

St Dominic's Hostel



News and Views



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From the Administrators Desk



Dear Residents, Benefactors, Staff and Friends,

Food safety has become a great issue, particularly when we cater for vulnerable people.



As such we need to comply with the NSW Food Authority.

Five of our Kitchen Staff have just attended a Food Safety Supervisor Course. *Congratulations* to our Staff who obtained this Certificate. This means that our Staff are more knowledgeable and our residents are sure of a better service!!



CLOCK WISE from left: Sr. Georgina, George Schembri, Ziska Deutrom, Sr. Alice, Sr. Olivia, Sr. Pauline, Rose Azzopardi, A.Farley.

Early this year we fare welled George Schembri our Handy Man. George has decided to Retire. We thank him for his service of 6 years and wish him Happy Retirement!!

Reminding you that at this time of the year it is important to prepare for flu outbursts.

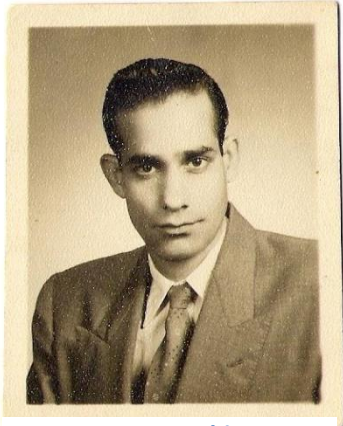
With love and prayers

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sr. Georgina Sultana".

Sr. Georgina Sultana

Resident's Profile

Joachim Vaz



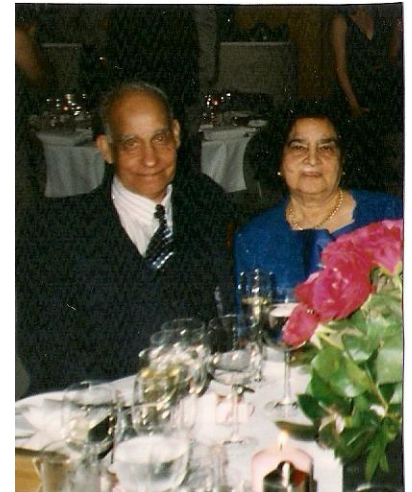
Young Mr. Joachim Vaz

Joachim was born in Nairobi, Kenya on the 27th November 1925, the youngest of three children. His mother Angelica died when he was born and his father David died shortly after. He lived with his brother, sister and relatives before attending St. Don John Bosco's Boarding School.

Joachim has an older brother, Albert, who resides in Mumbai, India and his older sister Gilda now lives in Montreal, Canada with their families

Joachim and his family originally migrated to Karachi, Pakistan, when he was quite young. He later began working in the electrical department of the General Electric Corporation, where he worked for twenty-one years.

At the age of thirty-one, Joachim married Sybil D'Souza on the 30th December 1956. They had three children. They had their first child a baby boy, on 30th January 1958. They named him Clyde John Bosco Vaz. Joachim and Sybil had two more sons, Trevor Joseph David Vaz in 1959 and Dexter Albert Brendon Vaz in 1962.



Mr. Joachim Vaz and wife Sybil

Joachim and his family migrated to Australia on the 9th June, 1984. Soon after his children were married, and had children of their own. Joachim has seven grandchildren; Rebecca, Melissa, Maryanne, Rachel, Dayne, Lynsey and Kevin and one great grandson, Brodie.

In 2007, his wife Sybil passed away at the age 75. Joachim made the move to St. Dominic's Hostel in October 2008. He is very happy living here and he actively participates in most of our events.



Happy Birthday to:

June

7th.....Mrs. Jean Grech

July

1st.....Miss Carmen Pisani

8th.....Miss Kathleen O'Connor

11th.....Mr. George Haim

28th.....Mrs. Carmen Schembri



August

10th.....Mr. Patrick Collins

14th.....Mrs. Vivien Busuttill

28th.....Mr. Pavel Rot

WELCOME

Mr. Twan Anwar Dole Mrs. Josephine Vassallo

Mr. Emmanuel Attard Mrs. Jean Grech (respite)

Mr. Herbert D'Silva Mrs. Frances Bonello (respite)

Transferred to Nursing Home

Miss Josephine Sultana



We regret the passing away of Mrs. Stella Borg, Mrs. Carmen Micallef, and Mrs. Jessie Borg, who were called to their eternal reward. These residents are sadly missed by all at St. Dominic's hostel. May they rest in peace.

Activities

At St. Dominic's Hostel

Religious:

- ❖ **The Easter Tridum** - During the three special days of Easter, Fr. Joe Barbara MSSP celebrated the solemn mass of Holy Thursday, Good Friday Function and the Easter Vigil at St. Dominic's. None of the residents missed any of these holy activities. Various religious activities were organized during these three days: A video on 'The Eucharist', the Good Friday Procession were shown to the residents and The Way of the Cross was prayed with Symbols.

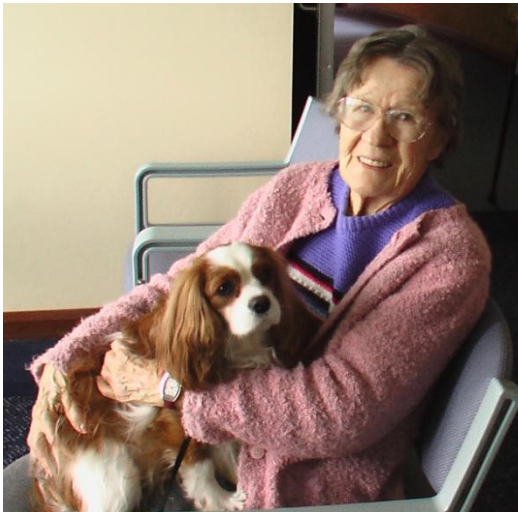
On the 24th May 2011, feast of Our Lady Queen of the Holy Rosary Fr. Claude Borg MSSP assisted by Mr. John Beale organized a Para liturgy of the Blessed Virgin during which he administered the anointing of the sick to all the residents and all those present.



- ❖ **Mother's Day** - During the week prior to Mother's day the residents were entertained by 'Julia', singer with a very beautiful voice. Julia sings old time melodies, and she invites the residents to join in the singing with her.

The following day the residents celebrated a Tea Party. The residents sat around the tables socializing and enjoying themselves with cups of tea/coffee, cakes and biscuits.

- ❖ **Pet Therapy – *Teddy Bear***, a King Charles Chevalier was invited to visit our residents with his mistress. The residents were thrilled to see another dog now that Snowy is dead. *Teddy Bear* was with us only for a short time, but the residents were permitted to pet and talk to him. The residents enjoyed themselves so much that they invited him to visit them again.



Irene Harley (Resident) with Teddy Bear

- ✚ **Entertainment** – The school band from St. Bernadette Primary School, Lalor Park came to entertain our residents with their music. What a wonderful spectacular to see on the stage of the Annunciation Hall as many young children all playing different instruments! They played classical and lyrical pieces. It was an excellent performance.



- ✚ **Outings** – A group of four residents from St. Dominic’s were driven to Holy Spirit Church, St. Clare for a song and flute recital, which was held in aid of the church. Both singer and flutist have gained international recognition and gave a great performance.

Another picnic outing was organized for our residents, this time to Warragamba. Unfortunately, the place had to be changed, as the weather would be very cold, as at this time of the year, at Warragamba. All the residents on the bus agreed to go again to Bobbin Head. It is the best place one could find. It turned to be an enjoyable day out. The weather was fine. The resident enjoyed a good walk /sitting in the warm sun, good lunch and beautiful scenery. Excellent Day!

Important messages

A safe place is peace of mind !

Re: Infection Control

To help prevent outbreaks and spread influenza, ensure to follow a good hand hygiene and infection control practices in place. Visitors with flu like symptoms....Keep Away!!

Re: Fire Safety

Any electrical appliances over a year old, and are brought to the residents, require to be tagged by an electrician prior bringing to the Hostel.

Re: Falls Prevention

Discourage residents to place rugs in their room and bathroom floor, they could easily trip on them.

Re: Residents' Safety

Admission to the Hostel only through the Front Door.....proceed to the desk.....take a tag and document. On leaving , leave the tag and document as required.

We thank you all for your co-operation.



St. Dominic's Hostel has lost one of its hard working Board Members.

On the 12th April 2011, Mr. Ariel Fiorini passed away following some time in palliative care.

We are indebted to him and his family for their contribution, to make St. Dominic's Hostel a better place.

*Farewell Ariel..... Good Friend
May you rest in God's Hands.*



*St Dominic's Hostel Management,
Cordially thanks Mr. Charles Said – Vassallo
For his support through The Pest Control services
At St. Dominic's Hostel*