

## Holy Cross Retreat

### Letter 152



13<sup>th</sup> January, 2022

Greetings,

### The Office

The Holy Cross Office reopened on Wednesday, so Mayrose is back on deck. Rose has another week of annual vacation.

### Student holidays



Erick, Phi and the three postulants (students) returned from Adelaide on Monday. Tri will not be back for another month. They had very hot weather but they did get to the beach a few times. In the meantime JD and Tony took good care of the grounds, which is a very big task.

### Retreat to Abbey



Next Thursday, Chris will leave for Scotland for ten days. He has been asked to conduct a retreat for the Benedictine monks in the 13<sup>th</sup> century Pluscarden Abbey, 120 kilometres north-east of Aberdeen. The weather will be much different from Melbourne (2-5 degrees; sunrise around 9.00am and sunset 3.45pm). It will be a refreshing change for Chris and he's all prepared for night time photography!

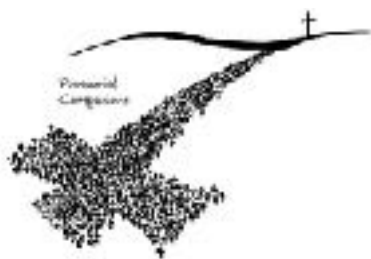
## Broo Stan Tyler CP



Brother Stan died on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at Southern Cross Lodge, across the road from the Passionist community in Glen Osmond, Adelaide. Stan was 90 years old. He was born in Port Lincoln, SA and as a Passionist, Stan lived in Goulburn, St Ives, Geelong, St Kilda and for the majority of his religious life as a missionary in Papua New Guinea, before retiring to, Adelaide.

He was gifted in tailoring, photography and carpentry and insisted on 'near perfect' for any job he took on. In PNG created a training school in Vanimo teaching local how to make water tanks. Stan is fondly remembered by fellow missionaries, especially the Brothers he helped to train. He will be buried at the Monastery in Adelaide on Wednesday, 18th January at 11.00am. The livestream recording of the funeral link is: <https://livestream.com/accounts/8710393/events/10737554>

## Passionist Companions



Passionist Companions were officially constituted in our Province in 2002. Companions seek to live Passionist spirituality in their various life circumstances (family, home, community, place of work, parish, relationships).

There are several Companions groups, mostly based around a local Passionist community such as at Holy Cross. Professed Passionists participate as equal members in these local groups but they do not lead the groups. Members gather most months of the year for a time of reflection, sharing and social enjoyment. Most years we have a Passionist Institute offering more time to reflect and share about aspects of the Passionist charism.

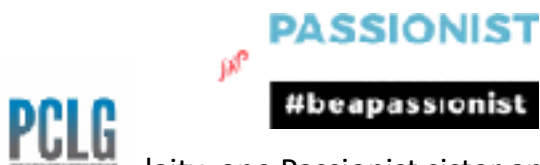
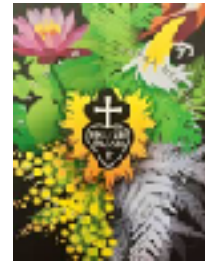
Some Companions cannot easily gather with a local group because of their geographical location or because of physical limitations. They actively belong to a group through email and phone contact and occasional visits. They receive and share relevant information through the Congregational or Province website, email attachments etc. Those who belong are expected to develop a genuine link with the Congregation and be committed to furthering their understanding of the Passionist charism, through participation in local Companion group activities and the particular formation opportunities that are offered.



'Come and See' opportunities are encouraged, so a

warm invitation is offered to explore whether a local group suits you. The charism is caught more than taught, so much of the formation is informal.

The majority of our Passionist Companions are linked to the Province and the Congregation through their association with the local community, the local Passionist parish, the Passionist Family Group Movement, or as Passionist Youth and Young Adults. Any of these entities can and should promote Passionist Companions, and issue invitations personally or generally. There are printed brochures available for distribution.



The Provincial has appointed a Passionist Companions Leadership Group (PCLG) of six laity, one Passionist sister and one male professed Passionist. The coordinator is a lay Passionist. The PCLG seeks to nurture, support and sustain members, and is a reference point for networking between local groups. The PCLG provides guidance and feedback to local groups as required, and one of the members retains regular contact with the Coordinators of a particular local group. The PCLG liaises through the Coordinator with the Province Formation Commission in order to provide formation opportunities for Passionist Companions.

Formal and informal formation in Passionist spirituality is available. In this electronic age, there are abundant internet resources available for exploring the charism, as well as books, articles, DVD's and material from past Passionist Institutes. There is a Charism library at Holy Cross.



Most local Companion groups have an annual or biennial retreat which focuses on aspects of Passionist spirituality and the relevance of the charism for us today. The PCLG has made a DVD of resources available to each Companions group. Many local groups have benefited from input from their own members and willingly share this with other groups.

If you have an interest in becoming a Passionist Companion, please visit the webpage: <https://www.passionists.com/passionist-companions/> or talk with a local representative

### Ongoing works – the path





With help from Vince, Bruno and Pino, timber was laid to make an edging for the new forty metre path from Carpark B to the main driveway – a shortcut to the chapel.



Our local scripture scholar took up the task of bringing asphalt fill to the new path driving Vince's bobcat!







There is some more compacting to be done but this is the completion of a very big job that began with the removal of the large sheoak tree that had been damaging the building, severing the huge roots, extracting them, carting them away for future disposal, and then carving out the area for the track (thanks Vince). As mentioned at Mass last Sunday, it will not be a perfectly level surface for those wearing high heels but there are not so many such people living at Holy Cross!



### Antics – a play on the word 'ant'

1. 5 ants + 5 ants = Tenants.
2. An ant just arrived from another country = Important.
3. An ant doing HSC = Brilliant.
4. An ant looking for a job = Applicant.
5. A spy ant = Informant.
6. A very little ant = Infant.
7. An ant with a gun = Militant
8. An ant that is fat = Abundant.
9. An ant who is too proud = Arrogant
10. An ant that is cruel and oppressive = Tyrant
11. An ant that is friendly and lovely = Coolant
12. An ant that changed from evil to good deeds = Repentant
13. An ant that accumulated food in winter = Abundant
14. An ant that doesn't want to change: Reluctant
15. An ant that keeps financial account = Accountant
16. An ant that occupies a flat = Occupant.
17. A large ant = Elephant    18. A very big ant = Giant
19. The best ant = Excellant
20. An ant that is important = significant
21. A sarcastic Ant = mordant
22. An extremely fast ant = Instant
23. A shouting Ant = rant
24. An ant that doesn't change = constant.
25. A dirty Ant = Pollutant
26. An ant that keeps bothering people = irritant
27. Not a girl ant = boyant
28. An ant that is a specialist = consultant
29. An immoral ant – decadant
30. An ant walking to hospital = ambulant
31. A buzzing ant – effervesant
32. An enduring ant – resilient
33. An ant that stands out – saliant
34. A significant ant - relevant
35. An isolated ant – independant
36. An ant that skips school - truant
37. A disobedient ant - defyant
38. A very poor ant – peasant
39. Top ant at military school – lieutenant
40. A stupid ant – ignorant

## Humour

1. A man was stumbling through the woods, totally drunk, when he came upon a preacher baptising people in the river. The man proceeded into the water, subsequently bumping into the preacher who turned him around and was almost overcome by the smell of alcohol. He asked the drunk, "are you ready to find Jesus?" The drunk shouted "Sure".

So the preacher grabbed him and dunked him in the water. He pulled him back and asked, "brother, have you found Jesus?" The drunk replied, "no, I haven't found him". The preacher, shocked at the answer, dunked him again but for a little longer this time. Then the preacher pulled him out of the water and asked, "have you found Jesus, brother?" The drunk answered, "no, I haven't!"

By this time, the preacher was at his wits end and he pushed the drunk again under the water. This time he held him down for 30 seconds, and when the drunk began kicking his arms and legs about, the preacher pulled him up. He asked the drunk again, "for the love of God, have you found Jesus?!" The drunk staggered upright, wiped his eyes, coughed up a bit of water, caught his breath, and said to the preacher, "are you sure this is where he fell in!?"

2. A woman due to give birth started having vigorous contractions at home. Her frantic husband rang triple-0 and shouted, "My wife is pregnant and her contractions are only two minutes apart!" "Is this her first child?" asks the operator. "No!" he shouted. "This is her husband!"



## 3. Dad jokes

Dad can you tell me what a solar eclipse is?

No son

On my way to get my glasses fixed, guess who I bumped into?

Everyone

I am going to get a termite. I'll call him Clint  
Clint Eats Wood

## Automated medical examinations (for a laugh)

<https://www.facebook.com/medicspotuk/videos/the-two-ronnies-medical-examination/2196603673921767/>



**MINUTE AND MINUTE**  
 SHOULDN'T BE SPELLED THE SAME.

**I'M NOT CONTENT WITH THIS CONTENT.**

**I OBJECT TO THAT OBJECT.**

**I NEED TO READ WHAT I READ AGAIN.**

**EXCUSE ME BUT THERE'S NO EXCUSE FOR THIS.**

**SOMEONE SHOULD WIND THIS POST UP**  
**AND THROW IT IN THE WIND.**

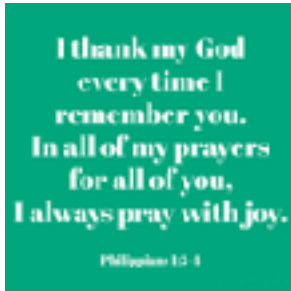


**I SWALLOWED A**  
**DICTIONARY. IT**  
**GAVE ME**  
**THESAURUS THROAT**  
**I'VE EVER HAD**



## Prayers

We remember Tim Horlock and his Dad, Max who's anniversary is January 18<sup>th</sup>, and Cardinal George Pell who died on January 10<sup>th</sup>.



We also pray for all of our Holy Cross family who are unwell, especially Maree Bartoli and Michael Doyle who are struggling with their health, and Michael and Joan O'Callaghan who suffered injuries from a combined fall at 'The Pines' shopping centre this week. Joan has broken two bones in her right wrist. Fr Brian Gleeson CP is in Dandenong hospital following a few days of poor health and Fr Chris Mithen CP has also had a few days of not feeling well.

We also remember Cathy Petrocco's sister, Marissa, Gerry Bond, Bernard Charnley, Mary Dunn Maeve Reardon, Jim Molan, John Lazzari, Paul Darbyshire, Jenny Wullings, Alexander Lim, Des Grisell, Lynda Chin, Dominic Isgro, Helen McLean, Peter Owen, Greg Agosta, Errol Lovett, Peter DeMarzi, Marg Casey, Norm Heyhorn, Chris O'Toole, Angelo Vigilante, Pam Gartland, Jim Monaghan, Sr Gen Walsh RSC, Anne Jenkins, Peter McNamara, Patricia Keeghan, Mary Hackett, Margaret Wright, Kate Dunn and Ray Sanchez.

The **Mass link** will be sent by Chris on Saturday afternoon.



Best wishes for 2023!

Brian