, Smithfield and Villawood as well as Fairfield, there were no opportunities for senior primary and secondary Catholic education for boys in this new and rapidly expanding centre.

Brothers Kevin Samuel, Eugene Kelly and Peter Johnson (Superior and Principal) formed the first Patrician Community at Fairfield. The Brothers took up residence in the old weatherboard homestead on the ten-acre property acquired by the Archdiocese as the site for the school.

When Cardinal Gilroy blessed the Fairfield Monastery and officially opened the school on 8 March 1953, there were 170 pupils enrolled in Years 4, 5 and 6. By 1963 the enrolment had reached almost 1000.

The school grounds were a disused orchard and vineyard - uneven and bare, abounding in powdery surface soil. In the early sixties, the Brothers supported by

parents and students, embarked on a grass and tree planting campaign. This project laid the foundation of the pleasant environment enjoyed today.

The six classrooms in 1953 had grown to 40 in 1982, as well as a library and assembly hall, science laboratories, a modern manual arts block and various other specialist facilities.

In 1956 the Year 9 students sat for the first public examination, the Intermediate. The Intermediate level was the terminating year in the school until 1961, when the first group of students sat for the Leaving Certificate. Students from Blacktown, Granville and Liverpool complete their final years of secondary schooling at Fairfield. This has added special character to the quality of the senior student body of the College.

The student population in 1982 was just over 1300 from years 5 to 12, making Patrician Brothers' College, Fairfield the then largest single campus enrolment of any Catholic Boys' school in New South Wales. The current enrolment is 1392 to Year 12.

Motto: *Maria duce* - Under Mary's leadership.



2nd Form in 1958 at Fairfield Pats. Arms folded - well most - and ready for Maths. About 50 in this section of the room. The back wall would open up to allow two classrooms to become one.

LIVERPOOL



Br Ignatius Barrett

The Brothers came to Liverpool in 1954. Brother Joseph Tierney¹ was chosen to bring the Patrician Brothers to All Saints parish in the old Macquarie town of Liverpool. Ill health forced his withdrawal in April. His successor, Brother Ignatius Barrett, relished the idea of looking after a school in the then wide-open spaces of Liverpool, after spending many fruitful years teaching in the inner-city schools. He was to set the high standard of the school in scholastic, sporting and spiritual matters. He chose the school colours, the details of the boys' uniform and the school crest. Brother Ignatius had a vigorous interest in cricket and this character building sport still has a large following in the school and among its alumni.

The first stages of the present primary school were completed in September 1955 and in that year a second Brother, Brother Lactean McGree was assigned to the school. Until then classes were held in a partition type shelter that was subject to the elements. These hardships were borne with good spirit by the Brothers and their first students.

Until the Monastery was built in 1958, the Brothers travelled variously from Redfem, Granville and Fairfield. The first Community to live at Liverpool comprised Brothers

1. Br Tierney was only ever an *pro tem* principal, he knew that by May of 1954 he would be needed at Wahroonga to be the novice master. Br Norbert Phelan actually had to step in for a few weeks before the reigns could be handed over to Br Ignatius.

Ignatius Barrett, Eugene Kelly and Callistus Keating. Brother Ignatius was to remain Superior until 1962.

The new Superior, Brother Gerald Egan, began his long association with the school in 1959 and in 1963 the first signs of expansion appeared. These included a larger tuckshop and an extra classroom. Extensions were made to the Monastery to house the increasing number of Brothers.

The next stage of growth in 1966 was the building of the Secondary school in response to the demands of the Wyndham scheme. Further construction continued through into 1967.

The next stage of expansion in the 1970's included the building of a technical drawing room and extensions to the science rooms with improvements to the art amenities. In 1977, the school was renamed All Saints Catholic Boys' College.

In 1982 two new classrooms and a library were added to the Primary school. These additional classrooms helped to continue the trend towards smaller, more manageable classes. The current enrolment is 720 to Year 10.

Mono: *Pro Fide et Virtute* - For Faith and Integrity



5th Class of 1955. That's correct: most of these boys would have made up the pioneer class of 1954. Posing proudly here in their new school in front of the toilet block which ran parallel to George Street. The monastery, to be built a few years later, a few metres to their left.

Principals of 2010

Ryde



Adam Taylor



Granville



Peter Wade



Blacktown



Santo Passarello



Fairfield



John Killeen



Liverpool



Tim Logue



Marayong



Nicholas Vidot



THE BROTHERS WHO HAVE SERVED THE FAMILIES OF THE WESTERN SUBURBS¹

Stephen Aitken	BM	Nicholas Harsas	F	Paul O'Keeffe	F
Ignatius Barrett	GL	Timothy Urban Hayes	BFL	Columban O'Leary	BFGL
Charles Barry	BFG	Cyril Henchy	F	Pius O'Leary	G
Michael Bell	B	John Stanislaus Hetherington	FGL	Benedict Olsen	BL
Rodan Bergin	GF	Peter Iranaeus Higgins	BGL	Cronan O'Meara	BFGL
Leonard Blahut	BG	Gerard Histon	BGFS	Bernard O'Toole	G
Cyril Boland	S	Alan Hornery	BF	Ronald Peters	F
Vincent Budin	G	James Hyett	BG	Norbert Phelan	G
Bernard Bulfin	BF	Peter Johnson	FG	Finian Power	BFG
Gerard Bulfin	FG	Paul Johnston	B	Serenus Quann	F
Joseph Basil Byrne	BGF	Aengus Kavanagh	F	Xavier Rafferty	L
Jude Byrne	L	Callistus Keating	GL	Thomas Rice	BFG
Andrew Ligouri Byrne ³	BGL	Eugene Kelly	BFGLS	John Robinson	FG
Lawrence Cassar	BGL	Bernard Kennedy	FG	Steven Rolls	B
Dominic Coates	BL	Felix Kennedy	BFG	Damien Rooney	BF
Xavier Comerford	G	Gregory Kerr	F	Felician Ryan	FS
Fintan Connaughton	G	Aemilian Larkin	BF	Mark Ryan	F
Malachy Corbett	BFGL	Brian Lacey	B	Peter Ryan	BFGLM
Joseph Senanus Crowley	BFGL	Gregory Jude Lawson	F	Kevin Samuel	G
Aloysius Delaney	BF	Paul Leonarder	FL	Francis Shaddock	F
Richard Doheny	BGF	Kieran Lovegrove	BL	Martin Shaddock	G
Mariusus Dollard	L	Patrick Lovegrove	B	Andrew Stanton	G
Luke Doran	F	Michael Luff	BG	Jeffrey Stanton	BG
Basil Downey	GLS	Aquinas McCabe	BF	Daniel Starr	FL
Mariusus Drummond	B	Flannan McCann	BL	Baptist Stenning	F
Anthony Michael Dubois	GL	McCluskie, Gabriel	FG	David Sullivan	BF
Enda Egan	G	James McDermott	B	Stephen Sweetman	BFGM
Gerald Egan	GL	Lactean McGree	BGL	John Thompson	BG
Raymund Eves	G	Blaise Madden	F	Joseph Tirney	BGL
Christopher Finucane	F	Matthew Mahony	BL	Majella Tobin	G
Vianney Foyle	FGL	Robert Muir	BF	Philip Turner	G
John Gallagher	F	Celestine Mulhall	FGS	Michael Vella	L
De Sales Gilbert	BFG	Philip Mulhall	FG	John Verhoeven	BF
Augustine Greal	G	Austin O'Connell	G	Anthony Visser	F
Joseph Malachy Guidera	BFG	Patrick O'Connell	L	Vincent Weir	B
Aloysius Hannigan	FG	Anthony O'Connor	F		
Martin Harmata	BL	Paul O'Connor	F		

Key: B=Blacktown F=Fairfield G=Granville L=Liverpool M=Marayong 1981-87 S=Sefton 1961-64²

There are 110 names in the above listing. The writer has endeavoured to identify each and every Brother who has given of himself to provide a Catholic education to the youth of the areas. Any error or omission that may be identified is the fault of the writer and is regretted most sincerely.

1. The schools are not given in chronological order. Michael Bell did teach for a while as a lay teacher at Liverpool before joining the Brothers. This information has been cross-checked with current information.
2. John Paul II Senior High School, Marayong, was established by the Brothers and had a Brother as principal from 1981 to 1990. However, it has not been regarded as a Patrician-linked school in the same way as the other schools. Today the school is known as St Andrew's College and consists of a junior and senior campus, John Paul II being the senior campus. Sefton only operated from 1961 to 1964: there was not the room to expand.
3. Two Christian names may be given when a Brother went by two different Christian names while a Brother: Br Andrew was known as Br Ligouri when he first came to Australia. In the 1960s the Brothers were given the option of being known by their Baptismal name rather than their given religious name.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In the main, the information contained in our feature article has been obtained from *The Patrician Brothers in Australia - The First Hundred Years*, which contains the following Dedication:

*To the spirit of faith and sacrifice of the Pioneer Patricians and their successors;
to the memory of their many loyal friends and ex-students in Australia since 1883
this sincere tribute is gratefully dedicated.*

ELECTION OF SUPERIOR GENERAL

The 1998 General Chapter of the Brothers of St. Patrick held at Navan, near Dublin elected the members of the Central Leadership: Brother Philip Mulhall (Superior General), Brother Jerome Ellens (Vicar) and Brother James Murphy (Secretary General).

Brother Philip was born on 24 October 1940 at Penrith, N.S.W. He attended the Patricians at Blacktown before entering the Juniorate at Wahroonga in 1954, professed in May 1959 and took final vows in 1963. Brother Philip completed his tertiary studies at Sydney University part time while teaching. He served in Patrician schools at Fairfield, Waterloo, Forest Lodge, Granville and finally at Ryde where he lived for 25 years and was sometime Principal and then Provincial from 1986 to 1992. While Provincial he also worked as Consultant to the Sydney Catholic Education Office. He was elected as Vicar at the General Chapter in 1992. Brother Philip has a long-term interest in outdoor activities and "the bush" generally.



Brother Jerome is from Madras (now known as Chennai), India where he was born on 7 July 1959. After attending St Patrick's at Adyar, he entered the Juniorate there and completed secondary schooling. He was professed at Clement Town on 17 June 1978 and took final vows on 16 June 1985. Brother Jerome holds tertiary qualifications from Madras and a B. Th. from Sacred Heart Seminary also in Madras. He has served at St Patrick's Adyar, at Mussoori, as Principal in Delhi, as the pioneer Principal at Rewa and now as Principal at Coonoor. Brother Jerome has interests in music, games and reading.



Brother James was born in Mallow, Co Cork and attended the Patrician's Primary School and Academy there before going to Mount St Joseph at Tullow, Co Carlow in 1939. First profession was in 1941 and he took final vows in 1946 while completing the usual double, Arts and Education, at University College, Galway. He transferred to California in 1950 after serving at St Joseph's (Galway), Mount St Joseph, (Tullow) and Carrickmacross (Co Monahan). In the United States he undertook further post-graduate studies and taught at Santa Monica where he later took over as Principal. He was subsequently Principal also at Pater Noster, taught at Mater Dei and returned to Pater Noster. He was the Provincial of the California Province from 1986 till 1992. After being elected to the General Council in 1992 he transferred back to Ireland. Brother James has taken a great interest in sport and still loves his regular round of golf. He is a computer buff and manages the finances at the Generalate and the payroll at the Cheshire Home.



MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL "TEAM ELECT".

We don't take up office until October 31st, but it seemed appropriate to drop a few words into this newsletter.

Brother Jerome has gone back to India where he is in charge of the large complex at St Joseph's Coonoor. There he will prepare for hand-over of the College to a new administration and bring the huge building project to a stage where it can be completed without hassle. He will attend the Indian Province Chapter in October before winging it to Ireland.

I will be arriving in Sydney on 19 August to take a break, catch up with family and put my "affairs" in order. I will be back in Ireland on 24 October.

Brother James doesn't have any far-flung outpost to which he can head off as he is already "home". At the moment he is in the throes of assembling this newsletter and preparing the Chapter materials for the printer. He will take a break when these tasks are complete.

We have received a lot of messages indicating support and prayers for us. We're very grateful for those and will have some chances to convey that in person in the not too distant future. Your continued prayers and support will be very necessary.....

Brothers Phil, Jerome and James

We thank the retiring Superior General, Brother Connac Commins who included the above items in his report to Patrician Communities, titled *IN LOVE & CONFIDENCE*, in August 1998.

AITAPE TIDAL WAVE.

Brother Peter Ryan has forwarded a copy of a two-page circular, dated 23 July last from Presentation Sister Margaret Conway at Maloi, ten kilometres from Aitape.

It is said a picture is worth a thousand words - don't you believe it! No picture the writer has seen of the aftermath of that horror is as stark as Sister Margaret's report. You will find the letter attached to this issue. It is compelling reading and your hearts will go out to the saddened people of the area.

THE YEAR OF 1998

The Committee is happy to report that our functions in 1998 continued to be successful. New faces are appearing. Sadly some of our group have passed away. May they rest in peace.

Our Annual Mass was held at St. James' Forest Lodge on Sunday, 17 May. Father Lex Johnson offered the Mass and spoke of the schools - Boys' and Girls' - separated by the Church and presbytery. The weather was threatening, so it was decided to hold the sausage sizzle in the grounds of the Girls' school with access to the luncheon room. Pat and Les McMahon, assisted by many willing helpers, provided a hearty meal in a joyful atmosphere. Alumnae of St James' Superior Girls' school wandered the building recalling their schooldays. They became so engrossed in their recollections that a search party was required to remove them at close of day. Then, on to the Harness Racing Club at Harold Park - what a great day!

The Annual Luncheon at South Sydney Leagues' Club on Sunday, 16 August was another great success. The function was held in the Games Room of the Club. a splendid area with bar facilities.

As always, the friendliness and ambience made for a relaxing, pleasant afternoon. The Committee is sure that all enjoyed the day,

We thank our Patrons, Father Lex Johnson and Father Victor Doyle together with the Provincial, Brother Peter Ryan and Brothers Bernard Bulfin, Gerard Bulfin, Basil Downey, Patrick Lovegrove and Mark Ryan for joining with us.

Those at the function, by way of purchase of extra raffle tickets or donations, raised \$200 to assist the Patricians at Aitape.

Alex Tracey, a Mount Carmel alumnus, won first prize in the raffle. Father Victor Doyle second and Patrick McMahon, a Forest Lodge alumnus, took third prize. All prizewinners were in attendance. Alex. of his charity, donated his prize to the Brothers.

We thank all for your continued support.

This issue sees the completion of five years of publication of THE GREEN SASH.

We wish all a happy and holy Christinas and we express it in our usual manner.

May the grace
of God's protection
and His great love
abide within your home
and within the hearts
of all who dwell inside.

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PNG Tidal Wave

Letter [23-07-98] by Presentation Sister Margaret Conway from Malol (ten km west of Aitape)

Dear All,

I don't usually write a circular letter but this is the only way I can cope with all the messages I am receiving. Thank you all so much for your messages, thoughts and prayers. All were very much appreciated.

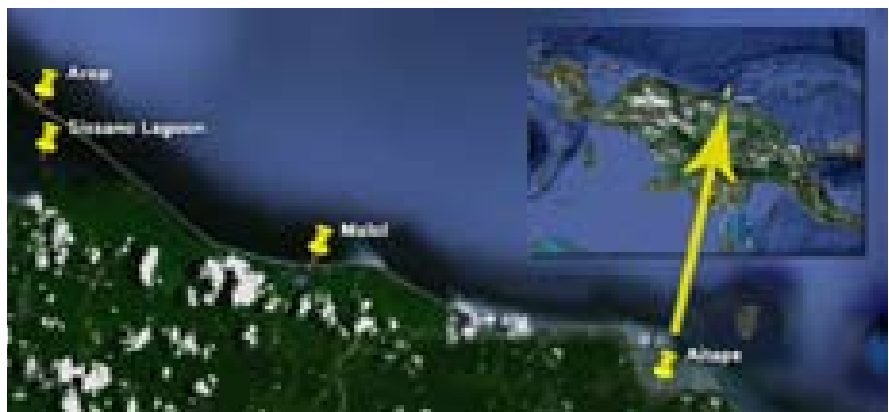
The best thing to do perhaps is to write down all, starting from about 7.00 pm Friday 17th July. Sister Maryanne and myself had only just arrived from Aitape where we had spent sometime with one of our sisters, Margaret Mary, who was in hospital. I had been with her from 6.00 pm to 8.00 am and so was glad to get home and get some sleep. Sr. Regina had gone to Arop by boat with a couple of the ladies to do some cleaning up and parish work. They arrived home soon after us.



Sr Conway

It would have been around 7.00 pm when we had the first earthquake. It was very big and frightening. Regina and I went outside as we thought the house would fall down. Maryanne preferred to stay inside. The water tanks were swaying badly and water swishing over the top. I am not sure of the time, distance or the order of events from here on. It all happened so quickly. There was a second earthquake even worse than the first if that is possible, then a weird sound that made all of us village people stand in silence as we tried to figure out in our minds what it was. It got louder and louder and the only thing I can compare it with is the roar of a huge jet engine, gradually getting louder and louder. As it was coming from the sea, people started to run down to see what it was. At that time something in me told me that it was a tidal wave. I screamed to the people to come back and gradually others screamed with me and we were able to get most people to return. It was a terrifying moment as it was dark and we couldn't see anything and so just waited for the wave to break over us and kill us. I was really frightened. We heard the three waves breaking and the loud noise of flowing water. It still didn't reach us. Between us and the sea is a fairly small waterway. I know now that is what saved us. It is now much bigger than it was. The waves broke into that and as the water hit the bank near us, it swished back and forth. We are still thanking God for that waterway.

Not long after this we heard crying and ran to see if someone was hurt. A young mother had been washing her baby and the wave rolled them over and the baby was lost. She clung onto me and her other two children clung into a leg each. What could I say? I don't know how long we stayed like that. Eventually we walked to our house and then I saw people walking towards us. It was at that moment that I realised that we had a terrific disaster on our hands. The first family we saw was our Prayer



Aitape has been the Brothers' main location in PNG since their arrival in 1968. Malol is about a 35 minute drive from Aitape, up over ridges and across rivers, the Yalingi River being the final hurdle. Arop is a 40 minute boat ride from Malol.

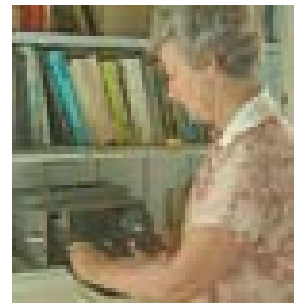
Leader Bernard and his family. They were in shock. Their house had been on the beach. When the wave came they were inside, Bernard getting the Sunday liturgy ready and his children sleeping. The house just disappeared from under them. By some miracle he was able to rescue them all. They had some bad cuts and bruises but that was nothing. Then the line to our house grew larger and larger. People with huge cuts which needed stitching, big wounds from where some had tried to climb coconut trees and the skin was literally torn off them. There were broken legs, arms, collarbones sticking out in some cases. None of us are nurses so all we could do was to try to bathe and cover wounds and make broken bone people as comfortable as possible on our floor. At some stage I went to the priest's house where there was a sked [short wave radio] which was our only way to communicate with the outside. We called and called for someone, somewhere to send us help. But being after five o'clock, the other sked receivers were turned off for the weekend. We worked almost right through the night and heard horrific stories of rescues, deaths and missing family members. Lots of youth were walking up the beach to the next village in our parish, Arop, to a dance. A couple survived to tell us the story. How they survived is in itself a miracle. The bodies of most of these have not been recovered.



Not Bernard, but another who had lost loved ones and home.

All around our house people gathered in stunned silence and all I could do was to give them cups of water and move about amongst them. Lots went into the church and prayed all night. It was an inspiration to just be there with them in their distress. First thing in the morning on Saturday I tried the sked again and thank God, Br. Stephen was listening. I left him to pass on the news and get help to us.

The next few days are very hazy. Things happened so fast and there was so much to do and so many people to be helped with their grief and loss of family, homes and belongings. It was a big relief when the Matron of the Aitape hospital and a nurse arrived. They took over the hurt people and so left us to see to other things.



Sr Conway on the Malol mission sked.

I walked east along the coast to our villages there, to make sure people were all right. All I saw was a beach and a house here and there. The place was just gone. Then I started to meet women with their babies. They brought them to me to bless, they were all dead. When they tried to run into the bush they were hit by falling houses, coconut trees etc, and lost their babies and couldn't find them again. It was only in the daylight that they were able to find their little dead bodies.

When I returned from that direction I headed west to our villages there. It seemed to get worse and worse as I walked along. Most houses had vanished or lay in ruins. Graves were being dug everywhere and bodies being fished out of the lagoons. One little girl was carried around the village for identification, she was dead. I sat with her on my lap and just cried.

The stories go on and on and the people continue to go to the bush at night, too frightened to stay near the sea. We continue to have four or five small earthquakes per day and I often feel like running to the bush too. The faith of the people is so strong. In the midst of all this they continue to thank God, even those who have lost three or four members of their family.

At present all is quiet as the people have been told to relocate in the bush in village clusters. They are not to come back to their villages as the dogs and pigs are being shot. Some uncovered bodies were found after pigs or dogs had been at them. Arop, our furthestmost village is completely gone. Of the 3000 people only 200+ remain. The burials were dreadful. There are still bodies lost or caught in the waterways and mangroves. It has been declared a health hazard and no one is allowed to go there.

What happens next I don't know. I am still rounding (going from village to village) and listening to stories and trying to comfort, give food and clothing. That is all I can tell you to date. Please continue to pray for us and the people, their grief is huge as is their loss.

Thank you again for your prayers and messages. God bless and much love.

P. S. When two of our sisters from Ningil arrived to help us with their nursing skills, I was overjoyed. Sisters Breda and Anne are still working flat out and have taken a great load off our shoulders.

[[2010: Yes, the Patrician were very involved in helping those affected by the tsunami. At the time the wave hit, the eastern extremity of it reaching as far as Aitape itself, Br Aengus Kavanagh was visiting Aitape - taking a break from attending the General Chapter taking place in Ireland at the time - running an education course with colleague Dr Michael Bezzina on behalf of the Parramatta Catholic Education Office. One of those attending the course (Julia) was killed by the wave at Arop the evening the course concluded.

The Brothers were at dinner on the Friday evening. They had felt the quakes, not as strong as at Malol and Arop but strong enough, and then they could hear what sounded like a “large jet engine”. Aengus went out to investigate.

The Brothers’ house at Bishop’s Hill overlooks Aitape Bay. It was night and so when Aengus went to the edge of the hill looking down on the beach and beach road below he could see nothing, but the roar was getting louder. Eventually there was a crashing noise, he looked down and could see something white moving across the ground, it was the wave crashing across beach, road, and into the bush. He could shout-ing and crying but didn’t know what it meant.

The morning revealed coconuts trees lying like fiddlesticks everywhere; coconuts strewn like pebbles as far as the eye could see; large boulders exposed and pushed by the waves many metres from where they had been resting for millenia. And remember, this was at the far edge of the tsunami.

The Brothers had no idea of what was taking place just a short distance to the west. No one did. It was not until Saturday morning that there was some rumours, the facts and stories of death and devastation starting to emerge in the afternoon.

All of Aitape jumped to attention. Every available and/or accessible truck and anyone who could help in any way made their way west. Patricians living in Aitape at the time were Brothers Philip Turner, Norbert Yeku, and Philip Akayawo. Philip was health secretary at the time and a super organiser, a fact which became even more evident over the months to follow. Norbert was a health officer. Philip was a man of unlimited energy and common sense. For the months to follow all three were in the thick of it all. For many weeks the Brothers’ home was opened for anyone assisting with the relief to stay.

Philip, Norbert, and Philip, helped to find and bury the dead; helped to feed and comfort those left behind; helped organise the PNG and overseas relief efforts over the months which followed. They did us proud, but they were just a few amongst many who gave their all and all they had to respond to the needs, immediate and future, of the many thousands of victims of the Aitape tsunami.]]



Br Philip Turner

Br Norbert Yeku

Br Philip Akayawo

Looking west from Bishop’s Hill over Aitape Bay and towards Malol and Arop. The wave reached well past the road.

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THE PIONEER PATRICIANS
THE FIRST DECADE 1883-1892.

Shipping details from the State Records of New South Wales.

Once a Soldier – the life of Brother Aloysius John Howlin records: In March 1880 took place the election to find a successor for Brother Dominic O'Neill as Superior at Mountrath. Aloysius found himself elevated to that most unwanted office, but applied himself to his duties.....The single most important development was the acceptance into the monastery of 15 young postulants to be trained for the Australian dioceses of Maitland, Bathurst and Goulburn.

On the 7 March 1883 the *SS Cephalonia*, of 3489 tons, from the port of London arrived at Port Jackson, Sydney. Among those on board were Brothers Dominic and Fintan O'Neill, unrelated, the first Patricians to come to Australia. It is understood they proceeded immediately to Maitland.

The Freeman's Journal of 26 January 1884 reported from the Annual Report of the Sacred Heart College, West Maitland.

The present management will cease in May when the Patrician Brothers will take the College in hand. Apropos it may be mentioned that the twelve brothers constituting the first contingent expected in Australia matriculated last October at Royal University of Ireland.

We will begin this story with the names of the Brothers and their initial destinations. In the cases of Brother Fintan O'Neill and Brother Ignatius Price a second destination is shown. On the 4 September 1884 the *SS Rome* with eight Patricians arrived at Port Jackson and four days later, on the 8 September, came the *SS Liguria* with four more Brothers.

Dominic O'Neill	Maitland	1883	Died Ireland	1902
Fintan O'Neill	Maitland	1883	Died Ryde	1932
			Goulburn	1884
Andrew Dwyer ²	Goulburn	1884		



Fintan



Dominick



Andrew



Louis



Anthony



Ignatius



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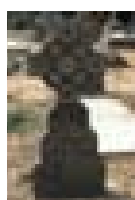


Regis

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1. From now on we have TGS in digital form and so it is more or less a straight cut and paste, before it was necessary to scan the newsletter pages with OCR software and then cut and paste which was a lot more labour intensive - did I hear a medieval monk chuckle from his heavenly scriptorium? However, on occasion there is a difference between the hard copy and the digital copy and vice versa.
 2. If a place of death is not given this is because they did not die Patricians; except for Eugene Ryan: Kevin gives his place and year of death, but Eugene, after his great work at Armidale, decided to leave the Brothers in 1895.

Malachy Dwyer	Goulburn	1884	Died Albury	1885	
Albert Hanley	Bathurst	1884			
Sylvester Harmey	Maitland	1884			
Louis Hynes	Bathurst	1884	Died Goulburn	1891	
Anthony Lee	Bathurst	1884	Died Redfern	1899	Provincial 1894-1899
James Long	Goulburn	1884	Died Redfern	1904	
Ignatius Price	Goulburn	1884	Died India	1916	First Provincial 1891-1894
	Bathurst	1884			
Ambrose Ryan	Bathurst	1884	Died Armidale	1889	
Eugene Ryan	Maitland	1884	Died Sydney	1905	
Laurence Ryan	Goulburn	1884			
Benedict Sweeney	Maitland	1884	Died Maitland	1885	
Regis Keogh	Maitland	1885	Died Maitland	1886	
Stanislaus Bergin	Bathurst	1885	Died Ireland	1933	Provincial 1899-1910
Cuthbert Corbishly	Bathurst	1885	Died Orange	1921	b. England. First Aust. novice
Dominic Bourke	Goulburn	1886	Died Ireland	1929	
Louis Carroll	Goulburn	1886			
Ligouri Higgins	Goulburn	1886			
Austin McGrath	Redfern	1888	Died Forest Lodge	1932	
Baptist McGrath	Redfern	1888	Died Forest Lodge	1945	
Anthony Vial	Goulburn	1888			First Australian born novice
Anselm Casey	Orange	1889	Died Wagga	1893	
Aloysius O'Leary	Orange	1889	Died Dubbo	1890	Australian
Xavier O'Gorman	Armidale	1890			
Columba O'Reilly	Redfern	1890			
Dominic Rickerby	Orange	1890			
James Ryan	Ryde	1890	Died Wagga	1896	
Regis Dwyer	Bathurst	1891	Died Wagga	1894	
Patrick Fogarty	Albury	1891	Died Ireland	1945	
John Lee	Bathurst	1891	Died Redfern	1919	
Stanislaus Maher	Goulburn	1891	Died Orange	1896	Australian
Benedict O'Grady	Bathurst	1891			Australian
Andrew Ryan	Armidale	1891			
Bernard Ryan	Wagga	1891	Died Ireland	1951	
Xavier Dwyer	Ryde	1892			
Thomas Hunt	Ryde	1892	Died Ryde	1920	
Bernard O'Toole	Redfern	1892	Died Ryde	1949	

The Freeman's Journal of 6 September 1884 reports...*A batch of Brothers of St. Patrick despatched from the mother house, Mountrath, Queen's County [now known as Co. Laois] Ireland are expected in Sydney by the SS Rome and Liguria. These young men after completing their novitiate and securing their matriculation certificates – their training and education at the expense of the Bishops of Maitland, Goulburn and Bathurst – started from the old country on 14 July.....Unfortunately one of the party was obliged to break his journey at Colombo, being so badly knocked up it was impossible to proceed further. He [Brother John Meagher] was left in the care of the Christian Brothers' St. Benedict's Institute, Colombo; another of his confreres [believed to be Brother Michael English] bound for Madras being left to keep him company. The 13 together with the two in Maitland are to be equally divided among the three Bishops mentioned. All these with others to follow when they shall have gone through their novitiate are destined to labour in Christian education of the youth of the several dioceses who were fortunate enough to secure their services. Brother Ignatius Price, who has great experience acquired from many years of labour in Ireland as well as Southern India, joined these young men at Colombo; the Bishop of Madras, who has a community of these good Brothers kindly obliging Dr. Quinn [Bishop of Bathurst] in bartering two of his young men, Brother Ignatius who is to be the Director of his Community.*



John M



Stanislaus



Cuthbert



Dominic B



Austin



Baptist



Anselm



James



Regis D

The issue of 13 September further reports...*In the past couple of weeks the numbers of our religious workers – the heroes of the education struggle – have been increased and strengthened by the arrival of a number of Priests, Nuns and Brothers who could not have come more opportunely. By the SS Rome, as we have already announced, there came Brothers Ignatius Price, Albert Hanley, Ambrose Ryan, Louis Hynes and Anthony Lee for the Diocese of Bathurst and Brothers Benedict Sweeney, Eugene Ryan and Sylvester Harmey for the Diocese of Maitland are of the St Patrick order. By the Liguria which brought the Archbishop [Dr. Moran – later Patrick Francis Cardinal Moran – called to Rome in 1885 to receive the Red Hat of the Cardinalate] to our shores came four more of the Brothers of St. Patrick, Lawrence Ryan, James Long, Anthony Dwyer and Malachy Dwyer for the Diocese of Goulburn. Brother John Meagher for Maitland, who sailed by the Rome was left at Colombo for the benefit of his health. Brother Meagher will no doubtless arrive by the next P & O steamer. In addition to the newly arrived Brothers, there are two who have been working in the colony for some considerable time, Brother Fenton and Brother Dominick O'Neill. These Brothers have been specially trained for schoolwork. In Ireland the Brothers have earned a high reputation.*

It is interesting to note that while Brother Dominic O'Neill in 1884 remained at Maitland, Brother Fintan O'Neill went to Goulburn where he met with Brother Ignatius Price who had transferred from the Indian province. Brother Ignatius proceeded to Bathurst in the same year. These three Brothers, probably the more senior and experienced, seem to have been most fitted to head the separate communities.

By 1885, Brothers from Goulburn had spread south to Albury and in 1889 to Wagga. In 1886 the Redfern school, then known as Sydney was opened, staffed by Brother Ignatius Price, Brother Albert Hanley and Brother Sylvester Harmey.

The Catholic Church and Community in Australia [Patrick O'Farrell] records on page 216...When, for example, the Patrician Brothers arrived in Maitland in 1883, Bishop Murray refused to recognise their constitutions, which did not permit him complete control of the order. In the conflict that followed, Murray made it obvious that he regarded his authority as final, and beyond appeal – even to Rome. The Brothers did appeal, but the Roman vindication did not arrive in time to prevent their departure in 1888.

The withdrawal from Maitland in 1888 saw Brother Dominic O'Neill, in 1889, at Redfern and Brothers Eugene Ryan and Ambrose Ryan moving to Armidale.

In 1889, those at Bathurst began to move further west to Orange and Dubbo.

The Freeman's Journal of 16 January 1886 reported, under the heading **Patrician Brothers at Redfern...** *The Cardinal Archbishop has been fortunate in securing the services of several Brothers of St. Patrick for the Archdiocese for on Monday next [18 January 1886] the Patrician Brothers who have been placed in charge of the school-church of St. Vincent de Paul, Redfern by His Eminence, will open the new building. It is a good step to have the Brothers so close to the city as a commencement and we are sure the Patricians will have the best wishes of the whole community. It is intended to open first with the ordinary day school, and afterwards, if sufficient encouragement is offered, to found a select school. Father Collins of Mount Carmel has charge of Redfern Parish*

On 8 May 1886, The Freeman's Journal further reported, under the heading **New Church at Redfern...**

On Sunday Morning [9 May 1886] the new church of St. Vincent de Paul will be blessed and opened by the Cardinal Archbishop. The ceremony will take place at 11 o'clock and Mass will commence immediately afterwards, His Eminence presiding. We understand the dedication sermon will be preached by Rev. Le Bennetel S..M. of St. Patrick's. The ceremony will be conducted by Father Collins pastor of Mt. Carmel.



Patrick



John



Stanislaus M



Thomas



Bernard

For the information of readers. Sailing from London to Sydney, by way of the Suez Canal and the Red Sea, aboard a steamship in the late nineteenth century might not have been a balmy relaxing experience. Remember, the word POSH was derived from wealthy English travellers to India requesting cabin location - Port Out, Starboard Home - to avoid the heat of the sun. It may well have been almost unbearable for those in cabins on the other side of the vessel.

The Freeman's Journal regularly carried the advertisement shown below which is reproduced from the issue of 23 April 1908.

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Brother Superior.

PRAYING ST. PATRICK WILL GUARD AND SHELTER YOU.
HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!

THE THRILL OF THE SEARCH²

The primary source for our historical articles is the Irish record of the Patrician Brothers from Ireland who have served in Australia. It lists only the names, years and places of appointment but it is the basis for further research. However the listing is prefaced with *Extracts from Patrician Annals* for Redfern, Forest Lodge and Mt. Carmel totalling 26 entries.

The second is Brother Paul O'Connor's histories of the Redfern Community to 1964 and the Ryde Community to 1973. Those who taught at Forest Lodge and Waterloo are included in the Redfern history. Brother Paul's histories supplement the Irish record by identifying also the Australian Patricians who taught in the inner Sydney schools and Holy Cross College, Ryde. Together with the Irish records they provide a picture of the early years of the Patricians in Sydney.

The third is *The Patrician Brothers in Australia- The First Hundred Years* which provides an overall record as the name implies.

These sources were used to establish the first Brothers to teach at Mount Cannel in 1908. Brother Alphonsus Eviston is identified as Principal. But who was his assistant?

Mt. Cannel Centenary Booklet and *The Patrician Brothers in Australia -The First Hundred Years* identify Brother John Lee. However, the Irish record shows Brother John Lee in 1908 at Bathurst (Superior to July) Orange [Superior from July],

Brother Paul O'Connor has no record in 1908 of Brother John Lee either at Redfern or Ryde.

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1. The following item on Holy Cross does not exist in the digital copy.
 2. This item does not exist on the hard copy version. Such differences will not always be mentioned.

Brother Paul O'Connor records... *The new Monastery [St. Patrick's] was used as a novitiate until 1908 when the number of Brothers had to be increased to cater for the new school at Mt. Carmel, Waterloo, opened at Easter 1908. Brother Alphonsus Eviston, assisted by Brother Regis Hickey, took charge of it on Tuesday, April 21, 1908.*

Both the Irish record and Brother Paul agree Brother Regis Hickey at Redfem in 1907 only. The Irish record shows Brother Regis in 1908 at Bathurst. Yet, Brother Paul includes him also at Ryde in 1907 and 1908. In both instances Brother Regis is set apart from other members of the Ryde Community. In 1907 he appears as (R. Hickey) and in 1908 appears (I. Hannigan, B. McGrath, temp, R. Hickey left July). Brothers Ignatius Hannigan and Baptist McGrath are listed also by Brother Paul at Redfem in 1908. Brother Baptist's presence at Ryde is explained. That year the first Holy Cross Annual was published, edited by Brother Benignus Kealy and Brother Baptist McGrath. Brother Regis' name is followed by "left July"; no doubt to go to Bathurst as shown in the Irish record. He remained at Bathurst until July 1909 returning there in 1911 to 1913 and died at Orange on 7 November 1915. A change of location mid-year, particularly in the month of July, was a common occurrence at the time.¹

The next clue is from the *Extracts from Patrician Annals. - Redfern. Brother Austin D. O'Connell. lived at Redfem June 1908 while teaching at Mt. Carmel.*

Could it be that in 1908, Brothers Regis Hickey and Ignatius Hannigan of the Redfem Community boarded at Holy Cross College, Ryde because of overcrowding at St. Patrick's Monastery? Brother Regis, from Ireland in 1907 and Brother Ignatius, a novice in 1904, were probably the most junior of the Redfem Community, Brothers were required to travel in pairs. *The Brothers attending the Forest Lodge school are to be together both going to and returning from the school. (17 July 1902).* It was not unusual in those days for the Brothers to reside at Ryde and teach at Redfem. In 1892 the Brothers of the Redfem Community travelled from and returned to Ryde each day. *The Community has been residing at Ryde....This is the first council meeting held after returning to Redfern. 21 August 1892. (First entry in Redfem Community council minutes).*

The writer has accepted Brother Paul O'Connor's record of Brother Regis Hickey at Mt. Cannel from 21 April 1908. Two months later, Brother Regis transferred to Bathurst and was replaced by Brother Austin O'Connell who had arrived from Ireland that year.

THE PASSINGS OF BROTHER PIUS O'LEARY AND EX-BROTHER ALOYSIUS DELANEY

It is with sadness that we record the recent passing of two of the Brothers who arrived in Australia on the aircraft-carrier HMS Indomitable in 1946.

Brother Pius O'Leary was born at Peterswell, Co. Galway on 8 June 1918 and entered the Novitiate on 15 August 1937. He served at Tullow until he left for Australia in 1946. In failing health for some years, his death, while not unexpected, came suddenly on Sunday evening 25 October 1998. Brother Pius is buried in the Ballyfin College cemetery. [Photo: Pius in 1948 visiting Redfern from Forest Lodge.]



We detail below his record of service in the Australian province:

1946/51	Forest Lodge (from May)	1953	Granville	1956/62	Forest Lodge
1951/52	Ryde	1954/55	Ryde		

In May 1962, Brother Pius returned to Ireland and taught at Ballyfin College. In 1964 the missions called and he went to Iten, Kenya, transferring to Lahore, Pakistan in 1967. In 1970 he returned to Ballyfin where he ran the Tuck Shop and acted as chauffeur.

1. Yes changes and retreats often took place mid-year in the early years. This can probably be explained by the fact that in Ireland the school year began mid-year not at the beginning of the year as in Australia. Old habits die hard.

Brother Pius was a fine teacher and had a pleasing tenor voice. He also was an excellent speaker. As a teenager, circa 1947, the writer recalls Brother Pius delivering a speech in the old school building at Forest Lodge. It was in an upper room, at the stairs, fronting Bridge Road. While recalling an event in Ireland he used the words, and in my mind's eye, I can see still... The writer has never forgotten the beauty of his phrasing.

Aloysius Kieran Delaney, who lived privately in London, died on the 8 October 1998. [Photo: the very young Aloysius at Ryde in 1947.]



Brother Gerald Egan forwarded to Eric Leahy a copy of the death notice which appeared in THE IRISH TIMES .

DELANEY (England and Killenure, Mountrath) – October 8, 1998 (suddenly). Kieran, son of Kieran And Sarah; deeply regretted by his sorrowing sister, Sheila, brothers Tom and Joe, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, relatives and a large circle of friends. R.I.P. Removal from Dublin Airport this (Thursday) at 4 o'clock. to St. Fergal's Church, Camross arriving at 7 o'clock. Requiem Mass tomorrow (Friday) at 11 o'clock. Burial immediately afterwards in the adjoining cemetery.

Brother Aloysius arrived in Australia in May, 1946. His appointments are detailed below:

1946	Redfern (from May)	1956/57	Ryde	1963/65	Ryde
1947/49	Redfern at Mt. Carmel	1958	Wahroonga	1965/66	Wahroonga
1950/55	Forest Lodge	1959/62	Fairfield	1967/69	Blacktown

Brother Aloysius was an outstanding teacher, excellent administrator and fundraiser of extraordinary talent. During his time in Sydney, he was widely known throughout the community.

Requiescant in Pace.

WELCOME

We welcome Father Les Cashen recently appointed parish priest at Forest Lodge. Father is not new to Forest Lodge having served there as a curate from 1967 to 1970. He has kindly accepted the Committee's invitation to be a Patron.

FAREWELL.

Monsignor Lex Johnson, at Forest Lodge from 1992, has been appointed parish priest at Earlwood. We wish him well in his new appointment and express our sincere thanks for his past help and support.

PROVINCE OF AUSTRALIA AND PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Report on the Patrician Family – End of Year Gathering held at the Liverpool Catholic Club on 13 December 1998.

PROVINCIAL

Brother Paul O'Keeffe accepted his new ministry as Provincial Leader.

Brothers and members of our extended Patrician Family of Australia and Papua New Guinea I humbly acknowledge the trust that is being placed in me by the Brothers of this Province and by the General Council of the Congregation. I am mindful that many and grave challenges lie ahead of me in my new role and I am mindful of my own limitations. However, the assurance of your support and goodwill encourages me and I accept in faith that the Holy Spirit will be with me and will be active within our community in the years ahead. Thus reassured I take heart and I now step forward in love and confidence into the role of Province Leader. May Christ be with me and may His mother, Mary, protect me as we journey together into a new millenium.



Brother Peter Ryan presented Brother Paul with the Provincial Minutes' Book and the 1998 General Chapter Documents *In Love and Confidence*, symbols of leadership of the Province.

The Brothers pledged our willingness to walk with you and we pray God's blessing on you.

Brothers DeSales Gilbert, Peter Ryan and Nicholas Harsas, representing the Province, anointed Brother Paul with eucalyptus oil as a sign of the Brothers solidarity with him.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA MINISTRY



Brother Paul O'Keeffe called on Brother Peter Ryan to return to Aitape, in January 1999, to continue his ministry there and to be a vital Patrician presence by carrying forward the message of *In Love and Confidence*.

Brother Charles Barry re-presented Brother Peter with the Patrician Mission Cross.

Brother Peter responded: I accept the call to return to the Church in Aitape. I take heart in my faith in Christ and, so, carry forward His Good News confidently

JUBILEES



We extend to Brother John Gallagher on his Diamond Jubilee and to Brother Joseph Malachy Guidera on his Golden Jubilee, our heartiest congratulations.

Brother John Gallagher arrived in Australia in 1946, on board *HMS Indomitable* and went to Ryde where he remained for the next twenty years. Brother John had two terms as superior at Holy Cross College, 1954-1956 and 1960-1965. The record of the College bears witness to his ability as an organiser and administrator. From 1966 he taught at Fairfield until his return to Ireland in 1968.



Brother Joseph Malachy Guidera arrived in Australia in 1952. His record of service in Australia includes 1952 Forest Lodge, 1953 Redfern at Mt. Carmel, 1961 Fairfield, 1969 Blacktown, 1973 Fairfield, 1981 Granville, 1982 Ryde, 1986 Wahroonga, 1990 Narellan and, most recently, Thursday Island.

At the End of Year Gathering, a Golden Jubilee Candle was presented to Brother Joseph. Joined in the celebration were family members from Ireland, his brother, Brother Edwin Guidera of the California province of the Patrician Brothers, members of the Patrician Congregation and many old friends. [Photos: John Gallagher above, and Joseph Guidera.]

To Brother John and Brother Joseph. *SLAINTE!*

**ANNUAL MASS
OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, WATERLOO
SUNDAY, 16 MAY, 10.00 A.M.**

Mount Carmel is one of the historic churches of the Archdiocese of Sydney. Archbishop Polding laid the Foundation Stone on the 15 August 1859. The site of the new church is on the summit of a hill that has hitherto been known as Mt. Lachlan, but what henceforth is to be called Mt. Carmel. It commands a fine view of Botany, part of Newtown, a large portion of Sydney and the wide extent of the surrounding country. [Mt. Carmel Centenary Booklet].

The solemn blessing and opening of the Church of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel took place on Sunday, 7 April 1861.

Father Victor Doyle has been the parish priest since 1975 and with his parishioners offers all a warm welcome.

Morning tea will be provided following the Mass.

The Committee looks forward to welcoming you to our third Mass at Mount Carmel. It is an opportunity to view this historic Church and site, once known as Hungry Hill, to meet with other alumni, members of the Patrician Congregation and recall the joys of our youth – no matter how hard the times might have been - and most of all, to express our thanks for the gift of the Faith instilled by those who taught us.

For those who may wish to lunch close by the South Sydney Leagues Club is only a five-minute stroll away. The Club has a very pleasant atmosphere with fine food. Prices are reasonable and visitors are welcome.

ANNUAL MASS – OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL, WATERLOO - SUNDAY, 16 MAY 10 AM.

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A PIONEER PATRICIAN

Brother Baptist McGrath (RIP) first set foot on Australian soil in 1888. There are still many of his past students receiving this journal today.

His pupils were spread throughout the State. Brother Baptist taught firstly at Redfern, then in 1890 at Bathurst, 1892 Ryde, 1893 Albury, 1896 Bathurst, and 1899 Ryde. A Bathurst pupil was a future Prime Minister, Ben Chifley. In 1900 he began a long association with Redfern until 1918. During this time he was the Superior excepting the period July 1906 to the end of 1907.

Of the period to 1918, the history of St. Vincent's Redfern compiled by Brother Paul O'Connor records: "The school at Redfern was then in its heyday. Our official annalist records enthusiastically: *our school at Redfern was always considered one of the best in Sydney and for many years it was easily the first in the Archdiocese* [Annals II, p.51]. This report refers in particular to the time of Brother Ignatius Price and Brother Baptist McGrath."



In 1918 he went to Bathurst, 1920 to Orange, returning to Bathurst in 1923. In 1925 Brother Baptist began an eleven-year association with Holy Cross College, Ryde. In 1936 he took up his last appointment at Forest Lodge where he taught up to his death in February 1945. Brother Baptist is buried in Field of Mars Cemetery.

Probably, Brother Baptist's oldest surviving past student is Frank Corless, ex-Redfern, now in his 94th year and residing at Gerringong. The youngest would be from Forest Lodge and probably in his 67th year. Each member of the Committee and Editorial Group came under his tutelage and there are many more on our mailing list. All owe a debt of gratitude to Pioneer Patrician, Brother Baptist McGrath. [Photo: Baptist enjoying the moment at Holy Cross.]

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ANNUAL LUNCHEON – BALMAIN LEAGUES' CLUB
SUNDAY, August 22 at NOON FOR 1:00 p.m.

THE DETAILS ARE ON PAGE 10

We trust our headline has imprinted the Annual Luncheon in your minds. More information will be found within this issue.

The Committee and Editorial Group are thrilled to report on the success of the last issue of THE GREEN SASH. Never before has an issue received such favourable response. The sincere notes of appreciation warmed our hearts. To those who forwarded donations our sincere thanks.

Among the letters came one on the letterhead of the Patrician Brothers' Generalate, Tullow Hill, Tullow, Co Carlow, Ireland from the Superior General. Brother Philip Mulhall and we are delighted to share it with you.

Easter Monday

Dear Kevin,

I was very impressed with the March issue of The Green Sash. It's a very thorough historical treatment and, as such, an extremely important document.

(Bro.) Linus was also quite impressed and it has duly gone into the archives and annals. Congratulations, I enjoy all the editions of The Green Sash and feel that it honours the memory of great men in a special era.

I am enclosing a couple of copies of our own March Newsletter.

Regards,

(Bro.) Philip Mulhall S.G.

The Patrician Generalate Newsletter titled *In Love and Confidence* is a fine journal produced in colour with many photographs. To date the following issues have been received; Foundation Day, St. Patrick's Day, Eastertide, and Sts. Peter and Paul. The contents cover the spectrum of the Patrician Brothers activities in the provinces of Ireland & Kenya, India, California and Australia & Papua New Guinea.

A new feature, *International News*, introduces extracts from the Foundation Day and St. Patrick's Day issues. *International News* will be a regular feature of *THE GREEN SASH*. It will contain a potpourri of items gleaned from the Newsletters. Our only regret is that, by reason of space, the report will be limited to two pages.

The Passing of Brother Malachy Laurence Christopher Corbett, fsp (R.I.P.)

It is with deep sadness that we record the passing of Brother Malachy at Hornsby Hospital, Sydney on 26 May 1999.



Born at Newcastle, Co. Galway, Ireland, 21 December 1923.

Son of Thomas and Delia Corbett

Brother of

Thomas, Patrick, Peter, May, Margaret & Michael, Winifred,
John, Sarah, James, Kitty, Joseph, Brigid and Anne.

(The late Brother Malachy described himself as being “somewhere in the middle”.)

Entered Postulancy	17th May 1938
Received into the Novitiate	14 August 1940
First Profession	September 1941
Scholasticate at Mount St. Joseph, Tullow, Co. Carlow	1941 – 42
Scholasticate at University College, Galway, Co. Galway	1942 – 45
Final Profession	15 August 1945
Fethard, Co. Tipperary	1946
Arrived in Australia	12 May 1946
Redfern	May 1946 – November 1946
Holy Cross, Ryde	November 1946 – 1951
Forest Lodge	1952 – April 1955
Medical Leave	April 1955 – April 1956
Holy Cross, Ryde	April 1956
Blacktown	1957 – 1961
Council Member	1959 - 1962
Fairfield	1962
Wahroonga/ Narellan Novitiates (Novice Director)	1963
Fairfield	1964 – 1971
Blacktown	1972 – 1980
Council Member	1980 - 1983
Liverpool	1981
Granville	1982 – 1986
Holy Cross, Ryde	1987
Holy Cross, Ryde (Provincial Archivist and part-time teaching)	1988 – 1999
Thursday Island	May 1998 – October 1998
Called to his Eternal Reward	26 May 1999

Prayers were held at the Holy Cross College Chapel, Ryde at 7 p m on Sunday evening, 30 May 1999. Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of Brother Malachy was celebrated at the Chapel at 10 a m the following day

(Monday). The Provincial, Brother Paul O’Keeffe, delivered the eulogy.

Brother Malachy was buried in the Brothers’ plot at the Field of Mars Cemetery, Ryde.

The above record shows the outstanding contribution Brother Malachy made to Catholic education in Australia.

In Ireland, a Memorial Mass was held in Brother Malachy’s home parish of Newcastle. The church was packed with family and friends. From among the Brothers who attended, Brother Robert Ruane, having known Brother Malachy well since 1946, gave an address at the end of Mass. May he Rest in Peace. (*In Love and Confidence – Patrician Generalate Newsletter- Sts. Peter & Paul, 1999*)

In 1996, Brother Malachy provided a record of his sailing to Australia with five other Patricians aboard the aircraft-carrier *HMS Indomitable*. First published in *THE GREEN SASH* in April 1996, we reprint Brother’s story on the following two pages. [Not reprinted here.]

THOSE WHO DIE IN GRACE GO NO FURTHER FROM US THAN GOD AND GOD IS VERY NEAR.

Patrician Brothers, Naas Road, Newbridge, Co. Kildare.

Hello Kevin,

Greetings, Graces and Blessings from the Emerald Isle and John.

Bro. Philip forwarded your letter to me. I reach 80 years in September next, so you can’t expect too much from me. But surprisingly enough I have very clear recollections of that famous trip in 1946.

Let me fill you in - on a few details not mentioned by Malachy (R.I.P.). The six of us travelled on the aircraft carrier *HMS Indomitable* as officers of His Majesty’s Navy – Free, Gratis and for nothing.

This occurred because of the new Australian Ambassador to London early in 1946. He was an ex – Patrician pupil of Redfern and obviously had not forgotten it.¹ Bro. Oliver Healy taught him and the Ambassador arranged the trip for us from Davenport. I think the three Priests were also free. We had the privileges of Officers and were decked out in tropical clothes in Aden.

Now to the priests and Skypilots. The three priests were Fr. Bree (Sligo) Fr. Arthurs (Belfast) Fr. Sheeran (from ?). I am not dead sure of him. Bree and Sheeran were in the deck-hockey team with Majella, Pius, Malachy, Xavier, Aloysius Delaney in goal. You have all the details of our games.

Another thing omitted by Malachy is our stay in Fremantle after abandoning the *Indomitable*. We moved to a Navy camp for about five days – still Officers and transport laid-on. We had a whale of a time and met many Irish people there and in Perth. Finally we were issued with panniken, knife, spoon, plate and fork for use on the troop-train. It was pretty rough living. The train stopped at particular times (anywhere). All out – up to the engine and got the meal.

The “aborigines” eventually arrived everytime – selling carved items, boomerangs, etc., etc., They cost 2 bob or one cigarette! Pius bought a boomerang and enquired at the next stop from the “aborigines”. They replied, “No bloody good – kill rabbits!”

The whole experience was really unforgettable!

Hope these few notes may be useful to you. I celebrated my Diamond Jubilee last August and as part of it I hope to visit Auzzie Land in October or November next if fit.

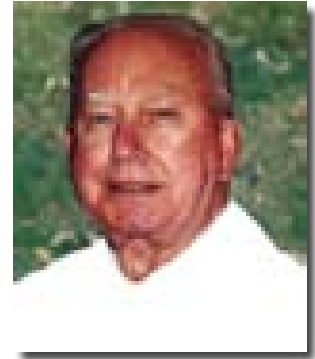
Cheers, God Bless and every good wish.

Bro. John Gallagher

1. This would be Jack Beasley who was appointed High Commissioner, not ambassador, in 1946. Was he an old boy? Does not seem likely. He was born and educated (primary) in Victoria. He was a member of Prime Minister Ben Chifley’s party, Defence Minister in fact. Now Ben Chifley is an old boy, attending the Brothers’ school in Bathurst for a short while. Maybe some facts crossed. Maybe Jack helped the Brothers as a favour to Ben.....

Diamond Jubilarian

We congratulate Brother Gerard Histon who celebrated SIXTY YEARS of Profession on 3 March 1999. Brother Gerard, born at Newtown, an alumnus of St. Vincent's, Redfern, entered the Juniorate at Wahroonga on 26 May 1934 and obtained his Leaving Certificate in 1937. In 1939 he taught at Waterloo while studying for his Arts Degree at night. On 1 February 1942, three Australian Patricians, Brother Joseph Tierney assisted by Brother Gerard and Brother Vincent Budin, with a roll call of 101 pupils, commenced the Patrician Brothers' school at Granville. Brother Gerard succeeded Brother Joseph as Principal in 1948. In 1952 he transferred to Blacktown and had 53 pupils in First Year. In 1954/5 he was Deputy Principal at Holy Cross College, Ryde. 1956 saw Brother Gerard at Forest Lodge as Superior and Principal. In 1957 he suffered a serious illness and was on medical leave until 1959 when he returned as private secretary to the then Provincial, Brother Rodan Bergin at Wahroonga. In 1960 he returned to Granville and 1962 to Blacktown. 1963 saw him at Sefton and 1965 at Fairfield where, among other subjects, he taught Economics. In 1983 Brother Gerard retired from teaching. Extracurricular interests included conducting school choirs and physical culture activities particularly the vaulting horse and pyramids. Brother Gerard is a member of the Blacktown Community.



We also congratulate Brother Gerard on attaining his 80th birthday on 26 December last.

International News

The items on the following two pages have been extracted from *In Love and Confidence* newsletters issued on Foundation Day and St Patrick's Day 1999.

Foundation Day Issue. We reproduce the opening paragraphs of the editorial.

The air was brisk and clear. And very cold. Silver gleamed on the hedges and in the fields in the hard light of a frosty moon. Dawn was yet to come and deep ruts in the road were hardened so that iron-shod boots rang out on them and sometimes the traveller stumbled on a darkened ice-patch. Wrapped in cloth and hanging from the handle of a spade, which he carried, were his few worldly possessions, his second shirt, socks to be worn on Sundays, three books and, folded in a rag purse, five shillings in cash. These represented the material wealth which Ambrose Dawson carried with him to Tullow in the hour before dawn on that cold second day of February 1808.

Thus begins the story of the foundation of the Patricians as written by Brother Linus Walker in *To Build and To Plant*. On that day four men, Ambrose Dawson, James McMahon, Maurice Cummins and Richard Fitzpatrick knelt at the Mass said by Bishop Delany in a tiny chapel in Mill street. They saw the Bishop touch the host to the wood of the tabernacle after the Consecration and say the words, "*Ne quis evertat quid feci!*" - "*Let no one undo what I have done!*"

We know also a subsequent story, when in mid-winter 1810 Dr. Delany sat with the penniless and starving community in Tullow and offered each member freedom to return to their former way of life. We know too, the response of the community, the vote "to stay together, whatever the struggle".

This issue featured the Kenyan section of the Congregation. Kenya presently comes within the control of the Irish Province.

Eldoret

In 1967 two Patrician Brothers took over the running of the Eldoret Harambee secondary school in Kenya. Brother Ed McCarthy, Headmaster since 1970 tells of its history since that time.

The following Brothers have worked in the school: Vianney Grogan, Marcellus Broderick, Francisco Murphy, Edward McCarthy, Gerry Breen, John Gallagher, Joseph Doheny, Sylvester O' Neill, Willy Carroll, John Fitzpatrick, Eliud Kimuthi and Amoscars Barasa.

Presently there are 520 students (360 boys, 160 girls) selected from Eldoret Municipality and the surrounding district of Uasin Gishu. Only those who fail to obtain places in Government schools are considered for selection. Parents who can afford it will send their academically weak children to high-cost private schools as they do not want them rubbing shoulders with the riff-raff in schools like Harambee – so the students who are admitted are academically and financially poor.

Since this was the aim and ideal of the founders it has been continued down through the years to the present day. These children have shown that, given a second chance, they can climb the academic ladder with the best of them. Among the past pupils of the school are professors, lawyers, doctors, teachers, priests, brothers, sisters, electricians, blacksmiths, and carpenters to name just a few. Of course there are also a few who are guests of the Government!

The school offers a wide range of subjects: English, Kiswahili, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, History, Geography, Christian Religion, Accounts, Commerce, Drawing and Design, and Electricity.

Iten

This article, *A Long Run in Africa*, by Brother Colm O'Connell is introduced by an Editor's Note.

By now most of us are aware of the long and fruitful involvement of our own Brother Colm O'Connell with Kenyan Athletics. The list of world class and world champion runners who have come from Iten and through Colm's guidance has dumbfounded the athletics world....

If somebody told me 25 years ago that I'd be coaching athletes today in Kenya I would have considered the idea very far-fetched.... Little we know what fate has in store for us, how our lives unfold. What may appear a rather insignificant decision now may eventually become a major turning point in our lives. It was such a decision on St. Patrick's Day 1976 that led me to where I am today.

I arrived in Iten on a wet and cold July evening. I wasn't even sure how long I'd be staying. And for good measure they gave me the "visitor's room" – a subtle hint that I might not be staying too long. – or was it a special welcome? Sixteen years later I was still in that room. As missionaries we need to remember that, no matter how long we stay, we are always just visitors.



2005 Eldoret community including Br Ed McCarthy to the far right.



2005 Brothers Paul Brennan (l) and Colm O'Connell - Kenyan stayers

Like most success stories many people seem to think that there is a special gene. For years scientists, medical and research experts have come to see and analyse what goes on here at Iten. They have studied the culture, tested the oxygen, cut out pieces of muscle, taken samples of blood, hair and God knows what. The results reveal little of significance to the athletic world or should I say that in itself reveals a lot...Sorry to disappoint them but there isn't a secret formula. But as long as others think there is a secret, then there is one.

My coaching work has its own rewards. The friends I've made, the opportunities received, the enjoyment and satisfaction from seeing and being part of young people's development, helping them become not only better runners but, more importantly, better persons.

The Foundation Day Issue includes congratulations to Brother Gerry Gannon in Mussoorie, India who celebrated a very significant SEVENTY YEARS of profession on 12 January 1999.

St. Patrick's Day Issue reported on the Extended Council held in the Midway City, California Monastery on Sunday 21 February 1999.

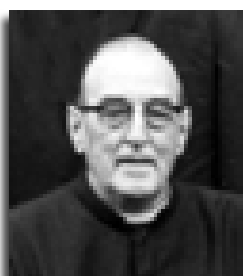
The Extended Council was first formally defined at the 1986 General Chapter. Its first meeting was at Midway City in 1987, followed by Delhi in 1989, The Entrance, north of Sydney in 1991, In 1994, "The Mount" at Tullow, Co. Carlow and in 1996 at Mussoorie, India. The Council would like to have its next meeting in Kenya and the following in Papua New Guinea. A further Council will be held in India in 2003 and be charged particularly with the preparation of the 2004 General Chapter. [Photo: Members of the 2005 Extended Council Meeting held in California. L-R: Brs Jerome Ellens (SG), Peter Ryan (VG), Chris Dawes (India), Camillus Regan (Ireland), Felim Ryan (Kenya), Edwin Guidera (USA-R.I.P.), and Aengus Kavanagh.]



The Passing of Old Warriors.



Brother Fiacre Shanahan (R.I.P.) passed away on 29 January 1999. Born 10 December 1915, he was a member of the Galway Community. He entered the Brothers in 1932 and after qualification spent 11 years teaching in Tullow. After relatively brief stints at Ballyfin, Galway, Tullow again and Carrickmacross, he was stationed in Mallow, where he spent the rest of his teaching career. He became widely known as an excellent teacher of the Irish language and the turn-out at his funeral in Mallow, Co. Cork was evidence of the respect that the people of the area had for this outstanding Patrician.



Brother Francis Redmond (R.I.P.) passed away on 31 January 1999. Born 25 December 1912, he was a member of the Generalate Community at Tullow, Co. Carlow. Brother Francis, of course, had himself been Superior General from 1956 to 1968. He made many friends in far-flung places and was widely loved and respected by Brothers and their friends and associates. His body lay in repose at the Generalate on Tuesday 2 February, Foundation Day and a constant stream of people came to pay their respects. We buried him on the following day after Requiem Mass in the Parish Church, Twenty three priests concelebrated at a ceremony which was marked by the inclusion of symbols to illustrate that Francis was an international character and once the leader of the Patrician Brothers.

PATRICIAN BROTHERS' INNER SYDNEY SCHOOLS ALUMNI
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

For the Year ended 31 December 1998

1997	Receipts	1998	Payments	1998	1997
\$		\$		\$	\$
<u>542</u>	Bank balance <u>brought fwd.</u>	856	Function Costs		
			South Sydney Leagues	1364	1340
	Function Contributions		Other	<u>80</u>	-
1501	and donations	2201		1444	1340
2	Bank Interest	1	Donations (Brothers – Aitape)	350	-
				1794	1340
			Postage & Stationery	270	346
	Patrician History Project		Gov't & Bank Charges	5	<u>3</u>
500	Brothers' Donation	-		275	349
2003		2202		2069	1689
			Bank balance <u>carried fwd.</u>	<u>989</u>	<u>856</u>
<u>2545</u>		<u>3058</u>		<u>3058</u>	<u>2545</u>
	Bank balance <u>brought fwd.</u>				
<u>856</u>	1/1/1999	<u>989*</u>	Noel D. Sara		
	*\$500 allocable to History Project		<u>Chartered Accountant</u>		
			(Honorary Treasurer) 10 th March 1999.		

The above statement is the last of many prepared over the years by Noel Sara, classmate of the two Kevins of the Editorial Group at St. James', Forest Lodge in the Intermediate Year of 1945. Noel has been associated with Eric Leahy in Alumni activities for nigh on 50 years and both were closely involved in the 1950s and 1960s with the Prince of Fundraisers, Brother Aloysius Delaney (R.I.P.).

Noel and Maureen are travelling north. We will miss his firm control over our finances and sage contributions in the conduct of our affairs. Sadly, like so many in the area and some other of our readers, their Sydney home was devastated in the savage hailstorm which hit Sydney and their departure has been delayed.

We record our sincere appreciation to Noel and wish both he and Maureen a happy retirement in sunnier climes.

Father Thomas Hayes Kerr 1910 – 1999.

We record the passing of Father Tom Kerr, on 1 April 1999. Father Kerr was assistant priest at Forest Lodge from March 1935 to November 1940 when he became an RAAF chaplain and served in Canada, New Guinea, Borneo and with the occupation force in Japan. He entered the Springwood Seminary in 1927 and in 1933 was ordained at St Mary's Cathedral by Archbishop Michael Kelly. His first appointment was to Dulwich Hill then to Forest Lodge. After the war he worked in Earlwood and St. Mary's parishes. He later was parish priest at Tempe, then Lakemba until his final appointment in 1972 at Blakehurst where he stayed until his retirement in 1983. In his homily Bishop Cremin recalled that Father Kerr and Father Wallington, while at Forest Lodge, had once owned a greyhound; they took the first three letters of their surnames and called it Walker. The trainer held out high hopes for the dog but, a very promising racing career came to a halt when it was run over by a tram. (Obituary S.M.H.)

NOVITIATE TO BECOME CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL.

Students will start Year 8 at the new site at Delany Centre on Smearton Grange Road, Narellan at the beginning of the school year in 2000. Magdalene Catholic High School will develop into a full Year 7-12 co-educational school by the year 2005. The Patrician Brothers and the Diocese of Wollongong are pleased the site, which the Brothers have been occupying, will be the home of the Catholic high school serving the Macarthur district. (The Catholic Weekly, 28 March 1999.)



1993: A group of the Brothers gathered at Narellan for a retreat. The building in the background is now a part of the school administration; St Patrick now resides at Delany Place.

Jottings from The Freeman's Journal.

30 August 1884

Our Goulburn correspondent writes: I have heard that the Brothers of St. Patrick so long expected to take charge of our Catholic schools are soon to touch Australian shores in company with his Grace, Dr. Moran. I believe the Superiors of the house at home have taken the greatest care to train the Australian Branch to be thorough teachers, all of them having passed the intermediate examinations before being sent out.

Comment: Apparently Australia was identified some years before we became a nation!

20 September 1884.

Our Maitland correspondent writes: There has been a change in the teaching staff of St. John's School owing to the arrival of the Brothers of St. Patrick of whom you spoke last week. Brother Fenton (Fintan) O'Neill who with Brother Dominic O'Neill have had charge of St John's for some considerable time past – has been removed to Goulburn – to take charge of the Brothers of that Diocese. The school is now conducted by Brother Dominic and three of the new arrivals.

Our Goulburn correspondent writes: Five of the Brothers of St. Patrick arrived here on Monday last. The Brothers have rented Poplar Cottage close to the church and school.

23 January 1886.

The Patrician Brothers at Bathurst. A residence for the Brothers to be erected on George Street near the school. Foundation stone to be laid on Sunday next (24 January).

19 January 1889. Advertisement.

St. Patrick's College, Armidale
Conducted by the Brothers of St. Patrick
Under the patronage of the Right Rev. Dr. Torreggiani, OSFC, Bishop of Armidale.

The climate of Armidale is unrivalled in the colony. Students are prepared for the University. The boarders are under the constant supervision of the Brothers.

Full particulars on application.

Dr. E. Torreggiani OSFC.

18 July 1907.

Holy Cross College. Formation of ex-Students Union. In attendance Brothers Fenton (O'Neill) Benignus (Kealy), Patrick (Fogarty), Boniface (Carroll) from Holy Cross College and Brothers Stanislaus (Bergin) and Baptiste (McGrath) from Redfern. A photo of the members of the OBU appears in issue of 25 July 1907.

19 September 1907.

New School at Waterloo. Another bright link was forged on Sunday last, September 15, 1907 by his Eminence the Cardinal blessing the foundation stone of the new boys' school at Waterloo.

14 November 1907.

Edward Harrington, Holy Cross College and Redfern, first in Commonwealth examination.

9 April 1908.

Mt. Carmel Boys' School. The new boys' school at Mt. Carmel, Waterloo will be opened after Easter under the direction of the Patrician Brothers whose educational work at Redfern has proved a blessing to the district. The new school has been amply furnished with the most modern equipment and no expense has been spared in the work of supplying the latest improvements. Notable among these is the automatic dual desk, the latest of its type. Maps on spring rollers, in what is known as the diamond case also form a new feature, and there are others.

On page 25. Cost 1500 Pounds. Building 1200 Pounds, the extras, furniture and school grounds etc. 300 Pounds. Opened Saturday last, 5 April 1908.

ANNUAL LUNCHEON – BALMAIN LEAGUES' CLUB.
SUNDAY, AUGUST 22 - NOON for 1:00 p.m.

\$25.00 per person. Drinks will be to your own account.

When forwarding your reservations please provide the CHRISTIAN and SURNAME of the members of your party. Spouses, family members, etc. are invited to come along.

Please complete the booking slip below and return it post haste. Les McMahon is awaiting your booking.

Remember lunch is at 1:00 p.m. So, a noon to 12:15 p.m. arrival will give you the opportunity to relax before lunch.

Mini Raffle.

Our raffle is sponsored by the Family Murphy, mine hosts of the Toxteth Hotel, Glebe. So this year the value of our prizes has doubled. First prize is to the value of \$200, second \$60 and third \$40. A grand total of \$300. The result will be announced at our Luncheon on August 22.

Stationery and postage costs for THE GREEN SASH are about \$100 per issue so once a year we run our mini raffle. If you are unable to attend the Luncheon, it is an opportunity to be there in spirit. The tickets are attached to this page. Please return your completed butts with the "ready" as shown below.

PLEASE CUT ALONG THE LINE.

I/We accept the Luncheon invitation at the Balmain Leagues' Club for the Patrician Brothers' Inner Sydney Schools Alumni on Sunday, 22 August 1999.

CHRISTIAN NAME	SURNAME	ADDRESS
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	Phone No. _____
4. _____	_____	Cost <u>\$25 per head</u>

I return the three **COMPLETED** butts together with entry fee of **\$5.00**.

PLEASE MAKE CHEQUE PAYABLE TO: Patrician Brothers' Alumni.

POST TO: Les McMahon, 5 Minogue Crescent, Glebe. 2037.

NO LATER THAN MONDAY 10 AUGUST 1999.

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We wish all a happy and holy Christmas and a joyous New Year.

**May the grace
of God's protection
and His great love
abide within you home
and within the hearts
of all who dwell therein**

THE ROAD TO RYDE.

Over the past six years while producing *THE GREEN SASH* one thought has continually passed through the writer's mind. What route did the Pioneer Patricians take to Ryde in the 1890s? Did they go by train to West Ryde, by ferry to Tennyson, by road to Abbotsford and punt to Bedlam Point? How did they travel to and from Ryde prior to the commencement of the tram service to Ryde in 1910? The error was in thinking that the bridges came with the trams. Not so. The bridges were built long before the tramlines crossed them. It was another 30 years before a tram ran across Gladesville Bridge!

The original Gladesville and Iron Cove Bridges opened in February 1881 and November 1882 respectively. The Tram Line (single track) to Drummoyne commenced on December 28, 1902 and was extended to Ryde on June 11, 1910.

The original Tram Line from the city was via Forest lodge and followed the cutting, now known as The Crescent, behind Harold Park trotting track and continued directly into Rozelle emerging onto Victoria Road (formerly called Weston Street) between Tattersall's Hotel and Evans Street. Following the opening of the Glebe Island Bridge on November 14, 1910 the Tram Line was redirected by a shorter route along Harris Street, Ultimo; then Miller and Banks Streets, Pyrmont; Glebe Island Bridge, The Crescent and Victoria Road to join the line near Evans Street, Rozelle.



1905: Victoria Rd looking east with the college on the left. No tram lines here, but there are a couple of horse and buggies.

So, it seems the observation made by Brother Paul O'Connor (RIP) in his 'History of the Redfern School and Community' is very apt:

'We can but imagine the inconvenience to the community when living in Cleveland St. or Young St., but it must have been worse when the (Redfern) Brothers lived at Holy Cross at a time when no trams reached so far. Probably they travelled by horse and buggy. Those were the days.'

Brother Paul further records: *'The first entry in the council minutes reads:*

Things were fairly satisfactory. The community has been residing in Ryde where they paid one Pound each for clothes and maintenance. This is the first council meeting held since returning to Redfern...'
August 21, 1892.

Acknowledgment. The bridge dates were obtained from *The Ryde Line to Sydney Tramway System*, D.R. Keenan, 1988 and the Tram Line dates and routes from *The Tramways of New South Wales*, Ian McCowan, 1990.

[[In 2010 we are still wondering how the Brothers travelled from Ryde to Redfern and Forest Lodge and back. Records show that they did this in 1891/2 and 1894/5. During these years they would have resided in the original Holy Cross on the southern side of Victoria Rd, and while a large house it was not a mansion. During both these periods it had to accommodate more than eleven Brothers, 6 or 5 from Redfern/Forest Lodge and 6 or 7 in the Ryde community itself.

There was no tram system. The Brothers did not have a car. Ferry? Horse and buggy? Wouldn't that be a two-hour trip to travel the 20 kilometres or so? There are no mentions of the "full house" in the Ryde community records, but there is mention of a buggy needing repairs.]]

DIOCESE OF BATHURST HONOURS THE PATRICIAN BROTHERS.

On Sunday, 19 September last, took place the Official Opening and Blessing of the New Cathedral School in the heart of the City of Bathurst.

The Patrician Brothers, together with the Sisters of Mercy and the De La Salle Brothers, were honoured guests of the Bathurst Catholic Community to view this splendid \$2 million school. The construction was carried out under the supervision of two parishioners who achieved great savings in the cost of the complex. The Cathedral School is a credit to the Diocese of Bathurst and all connected with the project.

Brothers from Blacktown, Fairfield, Liverpool and Ryde communities attended. The white soutane and GREEN SASH stood out in the large crowd.



1999: Brs Joe Crowley, Charles Barry, Joe Guidera, Basil Downey, Gerald Egan, and Mark Ryan at the Bathurst celebration.

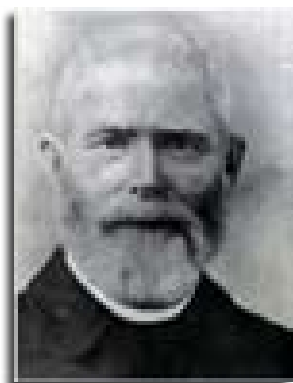
Brother Mark Ryan, Community Leader at Holy Cross College, arranged a display listing all Patricians who had taught at Bathurst together with photographs of the five Pioneer Patricians who came in 1884.

Brother Mark's well-mounted historical display captured the interest of many, particularly the older residents.

PATRICIAN BROTHERS AT BATHURST 1884-1924.

The Freeman' Journal dated 30 August 1884 reported that a recent edition of the Madras Standard stated Brother Ignatius Price was to transfer from India to the Diocese of Goulburn. *This agreement was negotiated between Bishop Lanigan and Brother Paul Hughes who is presently in Australia.*¹ (A search of 1884 shipping lists failed to identify the arrival of Brother Paul. However, he may have landed at Melbourne and travelled by rail to Goulburn. Ed.)

1. Kevin is paraphrasing here but is faithful to the facts of the original text. Paul Hughes was one of three 1875 pioneers to India. No mention of him visiting Australia has been found anywhere other than here, and surely an 1884 visit would be recorded somewhere in the annals. Paul did, however, visit Europe around this time to raise money for Chennai orphanage. In 1886 Paul joined the Friars Capuchin (*BNG*, Walker, p.70)



Br Ignatius Price. First Australian provincial.

On the 6 September 1884, *The Freeman's Journal* reported that Brother Ignatius was to go to the Diocese of Bathurst. Why the confusion? Both reports were similar in content except that Bishop Quinn of Bathurst replaced Bishop Lanigan of Goulburn and no reference was made to the *Madras Standard* nor Brother Paul Hughes.

It seems that Bishop Quinn and Bishop Lanigan were both very keen to obtain the services of Brother Ignatius.

This does offer an explanation as to why Brother Ignatius went to Goulburn immediately on his arrival in September 1884. Was his visit to Goulburn a matter of courtesy to Bishop Lanigan to personally explain his commitment to Bishop Quinn at Bathurst? Whatever the reason, the Irish record confirms he went to Goulburn in 1884 and, in the same year, proceeded to Bathurst to head the community there.

Four months later, Bishop Quinn died at Bathurst on 16 January 1885 in his 65th year.

The *Freeman's Journal* reported: *By the S.S. Rome, as we have already announced, there came Brothers Ignatius Price, Albert Hanley, Ambrose Ryan, Louis Hynes and Anthony Lee for the Diocese of Bathurst.*

These five Brothers were the first of many Patricians to serve the Catholic community at Bathurst.

Brother Ignatius Price, a talented teacher, had a long career both in Ireland and India. In late 1885 he proceeded to Sydney to open the first Patrician school there at Redfern in February 1886 and in 1891 was instrumental in the establishment of the original Holy Cross College established at St Charles' Villa for retired and invalid priests at Ryde. Brother Ignatius was appointed Head Superior in 1891 and the first Provincial of the Australian Province 1893 – 1894. He served also at Orange in 1890 and Armidale in 1895/6. Brother Ignatius returned to India in 1897 where he remained until his death in 1916, in his 74th year.

Brother Albert Hanley accompanied Brother Ignatius to Redfern but it seems he did not renew his triennial vows and left the Order circa 1887.

Brother Ambrose Ryan transferred to Maitland in 1885 where he remained until the end of 1888. In 1889 he was at Armidale where he died on 19 February 1889.

Brother Louis Hynes remained at Bathurst until 1889 when he proceeded to Wagga. In 1890 he was at Armidale and in 1891 at Goulburn where he died that year.

Brother Anthony Lee also was at Bathurst until 1889 when he proceeded to Orange and in 1890 Dubbo. 1891/3 saw him at Orange and 1894 at Goulburn. In 1895 Brother Anthony was at Ryde till July, Bathurst to September and Orange for the remainder of the year. From 1896 to 1898 he was at Ryde and in 1899 at Redfern. Brother Anthony was Provincial of the Australian Province from 1894 until his death in July 1899.

Other Patricians who served in Bathurst:

Patricius Bergin	1907	Stanislaus Bergin	1886	Thomas Brennan	1917
Vincent Brosnan	1893	Finian Byrne	1912	Boniface Carroll	1910
Basil Cassidy	1902	Aloysius Curley	1912	Celsus Daly	1920
Fidelis Downes	1910	Andrew Dwyer	1899	Regis Dwyer	1891
Canice Grimes	1911	Aloysius Hannigan	unknown ¹	Evangelist Hanratty	1921
Regis Hickey	1908	Ligouri Higgins	1889	Clement Howlin	1902
Louis Hunt	1902	Thomas Hunt	1904	Benignus Kealy	1912
John Lee	1891	James Long	1900	Francis McDermott	1923
Joseph McDonald	1893	Austin McGrath	1892	Baptist McGrath	1890
Albin McMenamin	1908	Benedict O'Grady	1891	Aloysius Aloysius	1890
Fintan O'Neill	1902	Columba O'Reilly	1890	Bernard O'Toole	1917
Norbert Phelan	1920	Dominic Rickerby	1906	Bernard Ryan	1893
James Ryan	1891	Leonard Ryan	1911	Albert Small	1917

1. Records since show that blood brothers Ignatius and Aloysius Hannigan both served at Bathurst. First postings: Ignatius in 1906 for a few months, and Aloysius in 1910 for a few months. Ignatius returned in 1914 to 1917 (died in 1919). Aloysius, thought dying in 1964, was never posted to Bathurst again.

Note 1. The year shown in the above listing is the first year of appointment to Bathurst.

Note 2. Brother Benedict O'Grady seems to have been the first Australian Patrician¹ – see page 16 of *The Freeman's Journal* dated 23 January 1892. *The Patrician Brothers – Annual Retreat at Ryde. Mr John McGrath (Brother Baptist) having completed his triennial vows pronounced his perpetual vows. Mr Patrick O'Grady was received into the novitiate as Brother Benedict.* The Irish record shows Brother Benedict O'Grady 1891/2 Bathurst 1893 Orange 1894/5 Bathurst.

Brother Regis Dwyer is shown in the Irish record as a Novice at Bathurst in 1891. He arrived from Ireland, in the company of six other Brothers aboard the *S.S. Parramatta* on 31 January 1890. Brother Regis transferred to Wagga in 1894 where he died in the month of May of that year.

Note 3. *Brother Alphonsus John Eviston, born at William Street, Bathurst on 23 February 1877 and an early student of the Brothers at their Bathurst school is believed to be the first (fully professed) Australian Patrician². Brother Alphonsus entered the Congregation on Foundation Day, 2 February 1894 and made his First Profession on 5 January 1897. He died on 18 December 1957 having spent over 60 of his 80 years as a faithful Brother of St. Patrick.* [The Patrician Brothers in Australia – The First Hundred Years.] (fully professed - writer's comment.)

Note 4. Brothers Aloysius O'Leary and Louis Hunt died at Bathurst in 1890 and 1902 respectively.

Note 5. In June 1995, the then Provincial Archivist, the late Brother Malachy Corbett advised the writer: Brother Aloysius Hannigan taught at Bathurst and Orange, the specific dates are unknown.



The monastery and adjoining school, George St, Bathurst. This is the original location of the school but not the original building. This building was completed in 1909, 25 years after the Brothers arrived.



1909: Young Eviston attending a picnic.

REBUILDING AT FOREST LODGE

The Parish of Forest Lodge faces a huge financial burden for major repairs to the parish school.

The school built in 1895 and extended in 1940 requires structural work in the order of \$1.25 million. The Parish Priest, Father Les Cashen, and the parishioners have a daunting task ahead of them.

Costs are so high today. In the early days our forebears faced what must have seemed to be an insurmountable debt of 3850 Pounds. In April 1884 the parish held *An Olde English Fayre* which ran for a fortnight and raised 1020 Pounds.

The *Freeman's Journal* of 19 April 1884 devoted almost two columns on a detailed report of:

YE FAYRES AND YE FAYRIES

It was a brilliant and charmingly romantic scene, the opening of Ye Fayre on Easter Monday at St. James schoolroom, Forest Lodge, the personal graces and picturesque costumes of the ladies, with the old fashioned

1. Benedict was easily preceded by Australian Anthony Vial and Aloysius O'Leary in 1889 and in that order. By 1892 Anthony had left the Brothers and Aloysius had died.

2. Alphonsus Eviston is the first Australian to make his perpetual vows as a Patrician (1901).



The original Brothers' school at Forest Lodge on Bridge Street. It was built in 1879 and opened as a school in 1880. The Good Sams taught all until the Brothers arrived in 1892 teaching the boys downstairs. This photo: 2003.

street and its rows of gorgeously painted little shops, and all the artistic surroundings making up a picture that was full of attractiveness and not without an element of splendour. The feature par-excellence of the opening ceremony, was the royal procession, in which all the ladies took part. Miss Mary Slattery, the pretty little daughter of the Hon. Member for Burrows, impersonated the Queen, and the tiny monarch, who certainly looked every inch a Queen, and even more, carried herself right royally. Her juvenile majesty was richly robed in white satin trimmed with pearls and boniton lace, and her court train of blue shaded plush was trimmed with swans' down. Mr Thomas Callachor, gorgeous as Sir Walter Raleigh, marshalled the pageant.....then followed a detailed description of the attire of the many ladies and their displays. To name a few.....Miss Alleyne – English Peasant – blue satin skirt, black velvet body. Miss Florrie Guy, an

interesting little lady, quaintly dressed in representation of The Old Woman that lived in a Shoe.....The next door displays one of the emblems of Irish nationality, and beneath “Ye Harp of Erin” the names of Mrs Scott and Mrs Whelan appear as the duly registered proprietors licensed, to retail everything but Daly Brothers' “Potheen”. Mrs Scott, A Lady of the Present Century – black cashmere dress with a top skirt of brocaded silk trimmed with lace, black satin cap trimmed with white lace and gold...Miss Eastmure, Dolly Varden – pink satin cap, top skirt of variegated colours, lace cap and fan...

The Fayre will be open tonight in all its glory and special attractions are promised for the whole of next week, morning and evening. There is every appearance of a continuance of the present gratifying success. City people can reach the Fayre by the Glebe Point tram, and to those who want to pass an hour or two pleasantly, we can suggest nothing better than a visit to Ye Olde Fayre at Forest Lodge.

Just stop to think. This Fayre of Fayries raised 1020 Pounds Sterling in 1884. What would that represent in today's values. Let's suggest that the average income in 1884 was say, two Pounds or \$5. Today the average income is almost \$700. Therefore it has increased in the order of one hundred and forty fold. Would it surprise you to think that the parishioners raised the equivalent of \$2500 multiplied by 140, an amount of, say \$350 000 in a fortnight? Perhaps this is an exaggeration. So – let's halve it and say \$175 000. In 1884, the amount raised would have bought a very fine home in the then salubrious suburb of Glebe. The writer is aware that in 1892, his great-grandmother, the above-mentioned Mrs. Scott paid 675 Pounds Sterling for her home in Hereford Street.

But that wasn't the end of things. In May 1889, the parish held a fortnight long Grand Australian Fair. (the Republican spirit was emerging.)

..Against the changing background of tableaux mouvants, concerts, ventriloquism and May Pole dances, the organisers are reported to “have struck oil”, to be “simply coining gold”.

We pray that the Parish of Forest Lodge will be blessed in its endeavours in meeting its funding needs. History shows that the parish was so blessed in its early years and again, at the end of the 1930s, as Australia emerged from the Great Depression and entered the doubtful years of World War II.

[Extracts – St. James' Church, Forest Lodge, A Chronicle of Parish Life (1877 –1977) John Fletcher.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS FROM GENERALATE NEWSLETTERS.

Central Administration of the Congregation.

The 1998 General Chapter realised that, in changing times, there would be difficulty in maintaining Central Governance at Tullow and that a rationalisation was necessary.

It was resolved: *this Chapter urges the new Leadership Team to examine in depth this issue and the related matters of location, premises and facilities in order to make whatever rationalisations may help to facilitate the community life of the Central Leadership team.*

A working party was set up to investigate, discuss, consult with groups, and to hold a series of meetings with Brothers, Councillors and Provincials seeking feedback to find a way through the discernment maze.



A section of the front drive of what was the Patrician Generalate in Tullow. It is now demolished.

In early October 1999, the Generalate community invited neighbours into Tullow Hill to share with them the fact that we were confronted with the sort of difficulty which could result in the Brothers leaving Tullow Hill. The neighbours were very supportive.

From mid January 2000, the General Secretariat will be located in the Newbridge House, County Kildare. Brother James Murphy, as General Secretary, will be part of the Newbridge Community. Brother Phillip and Brother Jerome will share Community with the Brothers of Newbridge when in Ireland. Both are already used to sharing Community in houses overseas.

The Congregational Archive will be located in the very suitable building at Kingston, Galway. Brother Linus Walker will be a member of the Community there.

.'...it is not easy to make this kind of decision, but the more we conferred, the clearer it became that support and maintenance of the large institutional facility at Tullow Hill should not be the preoccupying ministry of two, no longer young, men who have so much to give in their primary ministry to the Congregation, James Murphy and Linus Walker....'.

In Tullow, the members of the Delany House Community will continue the almost two hundred year association of the Patricians with the town of Tullow, the place of founding, and the Parish of Daniel Delany.

Brother Aengus Kavanagh in Pakistan.

As this goes to press Brother Aengus is in Pakistan with two colleagues from the Catholic Education Office, Parramatta. They will be running in-service on Leadership and the Covey Program (Seven Habits of Highly Effective People).

Recently, while in Ireland on leave, Brother Aengus ran two seminars on Educational Leadership for the Irish Secretariat of Secondary Schools. The reputation sure spreads!

[Extracts – In Love and Confidence – All Souls, Nov. 1999.]



1999: Aengus standing far left; CEO colleagues are sitting far left and far right.

BROFILES.

(This issue of the Generalate Newsletter carries a new type of item. We have called it *Brofile* which may be a little corny but has a clear enough meaning. It does seem to offer a means whereby the lives of our brothers can be made present to many others, both those who know the person and the basic story and those who don't. Ed.)

Brother Eugene "Timmy" Dunne.

This is part of the story of a man who is pretty much an honorary Indian now and even in his eighties manages to spend considerable periods in India, the place where he spent most of his apostolic life.

Timothy Dunne was born 1 July, 1917 at Errill, Co. Laois, to Timothy and Anne [Phelan]. He entered Mt. St. Joseph, Tullow on 5 July 1930. He took First Vows, 15 August 1934, Finals Vows, 15 August 1938.

Brother Eugene had spells at Mallow (Co. Cork) and Galway before heading to India in September 1946. He left from Liverpool, England with Brothers Bernard Byrne, Paddy Long, James Foley, Lambert Devery and McCartan Duffy. [They were the famous group of "Six", the biggest single group that ever left Ireland for India. They were also, as a team, the most highly qualified and best-equipped with teaching experience. The Britannic that bore them along in a slightly hush-hush operation normally plied the North Atlantic and was not at all geared for the heat of the Red Sea.]



Then followed five happy years in St Anthony's, Lahore teaching the Junior Cambridge Class.

The first visit back to Ireland came in 1951, after which he returned to pioneer in Meerut for three years with Brother Ignatius O'Brien and Brother Cathaldus Mahony. This was a new foundation 40 miles north of Delhi with an initial enrolment of 35 students.

1955 saw him transfer to Madras in the tropical south. In 1960 it was back to Meerut as Principal and in charge of construction of a new school.

In 1963 Brother Eugene went to Delhi to establish a new school which would become the present St. Mary's. With Brother Cathaldus and Brother Ambrose Fitzpatrick he procured six acres with the help of General Bhagwati Singh and Colonel Purkayastha. This establishment took him through to 1968 and was the place where his talent for identifying sources of ground water, first evident at Meerut, developed further.

1969–1971 saw him Principal at St. Joseph's Academy, Dehra Dun and 1972–1973 Principal at St. George's College, Mussoorie.

In 1974 he made the move again with Brother Cathaldus, all the way northeast to Binnaguri where he took up the Principalship of a new school of 140 students. At first with Brother Cathaldus and then with Brother Joe Carroll, he established the school of St. James on its present site on the 42 acre campus.

1981 finally saw Brother Eugene retired to Dehra Dun. His replacement was Brother V.P. Bernard, the first Indian-born Principal of St. James.

Brother Eugene remained at Dehra Dun until 1994 when he returned to Ireland. He regularly returns to India for long periods.

In a recent interview Brother Eugene indicated he had never had an unhappy year in "all my years there" even among the specially challenging years of pioneering, particularly in Binnaguri. He remembers with affection the climate and discipline in the schools and the wonderfully dedicated staff members and their tenacious loyalty to the Brothers.

[Extract – *In Love and Confidence – Feast of the Birth of Mary, Sept. 1999*. Addition in brackets from memorial Brother Lambert Devery 1918 – 1994.]

Brother Raymond Forde

(Recently I spoke with Brother Raymond and asked for some personal information that I could publish in the Brofile feature of the newsletter. I was intrigued by Brother Raymond's background and past experiences and also the fact he had such enthusiasm for returning to Kenya and work with those in Formation at the age of seventy-one. Ed. Generalate newsletter.)

Born in 1928 on the feast of St. Thomas Aquinas, young Michael Thomas Forde grew up at Labbycally, Glanworth, County Cork. The cottage, in which Owen and Catherine Forde raised Michael and his sisters and brothers, still stands.

It was Denis Lomasney who recruited young Michael and pointed him the direction of Mount St. Joseph, Tullow, in September, 1942. It took Michael and his companions two days to reach Tullow by train. We do it now by car in a bit over three hours. Brother Finbarr Downes, the Superior General [brother of Brother Fidelis] and Brother DeSales Gilbert (now in Australia) met the newcomers at "The Mount".



Brother Raymond's group was the first ever to receive holidays, in December 1943. At age sixteen on 14 August 1943, Michael took the name Raymond and entered the Novitiate. One year and one day later he took First Vows.

Brother Raymond began his teaching in Newbridge in 1947 and then attended Teacher Training College with the De La Salles between 1947 and 1950. He taught at Galway, Newbridge again, Mallow, Abbeyleix (Co. Laois) and Carrickmacross (Co. Monaghan) before going to Ballykealy, near Ballon, (Co. Carlow) in 1967 as Novice Master.

Brother Raymond writes about the junction in his life that came in 1968.

When I returned from holidays in 1968, I learned that all but one of the postulants had decided to leave. With one novice about to be professed and another deciding not to proceed to profession, it looked like there might not be a need for a Novice Master for a while. I decided to volunteer for the missions.

He was originally accepted for Kenya, but with staffing also a big need in Lahore, Pakistan, Brother Raymond was asked to go there instead. There he spent nine years which he classifies as "wonderful" until the school was handed over to the Marist Fathers from Australia.

In Brother Raymond's memoirs there is a description of his leaving Lahore in 1977. (The Superior had decided that Brother Raymond should leave without telling anyone so that a big emotional event could be avoided. This he found very hard as he had a lot of close friends among staff and parents.)

On the day of my departure, I left St. Anthony's, Lahore unnoticed by servants or anyone else at 3.00 p.m. I had been in school until 12.30 p.m. I was driven to the airport and I can still recall the loneliness I felt as I sat in the lounge awaiting the boarding call.

Returning to Ireland, Brother Raymond was posted to Fethard (Co. Tipperary) where he remained until Fethard House closed in September 1993. He was again "out of a job".

He volunteered for Kenya and left Ireland on 27 September 1993 to begin another phase in life and ministry. In October 1993 Brother Raymond took up duties in the Novitiate in Kamagut, Kenya. Of the first meeting with Kenyan Novices, he writes:

It was great to meet them for the first time and to realise that here was great hope for the Patricians in Kenya... I thank God He has allowed me to do a little bit here.

[Extract – In Love and Confidence, All Souls, Nov. 1999]

THE ARCHIVES AND RECORDS OF THE STATE OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

The records held in the N.S.W. State Archives, the State and Mitchell Libraries, the Society of Australian Genealogists are a boon to our Nation. Without these resources a great deal of our history would be denied to us. We record our thanks to those who have caused them to be so freely available.

Recent visits to view *The Freeman's Journal* at the State Library in Macquarie Street and Shipping Lists at the State Archives in Globe Street, near the Quay, have led to finding some interesting information on the arrivals of Brothers from Ireland in 1888 and 1890.

Searching the shipping lists is a very tiring task but a few clues from *The Freeman's Journal* can cut the work to a minimum.

Some items of interest to the writer in *The Freeman's Journal* in 1888 were:

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| 28 January | Page 19 - Advertisement for Sacred Heart College, Monte Pio, West Maitland, conducted by the Brothers of St. Patrick. |
| 17 March | Page 15 - Birthplace of St. Patrick - Letter from Father P. Le Rennetal of St. Patrick's, Churchhill. Father maintained Brittainy as birthplace. |
| 2 June | Page 15 - Decorating a Church – Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. A detailed description of the internal of the Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. |
| 20 October | Page 15 - New Brothers of St. Patrick for Sydney. Two Brothers for Redfern to arrive on the S.S. Cuzco with Cardinal Moran. |
| 20 December | Page 15 - Brothers of St. Patrick to leave Maitland. Brothers Sylvester (Harmey) and Anthony (Viol) [sic] mentioned. |

Unfortunately, the photocopiers were occupied and a return visit is required. The article on the Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel will be an important feature in our next issue.

S.S. Cuzco and S.S. Parramatta

On 29 November 1888 the S.S. Cuzco arrived from London. On board was Cardinal Moran, who was accompanied by ten priests, nine Nuns, led by Rev. Mother Dunphy [Order unknown] and two Brothers of St. Patrick. The priests were titled Rev. and described as Clergyman and the Nuns as Sister and Religious. The Brothers were shown separately on the passenger list as Mr. J. McGrath and Mr. P. McGrath. Each had his calling shown as Schoolmaster. Except for the information in *The Freeman's Journal* it is very doubtful that Brothers Baptist (John) and Austin (Patrick?) McGrath would have been identified with certainty. In fact, they were passed over in an earlier search a few days before.

On 31 January 1890 the S.S. Parramatta arrived and among those on board were Brothers S. Maher, J. Lee, A. Ryan, R. Dwyer, J. Ryan, D. Rickerby and M. McGrath.

The *Freeman's Journal* of 8 February 1890 reported: 'Brothers James Ryan, Mathew McGrath, John Lee, Regis Dwyer, Dominic Rickerby for the Diocese of Bathurst at the new school at Orange and Brothers Stanislaus Maher and Andrew Ryan for the Diocese of Armidale.'

However, further checking of shipping lists has revealed that a number of Brothers arrived prior to the first year shown in the Irish record. The *Freeman's Journal* reported on 24 October 1885 that Brother Ambrose Ryan arrived with four other Brothers on the S.S. Cuzco.

The results of the checking of Shipping Lists and *The Freeman's Journal* 1883-1896 will be another important feature in our next issue.