

The Holy Spirit Province NEWSLETTER



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Dear sisters, brothers and friends in the Passionist Family,

Well it has been a significant few weeks for our Province, and more to come. Not too many provinces in the Congregation are fortunate enough to ordain 8 priests and profess 6 novices in the one year.

Lest we Forget – It was only a few weeks ago

The ordination of our brother, Tony Simbel in Adelaide



And then on Sunday June 27th The Profession of our Justin Durai Raj

A full church of friends, parishioners, religious, Archdiocesan clergy, Kevin Hennessy and Brian Traynor, and the community – Fr. Peter, Gerald and Br Ed – celebrated the wonderful profession of Justin. Justin's family and others watched the live streaming, and one of the local priests was able to greet Justin's family in Tamil.

It was, as always, a very moving ceremony. Only one other Passionist has ever been professed in Hobart, and that was Br Walter Nichols – "Nicky" as we

affectionately knew him – in about 1996.

Peter and the community excelled in hospitality – and the local parishioners excelled in providing a sumptuous afternoon tea,

Our Congratulations to our newly Professed. brother



Justin prostrates during the reading of the Passion and Death of Jesus and professes his vows, in English and Tamil



Peter places the cross on his shoulder, Br Ed, the crown of thorns as Justin processed around the Church



Justin expressed his thanks to his parents, family, our Passionist family, his

former Archdiocese and the present parish and community at St Joseph's





And then Today, June 29th, the Ordination of Luke Bulley

After weeks of uncertainty, Luke's ordination finally went ahead, finishing with only a half hour to spare before Brisbane went into total lock down. The ceremony was moved forward to midafternoon when Covid restrictions were announced.

Sadly I was not able to be present due to Covid restrictions in Brisbane. And those who did get there in time, may well be locked in for a number of days yet. The sacrifice is more than worth it. Luke's family were not able to attend with his Final Profession or his Diaconate ordination, so it was wonderful for them to have a front row seat and share Luke and our joy together

Luke was ordained with Jack, William and Frances, three Brisbane seminarians with whom Luke first began discerning God's call. Archbishop Mark Coleridge welcomed him to join his former companions who have stayed in close contact over their years of training.

The ceremony was solemn, yet simple. The singing was magnificent. And Archbishop Mark's homily was strong and challenging.

Brian Traynor presented Luke to the Archbishop as a person truly ready to assume the role of priestly ministry. Brian represented the Province in this, but he was Luke's formator for almost all of his years of formation – the novitiate year excepted.



Luke promising obedience to his Major Superior.



Litany of Supplication



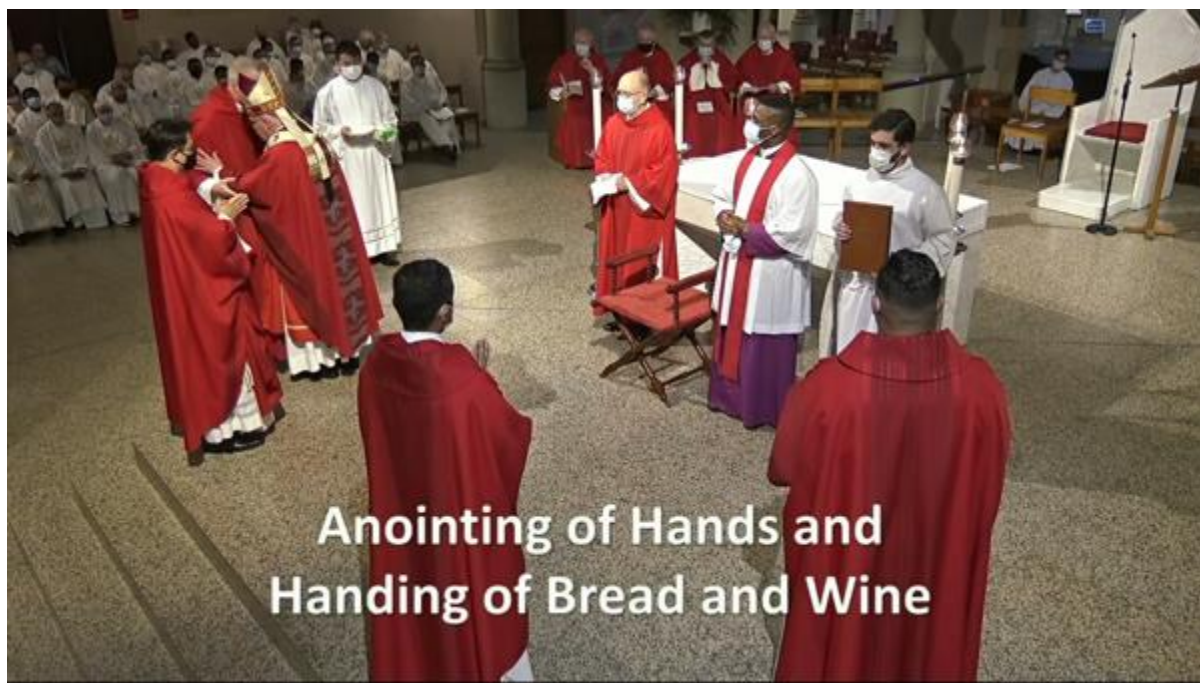




Kevin Hennessy and Chris Monaghan helping Luke's parents, Barbara and Adrian to vest Luke in Stole and Chasuble



Luke receives the Sign of Peace from the Archbishop





St Stephen's Cathedral. Luke Parents, sister and brother are in the front sight-right



We will now wait anxiously again to know whether Luke will be able to celebrate his Mass of Thanksgiving this Saturday at our St Mary's – The Fort – community.

With the extended lockdown, the community in Oxley, Ray Sanchez and Paul Merceica will have their hands full with extra Passionists around. However,

Ray and Paul have been alone in Oxley for the past year and a half. They haven't seen any other Passionists.

But wait there is more to come

First professions

ON July 10th, we will celebrate the profession of our five novices from Vietnam, Trí, Toan, Thắng, Cầu and Phúc. Hopefully Covid restrictions will have eased and more of our Passionist family may be able to attend the ceremony in our St Paul's Church, The Monastery, Adelaide.

Our Deacons, Kiện, Tuyen, Tuấn, Tân, Lượng, and Huỳnh are still without any date for their ordination as Covid surges and waves keep things totally unpredictable for them

Back in Vietnam

Our brothers celebrated the anniversary of the death of Fr. Francisco. Francisco was one of the founding team – Fr. Jeff Foale, Fr. Thomas Anam and Francisco – who pioneered our presence in Vietnam and nurtured the first classes of young men to join. Francisco was full of energy, and fluent in the Vietnamese language. Recalled back to his home province in Latin America, Francisco contracted cancer and died at far too early an age. Our Passionist community in Vietnam, with whole Holy Spirit Province owe Francisco an immense debt of gratitude for the solid foundations he helped lay for our community.



And in Papua New Guinea

Fr. Pat McIndoe finally, after 15 months delay, also due to Covid, finally arrived in Papua New Guinea, yesterday. He has spent the last few weeks in Sydney getting his paperwork complete, and took off yesterday (Monday June 28). Fortunately he will only go into one week of quarantine there. God Bless Pat, and all our support goes with him.

In Christ Crucified
Tom cp
Provincial Superior

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The Passionists Holy Spirit Province :
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/HolySpiritProvince/posts/>

Our Holy Spirit Province website:
<https://www.passionists.com/>

For regular Charism & Spirituality updates visit Fr. Gary's Blog: The Passionist Charism
<https://passionistcharism.wordpress.com/>

For Passionist International news, visit the Congregational website
"Passio Christi":
<http://www.passiochristi.org/>

For news from our Passionist Youth Ministry
<https://www.passionistyouth.com.au/>

For those discerning their future, our Vocation website is
<https://www.beapassionist.org.au/>

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<https://www.apassionistheartfoundation.com/>

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