



## South Australian Cluster News #29

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### News

#### ERN Retreat – Letting Go of God

The Edmund Rice Network Retreat this year was held at The Otherway Centre at St Peters on Saturday 15 October. Br Damien Price facilitated the day. It had the initially unusual theme “Letting Go of God” which made sense as we moved into the reflection and realised that it challenged us to let go of the images of God that restrict God’s action in our lives and in our world. There were about fifteen participants who found Damien’s energetic and challenging facilitation very life giving. Thanks very much to Damien for his input and to Natasha who organised the gathering.

#### CREAT Visit

The CREAT Team, Terry Luke and Cyril were with us the following weekend (22 and 23 October) for a retreat time which was based on the theme – “Five Loaves is Enough”. The idea of the five loaves being enough referred to Mark 6: 30 – 39 where Jesus challenged the Apostles to feed the five thousand even though they had only five loaves and two fish. The challenge was for us to use what resources we have even though we may not think that they are enough. There was a good balance of personal inner work and valuable reflective time with input in practical skills applicable to living in Community especially focused on Active Listening. The level of sharing in the small groups was credit to the quality of the input as well as to the openness of the Brothers to the experience. On the Sunday we concluded with a BBQ lunch where many made the most of the pleasant weather by sitting outside. Thanks to Dean McGlaughlin who did a fair amount of the preparation and cooked the BBQ.



Photo (L to R) Standing: James Murray, John Webb, Trevor Dean, Peter Faulkner Pat Cronin, Luke Quinn, Michael Flaherty and Ben McCabe.

Seated: John Moylan, Pat Guidera, Des O’Grady, John (Jock) McGee.

In Front: Terry Casey and Cyril Bosco.

## Coming Events

### Remembrance of our Deceased Brothers – Wednesday 9 November.

As in previous years, on the day of the Annual Mass for deceased bishops, clergy and religious of the Archdiocese, there is an invitation from the Regent St Community for a special commemoration of deceased brothers at the Brothers' Plot at the West Terrace Cemetery. Times are as follows:

West Terrace at the Brothers' Plot	5.00 pm;
Mass at the Cathedral	5.45 pm;
Meal at Amore Café (Cnr of Pulteney and Pirie)	6.30 pm.

### ER Network Christmas Drinks

You will have received information about the Edmund Rice Network Christmas Drinks to be held on December 7 at Thebarton. As last year it is an invitation to drop in any time between 5.00 pm and 9.00 pm. Food and drinks will be available. For catering purposes, please RSVP to Lee Hack ([lahack@edmundrice.org](mailto:lahack@edmundrice.org)) or me by December 1 if you are attending.

### Birthdays

Ben McCabe – Thursday 10 November

Max McAppion – Thursday 24 November

John Webb – Saturday 26 November

Trevor Dean – Friday 9 December

Mark McCabe – Saturday 10 December

### Other Information

#### Natasha:

As I think you all know, Natasha's baby, Sebastian Garstka was born on 18 October. All went well with the birth. Please see photo on left, of Josh holding his newly born young Brother Sebastian, whom he persists in calling "Spiderman".



#### Ben Zuvani:

Some have been asking how Ben is going. I have been keeping in touch and all seems to be going well. Many people gave support with bedding and clothing and other items when Ben's wife Serah and son Giovanni arrived. I will be seeing them on Thursday this week for lunch (here at Thebarton) and will pass on the good wishes that have been sent; if any are free and would like to come and meet them, please come to Thebarton for lunch on Thursday (I will get food from the local Supermarket for all who turn up).

### Enduring Power of Attorney and of Guardianship

I seem to have given the wrong impression to some when I spoke of Enduring Power of Attorney and of Guardianship. There is no hurry in getting these done. I think that some have signed without the witness present. Please do not sign them until you have a JP to witness your signature. The signatures of the nominated attorneys and guardians can be done at different times but again must not be signed until a JP is present to witness the signature. If you know a JP you can go ahead and get it done, but if you want me to organise witnesses, I will notify you later. I have extra forms here at Thebarton if you need them.

### Final Comment

Thanks for the welcome in the communities in my recent visits and thanks too for all the form filling.

John Webb