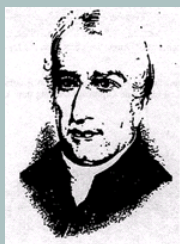




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*Blessed Edmund's
Feast Day May 5th,
the month of Mary*

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The Shopfront

THE SHOPFRONT Br. Peter Negus

The Shopfront is a place where people requiring assistance, fellowship, food and hospitality can come and actually feel welcomed. Most of our *visitors* as we call them (clients as some others would name them) are on some form of medication. A large number are former- and in some cases, present - drug and alcohol users. Almost all need help in some way. Apart from providing help in the form of assisting in accommodation, providing food vouchers, take away food parcels and listening to their stories, the best thing we do is provide a presence. Shopfront becomes their family.

Accommodation, particularly in the present economic situation, is a huge problem. We do not provide accommodation at 'The Shopfront', but we *network* with Accommodation Centres in the area and pay for one or even three nights for people in desperate situations. We provide 'Take Away' meals for those who have provision to



heat up a frozen meal. The 'Take Away' meals are made up by students at Santa Maria, Emmanuel, Sacred Heart and

La Salle Colleges and by volunteers at Shopfront. Businesses, Bakeries, Vincent Care (our biggest supplier), Restaurants and families provide food. A hotel owner cooks a huge vat of soup for Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

A small clothing store is run by Greg - one of our visitors. There is no charge for clothing and household goods.

VOLUNTEERS are the basic ingredient for the success of 'The shopfront'. When I took over as 'Director' in January 2008, we had 34 volunteers. At the end of February 2009 we have well over 80 volunteers—five of whom are Christian Brothers, - Brothers Gerry Faulkner, John Baldwin, Ernie Travers, Russell O'Brien and myself. The Shopfront is open Monday—Friday from 1.00 pm until 4.00 pm. (Volunteers turn up at 11.30am to prepare food etc.) and on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings between 6.00 pm—8.00 pm. In May 2009 we will be open on Monday nights as well—thanks to a YCW group which has been training with us since the start of this year.



Shopfront Kitchen 2009

Four simple rules apply for people who come to 'The Shopfront':

- 1 **NO Alcohol** on premises — Those intoxicated are not allowed in.
- 2 **NO drugs** — those obviously 'under the influence' are not allowed in
- 3 **NO Bullying**
- 4 **Respect for Each Person.**

The most satisfying aspects of 'The Shopfront' for me are the obvious work of the Spirit, the wonderful quality of the volunteers and the moving success stories of so many of our visitors

We now have a number of our visitors who tell their stories to senior classes that become involved in work at 'The Shopfront' - attending to the garden, managing the clothing store, and cleaning, washing and looking after the place.



Shopfront Baptism

A special mention must be made of Barry McKenna and Bernie Durkin (classmates at St Mark's Bedford). Barry, a Councillor, encouraged the Bayswater Shire to grant us \$8000 dollars in 2008 and Bernie installed air conditioning to 'The Shopfront'.

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EDMUND RICE FEAST DAY MAY 5TH 2009

Several celebrations were held in the Edmund Rice Network WA to mark the occasion of the feast day of our founder Blessed Edmund Rice. Each of the EREA Schools (Edmund Rice Education Australia) celebrated the event with a School Mass.

For **CBC Fremantle** this is a significant day on the College Calendar, focussing on the life of Edmund Rice and the tradition of Christian Brothers' education, both at the College and throughout the world.



This year the boys began the day at 8.45am with Mentor Period and then the whole College gathered at the Fremantle Basilica to celebrate their Edmund Rice Mass. On returning to school, the boys had a recess break as normal. Following this each Mentor Group began preparation for the Edmund Rice Festival which consisted of a number of activities/stalls organised and coordinated by the respective Mentor Groups selling food or drinks, organising raffles and competitions and providing other fun activities that added to the celebration of this special College day. The day concluded with an assembly

in the Gymnasium where a number of student bands performed prior to a final dismissal at 3:00pm.

Each Mentor Group worked throughout this Term to finalise the organisation of their particular activity/stall. All student were asked to help in the organisation and to contribute to the cost of their particular Mentor Group's chosen activity. This day allows the boys to gather as a community and reflect on their Edmund Rice tradition. The boys were asked to bring some money along in order to fully

participate – purchasing food and drinks, and participating in events and raffles etc. All proceeds made on the day will provide some valuable funds for the Edmund Rice Camp for Kids Programme.

Aquinas College celebrated the commencement of **Edmund Rice Day** with a Whole School Liturgy in the College Chapel focusing on love and compassion. Br John Carrigg (former Headmaster from 1987 – 1993) addressed the students with regards to stories of Edmund Rice and making a difference to other people. The day included a walk around the Canning River bridges and upon return to the College students, staff and guests enjoyed an array of activities including food stalls, climbing wall and the favourite of the day, the Dunking Machine where several staff members, including the headmaster, Mark Sawle, were the target for the afternoon.



The entire **Trinity College** community gathered together to celebrate the Feast Day of Blessed Edmund Rice with mass held in the Senior Quadrant. A large number of staff and students (servers, readers, Eucharistic ministers, musicians) assisted in making this event truly memorable.

A number of Christian Brothers, many of whom have close connections with the College joined the School Community on the day. Guest speaker was Br Bernard White. Special guests included Fr Peter St John, Br Ernie Travers, Br John Baldwin, Br Tony Kelly, Brothers Laurie and Peter Negus, Paul Williams EREA, Trinity Old Boy Simon Purcell and Trinity parents. Mass was conducted by Fr Oscar Aguilera. After the Mass a delicious Morning Tea was served in the Board Room.



Visitation by the Congregational Leadership Team



The CLT of Philip Pinto (Congregational Leader), Jack Mostyn (Deputy Leader), Francis Hall, Victor Kamara and Peter Dowling have been in the Oceania Region since their arrival in Brisbane on the 3rd of May. Besides visiting some of the remote regions of the Province they have been spending time with our own Oceania Leadership Team.



In order to visit all Clusters and as many Ministries as possible they have split into teams. The two CLT members visiting the WA Cluster, Jack and Peter, were in Perth to do Visitation from 7th to 12th May.

A request for a scheduled reflective period for all in the Cluster and some members of the ERN to gather with the CLT visitors saw all Brothers who could get there and some members of the ERN come together at Westcourt for part of Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th May.

As well as spending time with some of the Brothers Communities, Jack and Peter visited various ministries, and enjoyed a BBQ at the home of the Edmund Rice Young Community with visitors from the wider ERN.





Movie Night Fundraiser

Edmund Rice Camps for
Kids WA

ANGELS & DEMONS

Thursday 21st May 2009



500 Hay St, Subiaco

Arrive 5:45pm for
6:20pm Private Screening

TICKETS \$15 pp



Edmund Rice Camps
for Kids WA.

EDMUND RICE INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE FREMANTLE

What's been keeping us busy?:

Resilient Cities: Saving Our Cities from Peak Oil and Climate Change

This Intensive was presented by Peter Newman, one of the worlds leading experts on how the environment, liveable cities and transport design can be effectively integrated. Peter explained how the recent economic crash can be used to create a new green economy and build sustainable cities. He also provided approaches that governments at all levels can adopt to facilitate this transition, and also what we as households and businesses can do. There were chances to workshop the ideas with some other guest speakers. The emphasis of the day was on the hopeful solutions that can be adopted.

Trafficking of Humans Talk

Dr. Suma Kaare, our Social Justice Education Coordinator, presented a talk on the Trafficking of Humans on behalf of [ACRATH](#). With 42 people in attendance, the event was a huge success! One participant said the night was "informative and very well presented," leaving her "shocked and moved" at what she learned. Another appreciated the opportunity to discuss ways to stop human trafficking with the other guests.

Gender, Development and Human Rights Lecture

Dr Kaare also gave a lecture on the intersection between gender, development, and human rights to students at Curtin University. Under Dr Kaare's facilitation, the students explored the issues behind these intersections, participated in small group discussions, and learned valuable information about social justice work.

Volunteer and Service Placement Induction Training

Our new volunteers, along with students preparing to enter the field of social justice, enjoyed a day of training and engaging with social-justice minded peers. The participants learned from some of our experienced staff, then broke into groups for some interactive challenges to practice what they learned. We look forward to working with these bright new faces!

Want to learn more about us and what we do? Join us for a free info night!

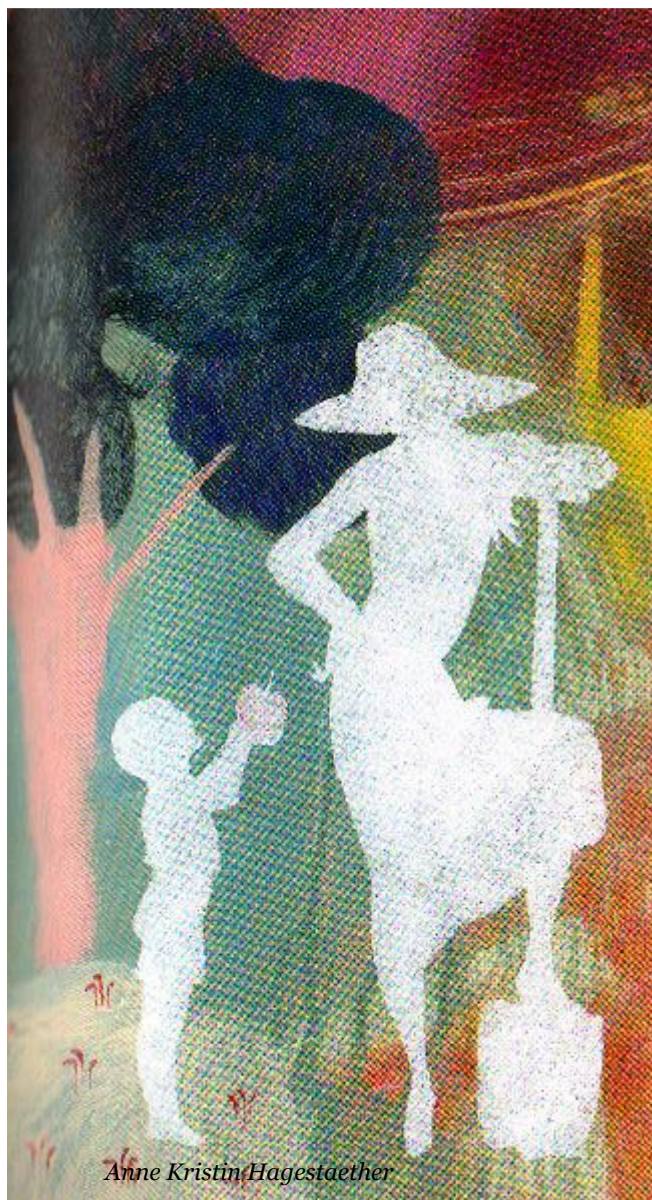
Tuesday 19 May: Free Info Night

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A MOTHERS DAY TRIBUTE TO ALL MOTHERS & GRANDMOTHERS



Mother's Wisdom

My mother taught me **"TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE:"**

If you're going to kill each other, do it outside - I just finished cleaning!"

My mother taught me **"RELIGION":**
"You better pray that will come out of the carpet."

My mother taught me about **"ANTICIPATION":**
"Just wait until we get home."

My mother taught me **"LOGIC":**
"Because I said so, that's why."

My Mother taught me more **"LOGIC":**
"If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the shop with me."

My mother taught me **"FORESIGHT":**
"Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident"

My mother taught me **"IRONY":**
"Keep crying and I'll give you something to cry about."

My mother taught me about the science of **"OSMOSIS":**
"Shut your mouth and eat your dinner!"

My mother taught me about **"CONTORTIONISM":**
"Will you "look" at that dirt on the back of your neck!"

My mother taught me about **"STAMINA":**
"You'll sit there 'till all that spinach is finished."

My mother taught me about **"WEATHER":**
"It looks as if a cyclone swept through your room."

My mother taught me about **"HYPOCRISY":**
"If I've told you once, I've told you a million times--Don't Exaggerate!!!"

My Mother taught me **"ESP":**
"Put your sweater on; don't you think I know when you're cold?"

My Mother taught me **"HUMOUR":**
"When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."

My Mother taught me how to **"BECOME AN ADULT":**
"If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up."

My Mother taught me about my **"ROOTS":**
"Do you think you were born in a tent?"

My Mother taught me about **"WISDOM OF AGE":**
"When you get to be my age, you will understand."

Finally

My Mother taught me about **"JUSTICE":**
"One day you'll have kids ...and I hope they turn out just like you!"

AFFIRMATIONS FOR PERSONAL GROWTH

It's not enough to have a dream unless you are willing to pursue it.

It's not enough to know what's right unless you are strong enough to do it.

It's not enough to join the crowd, to be acknowledged and accepted,

You must be true to your ideals, even if you're rejected.

It's not enough to learn the truth unless you also learn to live it.

It's not enough to reach for love unless you care enough to give it

Janine Brown

(This reminds me so much of what my mother taught me)

God Bless all our Mothers and Grandmothers

Jill



Blessed Edmund Rice

Feast Day May 5th

An International Edmund Rice Novena was held from

Monday, 27 April – Tuesday, 5 May 2009

This year we celebrate the Bicentenary of Edmund Rice and his early followers making perpetual vows in Waterford on 15 August 1809, with the approval of Rome. This marked the formal beginning of the Presentation Brothers (FPM), the Christian Brothers (CFC) and the Edmund Rice Network (ERN).

We honoured the event during our Edmund Rice Novena by concentrating on the following intentions:

- 1. A recommitment among those following Blessed Edmund in the vowed life as Christian Brothers or Presentation Brothers;*
- 2. A campaign of prayer for new members in the two Congregations;*
- 3. A wider involvement and enthusiasm among Associates that work in the Edmund Rice Network that has sprung up in various parts of the world;*
- 4. Local and personal intentions were added to these.*

Novena Prayers

O God, we thank you for the life of Blessed Edmund Rice. He opened his heart to Christ present in those oppressed by poverty and injustice. May we follow his example of faith and generosity. Grant us the courage and compassion of Blessed Edmund as we seek to live lives of love and service. Grant that soon he may be declared a saint of your Church.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

O God, you inspired Blessed Edmund Rice to follow your Son in a life of consecrated service of the poor and of all in need of a truly Christian education. Grant through his intercession the petitions I now make:

- (a) a recommitment to the ideals of Blessed Edmund among his vowed followers, the Presentation and Christian Brothers;*
- (b) an increase in the number offering themselves as new Brothers worldwide, including in our part of the Lord's Vineyard;*
- (c) a deepening of involvement and enthusiasm among the Associates that work in the wider Edmund Rice Network throughout the world.*

Listen also, Gracious God, to the special local intention we bring before you through the intercession of Blessed Edmund ...

We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.....

We thank all our Christian Brothers for all that they have carried forward for the Edmund Rice Network



Thank you to everyone who sent information in for this issue. Please keep the news coming in for the next issue. Blessings, Jill

Online link:

Christianbrothers.com.au/ernwa

With thanks to Br Berkeley Fitzhardinge

The position of Edmund Rice Network (ERN) Co-ordinator is to aid the Oceania Networking and Development team in maintaining contact with individuals associated with the Christian Brothers and the Edmund Rice Network in Western Australia; to keep them informed and to encourage participation in future endeavours of the Christian Brothers Oceania and associated entities. I can be contacted on mobile phone **0414 629 218** or as below.

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