



## MESSAGE TO THE MALTESE NEWSLETTER – THE JOURNAL OF THE MALTESE DIASPORA FROM THE PRIME MINISTER OF MALTA THE HON JOSEPH MUSCAT



While visiting other countries holding meetings with my counterparts and seeking to attract more investment towards Malta, my job as Prime Minister also brings me in touch with Maltese expatriates who, although they have secured a new life for themselves and for their children, never forget their homeland and what it means to be Maltese.

Recently, after speaking at the United Nations in New York, I took the opportunity to visit the Maltese community in Detroit, Michigan. I was pleasantly surprised by the vibrant spirit I found there. These Maltese and their descendants were in America with a strong determination to succeed.

This is certainly in tune with the spirit back home. Malta is fast moving forward and achieving the desired results. Our economic growth rate is four times that of the Eurozone average, and the news keeps getting better. The European Union itself is predicting that we will have the highest growth rate among the members.

Unemployment is also down to a historic low. On average, eight new companies are opening their doors for business every day and our thriving economy continues to create demand for more employees. We have the second highest rate of job vacancies in Europe, second only to Germany's. Malta is attracting investment and proving to be the location where business succeeds.

We shall also be high up on the world stage when Malta hosts the Valletta Summit (11-12 November) and the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (27-29 November). The first summit will bring together leaders of the European Union and Africa to discuss migration while the second is a gathering of all 53 leaders of the Commonwealth. Her Majesty the Queen, Prince Philip, Prince Charles and the Duchess of Cornwall shall also be attending. Both events add to the country's prestige, and we are happy to act as a facilitator to bring the peoples of the world together.

I am certain that the Maltese living in Australia and Canada are more than conscious of the political developments in their own countries, and in this light, I am looking forward to welcoming the new Prime Ministers, the Hon. Malcolm Turnbull and Hon. Justin Trudeau, to Malta. I am sure that the bonds between our countries will continue to be as strong in the coming years as they have been in the past. In concluding, I wish to add a work of thanks to all Maltese, wherever they are, for being ambassadors for their country and flying the flag for their home country. Despite vast distances, we know you are only a heartbeat away.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MALTESE NEWSLETTER.



# REMEMBRANCE DAY

11 NOVEMBER 2015



## Honouring the Past, Present and Future

The 11th day of the 11th month in 2015 marks the 97th anniversary of the end of the First World War. Remembrance Day services are held throughout metropolitan and country South Australia at 11am. Remembrance Day gives time for thoughts and prayers for loved ones and those who gave their lives in service of their country. The long held belief of our nation is that we will remember the fallen, those who lost their lives and those who continue to serve.



## TRIBUTE TO NICHOLAS BONELLO OAM



Frank Scicluna and Nicholas Bonello  
at Brikirakara Malta

**Chairman**-ANZAC Memorial Committee-Malta.  
**Former** High Commissioner for Malta to Australia  
**Co-founder** of the Maltese Herald of Australia in 1961  
**Founder** of the Maltese Australian Association-Malta 1974  
**Honoured** by the Government of Australia by the Order Of Australia OAM.  
**Originator** of the idea to erect a memorial to WW1 ANZAC's who are buried in Malta.  
 The ANZAC MEMORIAL was unveiled on 25 th May 2013 by the Hon Dr. George Vella,  
 Minister of Foreign Affairs at the Argotti Botanical Gardens in Floriana - Malta.

## A MESSAGE FROM NICHOLAS BONELLO – ANZAC CENTENARY 1915 - 2015



To commemorate the men of ANZAC who were taken to Malta during WW1 to be nursed from their injuries, and who failed to make it back home thus finding their permanent resting place on the island, a Memorial was erected and inaugurated on 25-5-2013 at The Argotti Botanical Gardens in Floriana.

Sponsored by the Maltese Australian Association-Malta, the idea was met with enthusiasm from many quarters both in Malta and in Australia. The Government, Associations, and individuals in Malta came forward with their donations.

In Australia, the Maltese organisations in the various states rose to the occasion with great enthusiasm. In Western Australia, Victoria and South Australia, successful fund raising functions were held while in NSW donations came from a number of Associations' funds. In South Australia, a great dinner dance attended by the top state personalities produced a very good amount of money.

There were also a number of individual persons in Malta and in Australia who contributed. Happily, when all the expenses involved for the construction of the Memorial were paid and a professional audit was made, a sum of a few thousand Euro was left over. It was agreed by the ANZAC Memorial Committee-Malta that this would be distributed among a number of charities. In all eight charities in Malta benefitted from the surplus funds.

All who contributed would be happy to know that they not only helped the erection of the only memorial outside of Australia/New Zealand dedicated solely to ANZAC, but also to a number of worthy voluntary organisations in Malta. I would like also to thank Frank Scicluna and the Maltese RSL sub branch for inviting me to write a message. They have not only produced a commemorative book on the role that Malta played during World War 1 but also have erected a memorial at Prospect RSL Gardens in honour of the South Australian soldiers who are buried in Malta.

### OUR MOTTO - Building Bridges not Walls

We value diversity and believe that it is an essential ingredient in creating balance within a group and within the world. We sincerely believe that: Each person is unique and has gifts, love and respect to share with those around him or her; People are an important part of nature, and our most basic roots come from nature;

Our ultimate goal is to be the caretakers of the Earth and pass this wonderful world on to future generations safe and sound; We must respect, value, and be open to learn from all those who are around us – family, friends and neighbours because we are all precious.







**Countdown Begins**  
**October activities have been nothing short of exciting, as CHOGM gets even closer.**

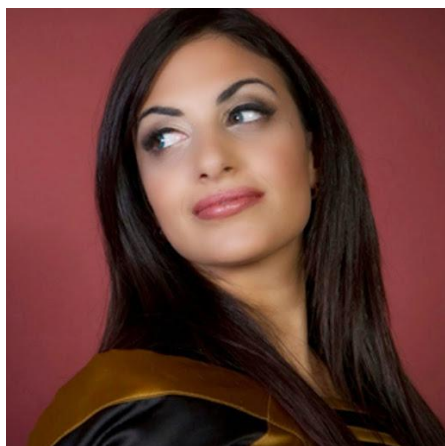
The first briefing session for Maltese Commonwealth Youth Forum participants was held. The CHOGM 2015 partnership with GasanZammit Motors was announced, with Volvo being chosen as the official vehicle for the summit. A fleet of 78 brand-new Volvos have been acquired, to be used by all visiting heads of government and foreign ministers. These vehicles will also be put to go use for EU and African heads of government, coming for the Valletta Summit on Migration on the 11th and 12th November.

The programme for the state visit by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, in conjunction with the CHOGM, was published along with details of separate engagements planned for the Duke of Edinburgh, the Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall.

While highlights of events open to the public were revealed this month, overviews of two of the prime CHOGM locations are featured in this newsletter. The opening ceremony will take place at the Mediterranean Conference Centre (MCC), renowned for its fine balance of ancient architecture and modern technology, while the official CHOGM retreat is to be held at Fort St Angelo.

In this newsletter, light is also been shed on what Malta can bring to the table as host of CHOGM 2015 by Malta's Minister for Foreign Affairs, Dr George Vella, who speaks of international relations within the Commonwealth and the impact of CHOGM on Maltese citizens and the Commonwealth at large.

## MEET JESSICA CASSAR GASPER



A volunteer, Jessica Cassar Gaspar, is certainly interested in international relations, and she speaks of the opportunity to witness diplomacy first-hand. Finally, with CHOGM drawing nearer, anyone wanting to participate in the forums should apply for accreditation immediately; this is especially important for those needing to apply for a VISA.

The idea of having delegates from 53 independent states is just mind-boggling. I knew immediately that I wanted to be involved. I saw the opportunity of being a volunteer with CHOGM 2015 as a chance to represent my country but also an opportunity that I would probably never get again. I'm very much interested in international relations so this is a great opportunity to watch diplomacy up close. I believe that CHOGM 2015 will bring together countries with a positive drive to develop the right solutions to global problems.

## SISTER VITTORIANA DEBATTISTA fcj

### ADELAIDE SOUTH AUSTRALIA



I am Sister Vittoriana DeBattista, a Franciscan Sister of the Heart of Jesus, a Maltese Congregation established in 1880 by Fr. Joseph Diacono and Mother Margherita DeBricat. I was born in Floriana the eldest of ten children, five boys and 5 girls. At the age of 18 I entered the Congregation and started my initial training at the Mother House in Victoria, Gozo. It was painful leaving my young family but when I arrived at the Mother House I found a much bigger family awaiting me.



There were another eleven candidates with me. Adjusting to a new way of life, very different to what I was used to, was not easy but this is what I chose to do and with God's help I soon adjusted myself. Our family used to visit us once a month. So every Novice waited eagerly for the visiting day.

During my Novitiate there were sixty three Novices, all young and full of fervour to dedicate ourselves to God and his people. In 1965 I had my first Profession. This is the day which I will never forget because I had been longing for it since the day I heard God calling me. Six months later I was in Australia. My first appointment was with our Lady of Fatima Community which at the time consisted of 9 Sisters. I spent four years teaching at St. Francis of Assisi School in Warrawong NSW. At the end of four years I had to return to Malta to start my preparation for my final Vows of Poverty, Chastity and Obedience. After my Profession I spent some years studying. I was then appointment Secretary General of the Congregation. During that time I travelled with our Mother General to visit our Sisters in Ethiopia, Pakistan, England, France, Australia, Sicily and Italy. In 1982 together with Sr. Josephine Attard I was sent again to this beautiful country which I love so much. I have spent thirty seven years In NSW. For twenty eight years I was the Port Kembla Parish coordinator for Catechists. Every week we went to the four State schools in the area to teach the faith to children, preparing them for the reception of the Sacraments and helping them to know of God's love for them. I was also involved in other parish work.

In 2013 I was transferred to Lockleys, South Australia to replace the previous Regional Superior. It was not easy leaving that community, the parishioners whom I have known for many years and the children but again I had to give up my will to God's will shown to me through my Superiors. I have made many friends since I have been in Lockleys especially from the Maltese community, because there are many Maltese in this area and beyond. The fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order in Lockleys welcomed me with open arms and our monthly meetings are a means of growing in the Franciscan spirituality.

I am responsible for the five communities in Australia and every three years we have the Regional Assembly in preparation for our General Chapter or General Assembly in Rome. It is a good opportunity for the Sisters from NSW and Queensland and S.A. to meet and discuss the present situation in Australia and how we can face the future.

**WE THANK ALL THOSE WHO SEND US THEIR NEWSLETTER  
REGULARLY and ALSO THOSE WHO WRITE US FOR YOUR COMMENTS  
WORKING TOGETHER IS OUR MAIN PRINCIPLE**

## Paolina Armato tagħlaq 102 - Melbourne



Waħda mill-aktar anzjani Maltin, Paolina Armato, għalqet l-eta` sabiħa ta' 102 nhar is-Sibt, 31 ta' Ottubru.

Paolina, twieldet Birkirkara u hija ir-raba' wilt minn 12 - erba' bniet u disa' subien. Hija emigrat mall-familja tagħha minn Malta fl-1955.

Paolina qaltilna li l-familja tagħha magħrufin li jgħixu 100 sena jew aktar. Infatti ommha laqet 105 filwaqt li oħtha l-kbira mietet ta' 100 sena u tliet xhur.

Hija, flimkien ma' ommha u hutha l-bniet baqgħet id-dar biex tieħu ħsieb hutha s-subien li dejjem ħadmu biex jaqilgħu l-għixien - tlieta minnhom bdew negozja ta'

parrukkiera.

Meta ġew l-Awstralja marru joqgħodu Ascot Vale u wara marru joqgħodu Airport West. Illum il-ġurnata, Paolina, flimkien ma' ħuha ż-żgħir, Salvu, li għandu 90 joqgħodu fin-North Western District Private Nursing Home go Gladstone Park.

Ftit snin ilu huma tilfu lil ħuhom, Laurie, li tant kien iħobb l-Ilsien Malti, kien poeta magħruf u member tal-Grupp Letteratura Maltija tal-Victoria.

Il-familja Armato kellhom jemigraw lejn l-Awstralja minħabba li l-ħajja kienet saret ftit iebsa għalihom. Għall-ewwel hija kienet ftit imdejqa li ħalliet lil Malta imma wara hija rrealizzat li issa l-Awstralja kienet il-pajjiż ġdid tagħha.

In-neputi tagħha, John Galea, qal lil *Hume Leader Newspaper* li zitu dejjem kienet devota għall-familja. Hija għaddiet minn ħafna tbatijiet matul ħajjitha kemm minn żewġ gwerer u diffikultajiet oħra, imma hija qatt ma tismagħha tgorr. John qal li hi dejjem kienet ta' eżempju għalihom biex qatt ma jaqtgħu qalbhom.

Paolina qalet lil *Hume Leader* li hija żżomm moħħha attiv billi taqra l-gazzetta ta' kuljum u tara l-programm *The Chase* fuq it-televiżjoni, kemm dak Inġliż kif ukoll dak Awstraljan, u tagħmel il-crossword f'xi gazzetta Maltija. Hija qalet li tieħu gost li dejjem tirbaħ u tkun fuq quddiem ta' ħuha, Salvu, fil-*footy tippings*.

Meta staqsewha x'inhu s-sigriet biex tgħix ħajja twila, Paolina qalet li hi qatt ma pejpet, tieħu bajda friska kull filgħodu u tazza inbid aħmar ma' l-ikel.

Aħna ningħaqdu mall-Komunita` Maltija biex nixtiequilha ħajja twila mimlija ferħ u saħħa.

- Paul Vella

### MALTESE NURSERY RHYME

AGHMEL, XITA, AGHMEL

**Aghmel, xita, aghmel halli jikber il-haxix, il-haxix intuh il-moghza  
il-moghza ttina l-halib. il-halib intuh in-nanna u n-nanna thitilna qmis**



**The Gozo Philatelic Society**  
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*'Posts and Postmen'*

**16th. Annual Philatelic Exhibition**  
to be held at the  
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6 to 27 NOVEMBER 2015.



This year's 16th edition of the Gozo Philatelic Exhibition, organised annually by the Gozo Philatelic Society, will be open from the 6th to the 27th of November, with the theme this year being 'Post and Postmen.'

The exhibition is taking place at the Gozo Ministry Halls in St. Francis Square, Victoria. Aiming to encourage philately, the participation of the general public is free of charge. The exhibition will be open during office hours.

Various philatelic categories are featured during the

exhibition which are Postal History, Social Philately, Traditional and Junior Sections. The display includes antique and rare philatelic material and professional exhibits. MaltaPost is taking part in the exhibition and a special postmark will be issued for the occasion on the 6th of November



**DO YOU RECOGNISE THESE TWO YOUNG GENTLEMEN?**

**ON THE LEFT IS THE LEADER OF THE  
OPPOSITION  
HON. SIMON BUSUTTIL  
ON THE RIGHT IS THE PRIME MINISTER OF MALTA  
HON. JOSEPH MUSCAT**

**BOTH ARE OLD SCHOLARS OF  
ST. ALOYSIUS COLLEGE AT BIRKIRKARA**





The Malta at War Museum (MAW) is located at Couvre Porte, Vittoriosa (Birgu). It stands to document the great ordeal which the brave people of Malta and their defenders have endured during the dark days of the Malta Blitz (1940-43) in WW2. Vittoriosa is Malta's old maritime city, first convent of the Knights of St. John before Valletta (1530), Great Siege Headquarters (1565) and former home to the Royal Navy (1800 – 1979). Ensclosed within Dockyard Creek, it inevitably became one of the worst bombed places of the conflict with almost half of it being destroyed as a result of enemy action.

The museum is housed in an 18th century army barracks which served as a police station and air raid precautions center during the war. It sits on top of a massive underground rock-cut air raid shelter which offered refuge to hundreds of people. This shelter has been restored and forms part of the museum experience. The MAW offers a rich collection of period artifacts and memorabilia ranging from personal items, documents, medals, uniforms and weaponry. It also features numerous period newsreels and sounds, hands-on interpretation and multilingual audio-guides.



### MALTA GC film

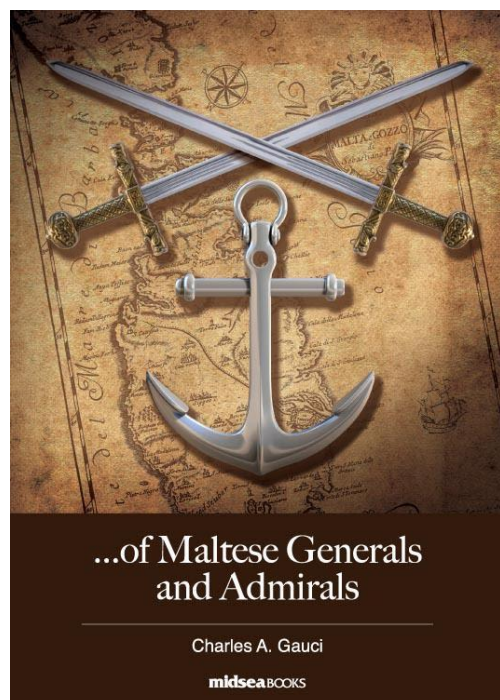
At this museum, one can also watch the first documentary ever made on the island 'Malta G.C.' This short film was released by the Crown Film Unit in January 1943 on the initiative of King George VI who wished all his subjects to witness with their own eyes the brave endurance that Malta was putting up in the face of impossible odds at a time when she received the George Cross for bravery from him. The film is narrated by Sir Laurence Olivier and features the purposely written 'Malta Suite' by the then King's Musician Sir Arnold Bax. Using rare film footage taken by the filming units of all three services Malta's war is chartered from Italy's entry into the war in 1940 till the lifting of the siege in 1942. Digital copies of this film are available from the museum.

The Malta at War Museum is open for visiting between Monday and Sunday from 10 am till 5 pm. Frequent boat trips are available from Valletta and bus service 3 and 4 terminates within walking distance from the museum.



## ...OF MALTESE GENERALS AND ADMIRALS

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Colonel Charles A. Gauci is well known for his books on the genealogy and heraldry of the nobility in Malta, on Maltese heraldry and on the Imperial Palaeologos family. Here, he writes about men of Maltese lineage who have, over the years, achieved the actual or effective rank of General or Admiral in the armed forces of both foreign powers and of Malta itself. Although the Maltese islands are tiny, both in population and land mass, the Maltese have always punched far above their weight and this book aims to show the force of that punch.

Col. Gauci starts his book by looking at Generals in the armies of Wallachia, Hungary, Poland and Bavaria and follows this by an account of the two native Maltese Generals who led the 1798 insurrection against the French. He then deals with Maltese generals in the army of the British Empire and of the United Kingdom and looks in some detail at the honorary rank of Brigadier General conferred upon the Bishops of Malta by the British government.

Turning his attention to Admirals, the author relates the tales of Admirals in the navies of Argentina, the Napoleonic kingdom of Naples as well as in the Royal Navy. Since Brigadiers are, in effect, one-star Generals, the author includes an appendix covering all Maltese who have reached this rank in the British Army, the Malta Land Force and in the Armed Forces of Malta. The book is full of interesting anecdotes and stories. It is a mine of vital information about a number of military personalities.

This work, which is dedicated to the officers and soldiers of the Armed Forces of Malta and which is written in memory of the author's late brother, carries a special foreword by the current AFM Commander, Brigadier J. Curmi. It was written with the enthusiastic support of a number of military figures. It is extensively illustrated and comprehensively annotated with a detailed bibliography. In his introduction to this work, Col. Gauci admits that writing this book gave him an extraordinary sense of pride in being Maltese. He hopes that it will engender the same sentiment in all fellow Maltese readers and that those foreigners who read it, will understand this feeling. Old soldiers (and sailors) never die, they just fade away!

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magazines like 'The Linking Ring', 'Magigram', 'Magic Info', 'M.U.M.', 'The Budget' and 'Abracadabra'. He is also an artist and his works of art have been on display in galleries and private collections all over the world. His first strip cartoons were published when he was just 13 and in the 70s he became official cartoonist for the most popular Sunday newspaper in Malta. This, he had to reluctantly relinquish because of too much involvement in the heavy political scene of the time. He illustrated most of the 4 volumes of books by Edwin Hooper.

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## Monument in honor of the Maltese Worker MSIDA - MALTA

### THE SCULPTOR OF THIS MONUMENT



Anton Agius was born in Rabat in 1933. He studied in Malta, in Rome and in London. He was a teacher and taught Art for several years at the

government same school. He also did some work while he was at school and it was a pleasure to watch him work. Anton used to do the preliminary work in clay. He was an excellent wood carver. However, he excelled in making big monuments as you can see from the one above.

## MESSAGE FROM H.E. JANE LAMBERT AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSION MALTA.



I am sending this message to a number of the High Commission's contacts in Australia and Malta to advise that **ABC Classic FM radio is scheduled to broadcast on 11 November**, Remembrance Day, the recording of the **Malta Philharmonic Orchestra's Anzac Day Concert**. We would be grateful if you would share this advice with members of your communities and associations and groups or others who would be interested.

The performance can be heard at 10 pm Australian Eastern Standard Time on ABC Classic FM's "Evenings Program" The Evening Program can also be heard on-line mid-day Malta time on the following link: <http://www.abc.net.au/classic/program/evenings/> select "Listen Live" at the top of the page.

The MPO concert program: Peter Sculthorpe's "Small Town" Rachmaninov Piano Concerto No 2 - performed by Australian pianist Stefan Cassomenos Dvorak's New World Symphony.

The recording of the concert was a collaborative project between the MPO and the Australian High Commission to mark the Anzac centenary. Australian Sound Engineer Andrew Dixon and MPO Sound Engineer Alec Massa created the recording as well as conducting a series of workshops for sound engineers in the days leading up to the concert.

The concert conducted by Maestro Brian Schembri was held on the evening of 25 April at the Mediterranean Conference Centre with a nearly full house in the main concert room. The Minister for Justice and Culture Owen Bonnici and a number of VIPs attended the concert, as well as members of the Australian and Maltese communities, including visitors from Australia.

We hope you are able to listen to the concert and enjoy this performance by the MPO in Australia



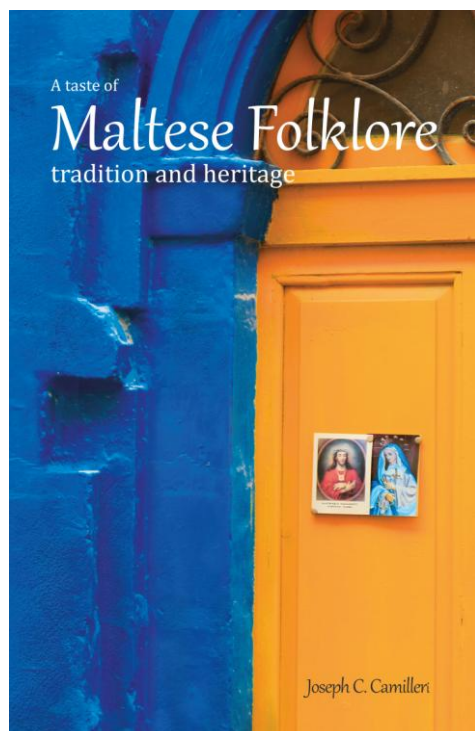
## THE LIJA VILLAGE



Lija has its origins in prehistory as is evident from the Megalithic tombs unearthed in 1967. However, the present village derives from the elevation to parochial status in the late 16th century. Residents amount to over three thousand.

Lija is best known for its oranges and citrus fruit, for its beautiful feast held on the 6th of August and for its famous pyrotechnics. All Three Villages of Attard, Balzan and Lija, lay within the parish boundaries of Birkirkara. Like Attard and Balzan, Lija is a quaint village with old, narrow, winding roads and contains numerous old, large country residences, many of which have seen a variety of historical events. Villa Preziosi was used by the French troops during their invasion. In 1837, a time when primary education was introduced in Malta, Lija was among the first to have its own school being situated in one of the large houses adjacent to San Anton Gardens. Main Clubs of Lija are: Band Club Papa San Piju X - Sir Ugo Mifsud Street; St. Andrija Club - Bakery Street; Saint Michaels Firework Factory and Ghaqda ta L-armor tal-Festi - Parish Church.

This is part one of the series, "The Three Villages" which lay in the centre of Malta. Videos can be found on YouTube -- <http://youtu.be/vhrkbhNL5ec> Photos by Choy Hong (Jasmine) Grech  
Video by Alfred & Jasmine Grech, Mosta,



## Product Description

### **A Taste Of Maltese Folklore Tradition and Heritage** **Joseph C Camilleri**

'A taste of Maltese Folklore, Tradition and Heritage' is a new book, published by the BDL (Malta). It deals with different aspects of the countryside and urban areas as well as artistic items found in Maltese homes. Boats, buses and horse-drawn cabs have their place in this book. Tradition includes the major festivities such as Carnival and the village/town feasts. Folk singing has its chapter too. A section of the book is dedicated to local food. It is a book which is especially appealing to Maltese living abroad and those of Maltese descent.

Malta has more to offer than the traditional sun, sand and sea. Largely rooted in rural folklore and religion, Maltese customs are still clearly visible in everyday life. In the early part of its history Malta was heavily exposed to Semitic influences although present-day Maltese culture is essentially Latin European with the recent British legacy also in evidence. The language has Semitic roots but the cuisine, traditions, buildings, furniture all show signs of influence from its Sicilian and Southern European neighbours. Situated in the middle of the Mediterranean sea, Malta is a melting pot of cultures with a unique identity that is both curious and captivating. Format: paperback



### **MY PART IN THE MALTESE CUMMUNITY AND THE MALTESE GUILD of SOUTH AUSTRALIA** **Joe Monsigneur**

First of all I have to say that the reason that I came involve in the Maltese community from the first week of me arriving in Australia because of my childhood and youngster days and till the present time I have always been around the Franciscan Fathers in Malta and Australia, and the first Maltese Chaplain in South Australia Father Giles Ferriggi was my

Parish Priest of Sliema in Malta and he knew me very well so what aver the Franciscan Father did for the Maltese community in South Australia I was involved in some way or another and the Maltese Franciscan did helped in a lot projects and the Maltese Guild was one of them.

Father Giles Ferriggi OFM came to South Australia in 1948 and started sewing his mission as the Maltese Chaplain and using the Archbishop's office in West Terrace. in Adelaide and to help him he get around him a group of Maltese who been in Australia before the war and I remember the name of some of them, George Bugeja, Gianni Borg, Michael Valla and others which we can say they were the first Maltese Chaplaincy Group, and it was from this group that we had the first Maltese soccer team under the name of Melita and that was in 1950.

Then when the Maltese Franciscan Father did get the house to live in it and the land to build a church and a Parish at Lockleys then Father Sebastian Camilleri came from Malta and followed by Father Peter Paul Mejlaq who was put in charge as the Maltese community Chaplain because by then the Maltese Community was getting bigger and we start using the St, Patrick church to have a Mass in Maltese and the Hall which was on the side of the church for social on Sundays were we used to have picture shows ,live shows ,and to get to know one another

This is the birth of the Maltese Guild of S A. It was on the 24<sup>th</sup> January 1954 and I was present when Father Peter Paul called a short meeting to form a Committee of the Maltese community,, Then on the 15<sup>th</sup> April 1954 called another meeting to set an Agenda for a general meeting for all the Maltese in S.A. and it was decided to be held on the 25 April 1954 .On that date we had the general meeting in the presence of a big attendant the meeting was opened by Fr.Peter Paul and a committee was elected to represent The MALTESE COMMUNITY SOCIETY .The committee was as follows

— Chaplain, Father Peter Paul President John Raggio, Vice President Gorge Bugeja, Secretary Anthony Buhagiar Assistant Secretary D.Bugeja, Treasurer Spiro Tanti, Counsellors, A, Cortis, P,Portelli, G Schembri and J,Raggio It was decided for an Annual fee to be 5 shillings for Adults and 1 shilling for Juniors and it was close of business by father Peter Paul saying the closing prayer Now at that time it was set up by SA Government the Good Neighbour Council it was a Council for All the Ethnic community , and we the Maltese Community where asked to be part of this council but to be accepted we had to have a good constitution, so on the 4<sup>th</sup> July 1954 a meeting was held and the President suggested that we should adopt the constitution of the Maltese Guild Of NSW

So several meeting were held and letters from the Maltese Guild of NSW were read ,also guest from the Maltese community ,and Australians came over to put suggestion regarding the new Constitution Fr. Giles Ferriggi did come over to put his suggestion as the Franciscan Superior at that time. On the 8<sup>th</sup> August the Committee met and after set up the program for the feast of our Lady Queen of Victories the 8<sup>th</sup> September the President stood up and said that the Committee will have three Months to study the proposal of a new constitution. The Committee met again on 29 August and again on the 11 December 1954 was the Committee sought the services of Mr. Tanti to draft the new constitution and that was the last meeting for 1954

The committee met on January and April 1955 In the April Meeting it was decided to have a general meeting with agenda of NAME OF THE SOCIETY and NEW CONSTFUTION The general meeting was held on the 31<sup>st</sup> July 1955. A decision was made that all MEMBERS and NON MEMBERS Will BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE .This was given a chance to all new comers to South Australia .At the General Meeting opened by a Prayer from Father Peter Paul and then, the President read the new CONSTITUTION and then proposal which was put to vote and passed Unanimously to change the name from Maltese Community Society of South Australia To MALTESE GOILD OF SOUTH AUSTRILIA ,And a new Committee was Elected as follows: Chaplain Father Peter Paul Mejlaq ,OFM. PRESIDENT Johan Raggio , Vice PRESIDENT Gorge Bugeja, SECRETARY Mr,CASSAR, TREASURE Joe Raggio, CONSELLORS Joe Monsigneur, Paul Borg, Peter Parnis, Pauline Attard, Mary Ann Mallia, and Mrs Bugeja .

And this was the first official Maltese Guild Committee of South Australia and it took a lot of hard work to get the Maltese Guild established by a lot of people mainly Father Peter Paul Mejlaq and other Franciscan Fathers To keep it going as there were time that we could not get people to go in the committee it was to some hard work by Joe Bonnici RIP. Mary Ann Mallia RIP and I, Joe Monsigneur who were given the task as a Trustee to look after the assets of the Maltese Guild and try to form a new committee which we did after two years and still going to the present time thanks to a lot of hard working people.

Now I ask how long can we keep the Maltese Guild going? When are we going to get under one roof and start using our assets to gather? We have to wake up before its- too late : If we, as a Community be a united group and meet at the Maltese Cultural Centre { Its Ours } we can have a better chance that one day in the future that our young second, third, future Maltese generation in their own , way will keep our Heritage going.

## I'll drink to that..... Anyone for Seconds?



Interview with 101 year-old Hattie McDonald of Moose Jaw, Sask:

**Reporter:** Can you give us some health tips for reaching the age of 101?

**Hattie:** For better digestion I drink beer. In the case of appetite loss I drink white wine.

For low blood pressure I drink Red Wine. In the case of high blood pressure I drink Scotch. And when I have a cold I drink Schnapps.

**Reporter:** When do you drink water?

**Hattie:** I've never been that sick.

*Submitted by Greg Caruana*



## State Government to triple its investment in multicultural communities



The State Government has announced it will triple its investment in multicultural communities, with an extra \$8 million over four years included in the 2015-16 State Budget. Multicultural Affairs Minister Zoe Bettison said the \$2 million annual boost, on top of the existing \$1 million annual funding, will be used to expand cultural festivals, develop community programs, and improve infrastructure. "The additional money will complement funding already available through the Multicultural Grants program and will support communities to continue their important work," she said. The funding will also support a number of new activities including:

- establishing the *Stronger Families, Stronger Communities* funding program, to support community development projects covering areas such as family and relationship support, domestic violence and racial discrimination
- improve and modernise facilities to better meet the needs of the community and to support greater access to venues for an ageing population
- staging more cultural events and festivals to provide all South Australians with an opportunity to explore and understand the many different cultures in our state
- expanding a number of current events to support engagement with a wider audience. "This substantial increase in investment acknowledges the positive contributions of our diverse cultural communities - economically, culturally and through the arts," Ms Bettison said. "It highlights the State Government's commitment to supporting and promoting our multicultural communities and South Australia's reputation as a harmonious place to live, work and raise a family."

## Canberra Model CHOGM Communique presented to the Malta High Commission



The Final Communique of the Canberra Model CHOGM 2015 was presented to High Commissioner Charles Muscat by student-participants in a brief ceremony at the Chancery on 4 November 2015. The Communique will be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Malta, the Hon. Joseph Muscat, who will be leading the Commonwealth Heads of Government when they meet in Malta from 27-29 November 2015.

Canberra Model CHOGM 2015 "Youth Empowerment in the Parliament House" was organized by the Royal Commonwealth Society and the CommonYouth. It was held on 8 August 2015 at the Old Parliament House and participated by 54 students from the Australian National University. The delegates were made to take on the role of one of the Heads of Government or Foreign Minister of the 53 Commonwealth countries

**Pphoto:** Nishant Rao presents the Communique to High Commissioner of Malta, H.E. Mr. Charles Muscat; Mr. Kanti Jinna looks on

## CUSTOMS AND FOLKLORE - MALTESE NATIONAL COSTUME



Malta's national costume, which is what the island's country folk wore in years gone by, is only seen today on some special occasion such as at Buskett on Mnarja Night, or the dancing of the "Maltija" national dance at Carnival, or again at Luqa International Airport or Customs House when a welcoming party organised by the Government Tourist Board strum their guitars in welcome or pin posies to the lapels of visitors. One can leave the description of it to George Percy Badger, soldier and clergyman, who spent many years in Malta towards the middle of the last century and wrote his "Description of Malta and Gozo" which went into many editions. " ...the(men's) native dress is ...very peculiar. The cap resembles a long bag made of

wool, hanging down behind and dyed with various colours. This article sometimes serves ill the purposes of a purse. The girdle round the loins is still in use among the Maltese of the lower order; that made of cotton is called "Terha", that of silk a bushakka.

With this the pantaloons are confined round the waist, and are generally three or four yards in length. It is not common to see any in this dress with a jacket, its place being supplied by a sedria which, in many cases is ornamented down the front with



## HAVE YOUR SAY.....WHY NOT?

- ❖ How proud we are of your beautiful work and a testimony of that is the great number of letters printed in the 100<sup>th</sup>.Edition of this most informative newsletter.Well done and again lots of congratulations from all my family.May God keep you well and safe. Best regards to you and your family who support you so that you can carry such a heavy workload.You are a treasure. Have a good evening. Your friend Carmen Testa. OAM,MQR
- ❖ Hello Frank, I like to congratulate you on the one-hundredth edition of your E-Newsletter. I understand that this is no mean feat & it obviously requires a strong commitment of time & effort etc. At a time when we in the Maltese Community around Australia are unfortunately seeing losses of things that people had worked hard to establish, & when we see so much apathy, sadly, for a variety of reasons, we learn to appreciate what we have as never before, & so therefore we must have words of appreciation & support for those people who are doing their best to "Keep the Dream Alive" as the Americans say So we Thank You & urge you to continue with your work . Best Regards **Charles N. Mifsud J.P. Pres. Maltese Cultural Association of N.S.W.**
- ❖ Ghall kemm mhux l-ewwel darba li frahtlek ghall livel gholi li zzomm THE MALTESE NEWSLETTER . bl-aroma ta' lingwa Maltija u Inglis qed tilhaq numru sabieh ta "Second Generation Maltese" li huma ghatxana ghall heritage ta' l-antenati taghom. issa f'din l-okkassjoni tal-100 edition mill-gdid ngatik proset u keep it up . **Inselli Ghalik Greg Caruana**
- ❖ Congratulations on your one hundred edition of your news letter I find your news letter very informative, and I always look forward for the next newsletter..The articles are interesting and full of news of the past and present.. **Amante Dimech - South Australia**
- ❖ My congratulations on the occasion of the 100th.edition of the Journal of the Maltese Diaspora. It is and has always been a pleasure to read the well informed and detailed news pertaining the Maltese Community in Australia. It has certainly kept us informed with the latest news and happenings in Malta as well as here in Australia. Thank you Hon. counsellor and editor Mr. Frank Scicluna for the great work you have and still doing. **Dr. Victor Chircop-Sullivan.**
- ❖ I would like to wish congratulate you for the good job you do with the Maltese Newsletter and celebrating the 100 edition. I wish the Newsletter all the success in future. I love reading it and there is always alot to learn and also very interesting. **Bernadette Buhagiar – South Australia**
- ❖ Jekk is-soltu nifrahlek u naghtik PROSIT, illum jixraq li nirrepetihielek ghal mitt darba! Tassew inhossni b'xi mod f'kuntatt mal-Maltin kollha li jircevuha permezz ta' din il-gazzetta tieghek. Grazzi u ibqa' sejjer! Tislijiet lilek u lill-qarrejja kollha. **Lina Brockdorff – Pembroke, Malta**
- ❖ Ghaziz Frank, Kemm ilhna differenti fi ftit spazji! Tislijiet minn Malta, **Patrick J Sammut**
- ❖ Congratulations on the 100<sup>th</sup> Maltese Newsletter. It is so full of interesting articles. I always look forward to receive your email and read the attachment. Looking forward to the next issue. My wife would love to have more Maltese food recipes please when available. **Regards Dominic Manion JP President St. Andrew Luqa Social Club Inc. Victoria**
- ❖ I have been reading the Maltese Newsletter over the shoulder of Joe Micallef, and agree with his sentiments. It is a great newsletter and I have enjoyed the articles, both serious and light-hearted. I am therefore asking that you add me to your mailing list directly to my email address please. Tess Congratulations, thank you and kind regards, **Tess Raggio**
- ❖ Thank you for producing such an informative and entertaining Newsletter. I have always been very impressed with your research into the articles and look forward to receiving the Newsletter so regularly. Congratulations on the 100<sup>th</sup> issue of the Maltese Newsletter. My personal view, because I came to Australia at a young age, I appreciate the continuous history of Malta and updated information on current news. It makes me feel closer to Malta and gives me pride in our heritage and development as a nation, and as a people living outside of Malta. Thank you again, please keep up the good work. I look forward to the next hundred editions!! **Joe Micallef**





## Strolling down St Paul's Street, Valletta

Written by [Francesca Di Puccio](#)

St Paul's Street is one of the most authentic of streets in Valletta's tight grid. For most of the past half century, it's been almost abandoned and in steady decline as traditional shops closed their shutters and ageing tenants and residents passed away or gave up doing business here. St Paul's Street has remained a bit of a backwater despite being a useful traffic thoroughfare in an increasingly pedestrianised Valletta. It lives in the shadow of its wider, bustling neighbours Merchant Street and Republic Street. However, its faded glory has made it all the more alluring, and it is now seeing an influx of new life. St Paul's Street is now 'des res' and up and coming; the kind of street to get real estate agents and speculators drooling over its potential as a historic gem and time capsule. Boutique and bijou hotels, design firms, and renovated shops offering speciality, artisanal products are springing up week by week; a good indication that St Paul's Street is a changing, and fast. For now though, St Paul's Street is a more old than new, and for a few more years yet will remain a time warp. It is home of course to numerous magnificent, historic buildings – from *palazzini* or grand patricians' homes and the old university building to the covered market which was modeled on Les Halles in Paris. It houses also one of the island's most famed festas – that of St Paul's Shipwreck church, held in February.

A view of the road from one of his best points; 152 shots in three hours passed in this charming road, full of movement and small houses with colorful balconies. There aren't many bars where you can enjoy a simple coffee or have breakfast, so the bars that are here are full of Maltese and tourists mingling shoulder to shoulder in the same small hole-in-the-wall for a drink with friends or to eat something before start their tour of the city.

There are also many restored buildings; these are very welcoming, some very luxury, an example is the palazzino, 'The Prince of Orange', that offers wonderful apartments, decorated in Maltese style and with indescribable panoramic views.

There are many local restaurants where you can taste speciality Maltese dishes, but there are also some small, traditional take-aways where you can buy Maltese pastizzi that are delicious, homemade, and still warm and soft. Not far from St Paul street there is the sea, you can glimpse it from some perpendicular streets, where the blue mirror-like surface of the calm harbour waters contrasts with the yellow of the houses. For all its faded houses and appearance of solitude, it is ironically a very busy street too at certain times of day. When the shops open, there are a lot of cars and delivery trucks whose drivers and hands have to unload everything as quickly as possible to stop the horns



of impatient motorists jammed behind. The street is full of wooden balconies so typical of old-style Maltese architecture; the thousand colors of these make the road very lively and cheerful. Many are abandoned, others haven't glass on the windows, some are more particular and refined, and hint at their role and glory in times past – like the one in the photo. But all create the beautiful atmosphere of walking this street. There are new activities, such as the design studio in the photo; these seem to fit very well here, juxtaposing new with old. The way many businesses are sensitively restoring the buildings means we can still enjoy the typical architectural features and get a feel for their history. I noted in particular the strange sight of the restaurants and bars in the side streets, positioned on the steps down to the sea with their tables perched on each ledge, the sun illuminating the tables full of tourists at lunchtime.

There are still some older shops that seem to have been trading for years, selling things like bed linen, ironmongery, spices, and religious artefacts such as figurines for the nativity scene. The shops are dark inside and invite you to enter and discover what those colored windows hide behind them. Do not forget the fascinating church of St Paul, wedged between two buildings, with a high front. To get your camera positioned for a good shot from the outside is almost impossible, even crossing the street. This remains one of the most beautiful churches in Valletta. It has some strange relics inside in its dark, almost mysterious interior. St Paul's Shipwreck is one of the must-sees and so different from other churches in Malta; a unique landmark on this truly remarkable street in Valletta.



Ħarġa mistennija b'għadd 34 tar-rivista *Leĥen il-Malti* se tkun qed titnieda nhar il-~~H~~add, 8 ta' Novembru, waqt il-Festival Nazzjonali tal-Ktieb. It-tnedija, li tibda fl-10:00am, se ssir f'Sala Temi Zammit, Dar il-Mediterran għall-Konferenzi, u fost l-oĥrajn se jinqraw xi kitbiet mill-ħarġa ta' dis-sena, b'siltiet mużikali minn Joseph u Francesca Bezzina.

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Wara t-tnedija u s-sejħa għal *Leĥen il-Malti* (għadd 35) nistednukom sabiex tibqgħu magħna għal bibita ċkejka. IL-MEMBRI TAL-GĦAQDA AĠĠORNATI FIL-ĦLAS HUMA MĦEĠĠA JIĠBRU L-KOPJA TAGĦHOM B'XEJN DAKINHAR.

The new, anticipated edition of *Leĥen il-Malti*, issue 34, will be launched on Sunday, 8 November at the Malta Book Festival. The event, commencing at 10:00am, will be held in Temi Zammit Hall, at the Mediterranean Conference Centre, and will feature readings from this year's issue, as well as music numbers by Joseph and Francesca Bezzina.

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## Meet the late Robert Wadlow: the tallest man to ever live



Robert Wadlow, pictured with his family - parents and siblings, 4th from left. In case you couldn't tell. Robert died on July 15, 1940 from a parasitic infection, he died in his sleep at age 22. Robert was entombed in a coffin 10 feet long and weighing 1,000 pounds, requiring a dozen pallbearers and eight other assistants. Robert's funeral was attended by 27,000 people.

Robert's parents buried their son's body under a vault of concrete because of fears for the sanctity of his body. Upon the death of Robert Wadlow, his family had almost all of his belongings destroyed. (Except his shoes apparently) They didn't want collectors to purchase his clothing and other items to be displayed as any kind of "freak" memorabilia. He

led a tough and short life but his legacy as a kind-hearted gentle giant will never go away.

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## Jewish Slaves of Malta

A community of up to 1,000 Jewish slaves on the archipelago of Malta, east of Tunisia and north of Libya, established over the course of two centuries by the Knights of St. John, a Catholic order of pirates left over from the Crusades, was officially abolished on this date in 1800. The Knights would raid vessels and coastal communities in the region, and favored Jewish victims for the ransom their communities would pay. "Most of the Jewish slaves," writes Abraham P. Bloch (in a Jewdayo-like book, *One a Day: An Anthology of Jewish Anniversaries for Every Day*), "were ransomed with funds provided by the Society for the Redemption of Captives," headquartered in Venice, in amounts that varied according to the physical condition and status of the captives, but many were "bought by speculators" who resorted to torture in order to extract exorbitant ransoms.

Malta had hosted Jews for many centuries until the 1492 expulsion order by the Spanish monarchs emptied the islands of Jews. Under the sway of the Knights of St. John, it became the last European refuge of slave trading and slavery until Napoleon conquered it en route to Egypt in 1798. "During World War II, Malta was the only country that did not require Jews fleeing Nazi Europe to have a visa. Consequently, Malta rescued thousands of Jews from persecution. Since the 1950s, Israel and Malta have had friendly political and economic relations." —[Jewish Virtual Library](#)

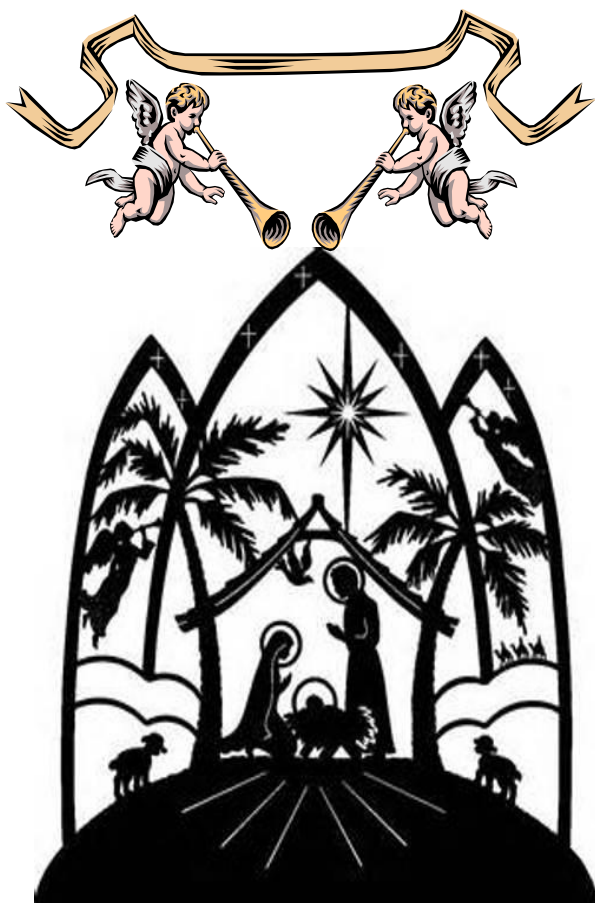




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A typical street in Malta with

the corner

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### Mill-Perù għall-Kanada

Fr. Emmanuel Parnis twieled B'Kara. Huwa ex student tal-Kulleġġ tagħna fir-Rabat. Studja l-filosofija fl-INSERM u t-teologija għand id-Dumnikani fir-Rabat ukoll. Ġie ordnat saċerdot fl-1989. Wara li akkwista esperjenza u Prattika pastorali f'Malta, mar il-Pakistan fejn dam 14-il sena jaħdem f'diversi parroċċi. Minn hemm mar għal tliet snin f'Detroit, fejn haċdem fost il-Maltin u l-komunità Ispanika. Il-karattru ta' Fr. Parnis huwa mimli heġġa. Għalhekk wara l-Amerka ta' Fuq, mar għal tmien snin jaħdem fil-Perù ġewwa Lima. Hemmhekk haċdem mal-Opri Pontifiċji u wkoll bħala kappillan fi sptar mentali. Wara Lima kompli l-ħidma tiegħu fil-parroċċi tagħna ta' Aplao u Arequipa. Nhar id-9 ta' Ottubru beda fażi oħra f'ħajtu, għaliex intbagħat fil-missjoni tagħna fil-Kanada.

### Mill-Filppini għall-Awstralja

Fr. Lonnie Borg twieled u trabba l-Mosta. L-istudji sekondarji għamilhom fil-Kulleġġ tagħna fir-Rabat. L-istudji tal-filosofija u t-teologija għamilhom fis-Seminarju tal-Qalb ta' Ġesù f'Għawdex. Ordna saċerdot fl-1985. Fl-1987 mar fil-missjoni tagħna tal-Pakistan għal erba' snin. Fl-1998 kien il-pijunier biex infetħet il-missjoni ġdida tal-Filippini.

Il-bidu ta' din il-missjoni fl-Asja ma kienx faċli. Għall-ewwel huwa kien jgħin f'diversi parroċċi. Imbagħad is-Socjetà akkwistat dar u minn dak iż-żmien sa sitt xhur ilu, hu kien chaplain fl-Università Politeknika tal-Filippini.

Ix-xahar li għadda Fr. Lonnie ngħaqad ma' shabna fil-missjoni l-oħra tal-Awstralja. Lil dawn iż-żewġ missjunarji, filwaqt li nawgurawlihom, inwiegħduhom it-talb tagħna.

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