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Welcome! Merhba!

Welcome once again to another issue of Reskeon Newsletter.

Not that long ago it was Christmas and summer (?) is almost over.

In three months we lost three Maltese Bishops. Our own Bishop Joseph Grech passed away on Dec. 28. It was a great loss not just to the Maltese Community but to all in the Catholic Church. Another Bishop, Nikol Cauchi, passed away in Gozo on Nov. 15. He was the brother of Prof. Maurice Cauchi. Then on Jan. 21 we lost Archbishop Emeritus Emmanuel Gerada.

Reskeon Seniors Group had their Christmas Break-up on Dec. 9 at Firenze Receptions while the Reskeon Maltese Association had theirs at the Maltese Centre, Parkville on Dec. 5. Present at this function were Josephine and Harry Zammit Cordina who were in Melbourne at the time.

On Feb. 9, Fr Edwin Agius, mssp, celebrated Mass for the members of the Reskeon Seniors at their meeting at Merrilands.

A barbecue was organised for the helpers of both our groups, especially the Seniors who meet every week. A few members work hard to prepare for our meetings and afterwards to pack up the tables and chairs.

During the last three months we lost a few members and family members of our members. One of them was Charles Falzon. He was a member of Reskeon Maltese Association and Reskeon Seniors Group for many years and he was also a benefactor to our group by, being the best craftsman in woodwork, he donated a lot of his works for our raffles and also other items which we still use within the group.

You can read these stories in full on the inside pages of this newsletter.

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Until we meet again, take care and drive carefully. In your prayers, remember those with no one to pray for them. Thank you.

PAUL VELLA, Editor

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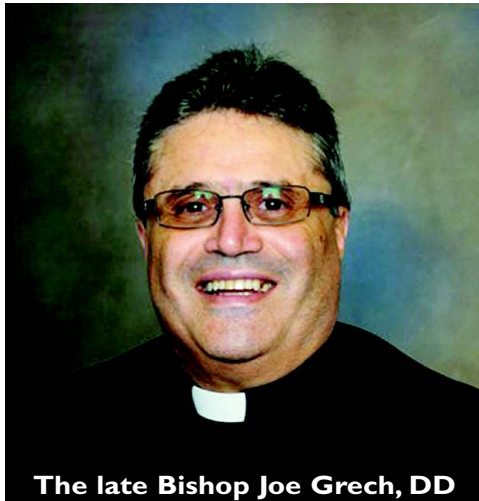
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...just call me "Bishop Joe"

Vale Bishop Joseph Angelo Grech, D.D.

Tuesday, 28th of December, was a very sad day for the Maltese Community. On that day we learned of the sudden death of our beloved Maltese Bishop of Sandhurst, Mgr. Joseph Angelo Grech, aged 62.



The late Bishop Joe Grech, DD

Bishop Joe, as he always insisted on being called, was a great man, loved not just by the Maltese Community but by one and all, Catholics or non Catholics. He was a good friend to everybody, with a big smile on his face, and a great preacher. He was born on 10th December, 1948, in Balzan, Malta.

After completing the first four years of studies for the priesthood in Malta, he arrived in Australia in 1971. He completed his last four years of studies at Corpus Christi College in Melbourne and was ordained a priest in 1974. In 1999 Bishop Joseph was appointed as Auxiliary Bishop of Melbourne prior to his appointment as Bishop of Sandhurst Diocese on April 27 2001. At the time of his death Bishop Joseph was a member of the Bishops Commission for Pastoral Life with special oversight for the pastoral care of Migrants and Refugees. He was recently appointed to the Pontifical Council for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerants. Within the Commission for Pastoral Life Bishop Joe was also responsible on behalf of the Bishops of Australia for Youth Ministry. He was also a member of the Bishops Commission for Mission and Adult Faith Formation with particular responsibilities regarding Catholic Missions. Bishop Joe was also a member of the International Catholic Charismatic Council

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**MALTESE NEWS
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A weekly news bulletin prepared by the PBS (Malta) is presented on SBS every Sunday at 10 am. Repeated on SBS2 1.30 pm same day

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ON CHANNEL 31**

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Another program in Maltese on Channel 31 is on Tuesday, (fortnightly, alternating with the week of Waltzing Matilda) at 1.00 pm.

RESKEON MALTESE ASSOCIATION

GET TOGETHER

at the MALTESE CENTRE, Parkville

on Sunday, March 20, 2 pm

Members of both groups invited to attend

At this Get Together we will remember the

Maltese actress Vitorin Galea and meet her family

We request that all those intending to attend these Get Together to please ring one of the following telephone numbers to help with the catering arrangements

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IL-MEWT TA' L-ISQOF JOSEPH GRECH

Fit-28 ta' Dicembru hadna xokk meta hadna l-ahbar kerha tal-mewt tal-Isqof Joseph Grech, Isqof ta' Sandhurst. L-isqof Grech kien habib kbir taghna l-Maltin u konna nhossuna kburin bih. Kemm-il darba ha sehem fil-Festa ta' Marija Bambina u anki kien ghamel il-Pangierku. Il-priedki tieghu kienu dejjem sbieh. Fil-15 ta' Novembru miet l-Isqof Emeritus Nikol Cauchi, ta' Ghawdex, li jigi hu l-Prof. Maurice Cauchi. Arcisqof iehor li miet kien Emmanuel Gerada.

FESTIN TAL-MILIED GHALL-ANZAJNI

Ir-Reskeon Seniors Group organizzaw il-Festin tal-Milied għall-membri taghom fil-Firenze Receptions fid-9 ta' Dicembru. Bhas-soltu, kienet attivita' li kienet ta' success kbir u kulhadd hareg ferhan.

FESTIN TAL-MILIED GHAR-RESKEON MALTESE ASSOC.

Ir-Reskeon Maltese Association kellhom il-Festin tal-Milied taghhom fil-5 ta' Dicembru, fic-Centru Malti ta' Parkville. F'dan il-festin il-qajna fostna lis-Sinjuri Josephine u Harry Zammit Cordina li f'dak iz-zmien kienu fuq jzara ohra gawwa Melbourne.

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MEWT TA' CHARLES FALZON

Dan l-ahhar tlifna membru iehor minn taghna. Charles Falzon. Fis-16 ta' Jannar Charles halla din id-dinja. Kemm Charles u l-mara tieghu, Mary, kienu membri tar-Reskeon Maltese Association u r-Reskeon Seniors Group għal hafna u hafna snin. Charles kien jahdem fl-injam imma kien bniedem ta' kapacita' kbira u kemm-il darba kien jahdem xi bicciet biex nuzawhom fil-lotteriji li jkollna. Hafna mix-xoghol tieghu għadna nuzawh fil-grupp tal-anzjani. Noffru l-kon-doljanzi taghna lil martu, Mary, u l-familja kollha.

QUDDIESA MINN FR EDWIN AGIUS, MSSP

Nhar l-Erbgha, 9 ta' Frar, Fr Edwin Agius, mssp, gie fil-laqgha tal-anzjani f'Merrildands fejn iccelebra Quddiesa għall-membri. Ahna nirringrazzawh li dejjem isib il-hin biex jigi u jiccelebra l-Quddiesa maghna.

Rapporti bl-Ingiliz flimkien ma' ritratti fuq dan li għadna kemm thad-ditna fuqu ssibuhom f'faccati ohra ta' din li Newsletter. Sakemm nergghu niltaqghu darb'ohra, insellmilkom u nghidilkom "Sahha"!

— Paul Vella

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Fr Edwin Agius, mssp celebrates Mass for the Seniors

On Friday, 9th February, Fr Edwin Agius, mssp, Rector at Parkville, travelled to Reservoir to celebrate Mass for the Reskeon Seniors Group.

Around 190 members were in attendance.

Mr Charles Verzin did the readings. As always, Mr Verzin provided the Mass books with all the hymns as well.

We always appreciate when Fr Agius, or any other priest, find the time to visit us to say Mass for our members. We realise how busy they are with their daily routine and always appreciate when they help whenever we ask them to celebrate mass for us.



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Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary



On Friday, 18th February, our members for many years, Joe and Connie Zammit, from Reservoir, celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

At the Reskeon Seniors Group meeting of Wednesday, 16th February, Co-Ordinator Caesar Vella, along with some committee members presented them with some flowers for the occasion.

This is always a happy occasion, not just for the couple concerned, but also for their families and friends, and naturally, all their friends, members of Reskeon Seniors Group joined in to wish them all the best on their anniversary and a very long life together full of good health and happiness.

Pictured, from left to right: Phyllis Vella, Joe and Connie Zammit, Caesar Vella and Salvina Vella.

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Death of Charles Falzon

On Sunday, 16th January, we received the sad news of the death of our member Charles Falzon.

Charles, along with his wife, Mary, was a member of Reskeon Maltese Association and Reskeon Seniors Group for many, many years. He was a great friend, a loyal member and a benefactor of the Association.

He was a master craftsman in woodwork, his trade, and he donated a number of his craft pieces to the association for raffles, etc. He also did a lot of items which we still use within the Reskeon Seniors Group.

Charles is survived by his wife, Mary, his children, Ken, Mona and Lydia, son-in-law Alan, grandchildren Cassandra, Matthew, Stephanie, Tara and Candace, among other relatives and friends.

His funeral took place on Friday, 21st January, at St Mark's Church, Fawkner, with burial at the Northern Memorial Park. He will be sadly missed.

Grant him, O Lord, eternal peace.

RESKEON MALTESE ASSOCIATION GET TOGETHER

**at the MALTESE CENTRE, Parkville
on Sunday, May 22, 2 pm**

All members are invited to attend

We request that all those intending to attend this Get Together to please ring one of the following telephone numbers to help with the catering arrangements

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representing Oceania. He was a much sought after international speaker with particular commitment to the Charismatic Renewal Movement, Priests' Retreats and to Young People.

In October, he was the spiritual leader of the Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Canonisation of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop and in the Footsteps of St Paul - the fifty pilgrims feel very privileged to have shared this precious time with him recently. He was so very happy when he attended the Canonisation. After spending some time in Malta, where he took part in the Ordination to the Priesthood of Fr Robert Galea, the "Singing Priest" from Sandhurst, he came back to Australia.

Bendigo's St Kilian's Parish Administrator, Fr Rom Hayes said Bishop Joe wasn't one to stand on ceremony and that says a lot about the sort of man he was - "He was known as Bishop Joe and that's what he liked to be called." Fr Rom recalled that "he was thoughtful, outgoing and very concerned for people. He poured himself into his work and never backed off. I'll remember him as warm and caring and passionate about the things he believed in".

On Monday, 3rd January, we attended a Mass for the repose of his soul, at St Leopold's Church, Croatian Catholic Centre, Ardeer. Celebrant was Archbishop Les Tomlinson, along with 40 other priests, most of them Maltese. Around 1200 filled the beautiful church.

Then on Wednesday, a Vigil was held at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, in Bendigo, with special prayers. The following day, in the morning, special prayers were held at St Kilian's Church, and later on in the day, at 1 pm, more than 4000 people attended the funeral at the Sacred Heart Cathedral. Prime Celebrant was Archbishop George Pell, along with another 32 Bishops and 176 priests from around the country.

During Mass some hymns in Maltese were sung as well.

Later, after the two-hour service, he was buried in the Crypt under the Cathedral.

Bishop Joe was a very great friend of the community. He was Prime Celebrant in the Bambina Feast in 1999 and 2005, while in the year 2000 he attended the feast as well.

After a few months of preparation, on Monday, 2nd March, 2009, a group of 96 members of Reskeon Maltese Association and Reskeon Seniors Group, paid a visit to Bishop Joe Grech in Bendigo, where he celebrated a special Mass for the Group in the Sacred Heart Cathedral. I can still remember how happy he was with gleaming eyes when he saw so many Maltese in that Cathedral. After Mass he acted as a tour leader around the Cathedral and, jokingly, even told us where he will be buried if he dies while holding the position of Bishop of Sandhurst.

Bishop Joe was proud of his Maltese heritage and equally proud to be an Australian, the wonderful blend of these cultures manifested in the character of this truly great man. He was very close to his sister and brother and Aunt Mary who still live in Malta - he would visit them each year. His Aunt Tess and Uncle Jim who live in Australia were like parents to him - they were at his side when he died.

We lost our Maltese Bishop, a man who made us so proud.

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Our President, Committee and members of Reskeon Maltese Association and Reskeon Seniors Group offer their sympathy to the family of Bishop Joe.

Grant him, O Lord, eternal rest. May he rest in peace.



During our visit to Bishop Joe Grech at the Sacred Heart Cathedral. (Top): Part of the Group that took part in the visit. (Bottom): From left: Emmanuel Agius, Caesar Vella, Bishop Joe, Victor Pulis, Salvina Vella, Phyllis Vella, Paul Vella, Lina Pulis.

The death of Bishop Emeritus Mons. Nikol Cauchi

On Monday, 15th November, 2010, we learned of the death of Bishop Emeritus Mons. Nikol Cauchi, brother of Prof. Maurice Cauchi, President of the MCCV, born in Gharb, Gozo. Mons. Cauchi was Bishop of Gozo for 38 years. The President, committees and members of Reskeon Maltese Association and Reskeon Seniors Group extend their sympathy to Prof. Maurice Cauchi, wife Agnes and all the family. On Friday, 21st January, 2011, we learned of the death of the Archbishop Emeritus Emmanuël Gerada. He was Auxiliary Bishop of Archbishop Michael Gonzi (1967-1973) after which he resumed his Diplomatic Career with the Holy See.

Pictured is Mons. Nikol Cauchi being interviewed by our friend Chev. Joe M. Attard, of Victoria, Gozo, who is a well-known journalist and radio presenter.



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Christmas Luncheon for the Seniors Group

The Reskeon Seniors Group organised a Christmas Luncheon for their members, at the Firenze Receptions, Fawkner, on Thursday, December 9.

Over 180 members and friends attended.

When members sat at their tables, they were served hors d'ouvres and pre-dinner drinks.

Distinguished guests present were the Honorary Life Members, Dr Clemente Zammit and Mrs Mary Zammit. Apologies for not being able to attend because of other commitments were the Consul General of Malta in Victoria, Mr Charles Mifsud and his wife Anna Maria Mifsud; the MSSP Rector at Parkville, Fr Edwin Agius; the Vice-President of the Maltese Community Council of Victoria, Mr Gejtu Deguara and Mrs Mary Deguara; Honorary Treasurer of the MCCV, Mr Paul Borg and Mrs Nellie Borg. Also present were Mr Joseph Montebello, reporter and cameraman of "Waltzing Matilda" and his wife, Mary, as well as the Convenor of the Maltese Broadcasting Group of 3ZZZ, Mr Emmanuel Brincat and his wife Mary Anne.

Our Co-Ordinator, Mr Caesar Vella, acted as MC in the absence of Mr Edwin Baldacchino who was unwell.

After Dr Clemente Zammit lead the singing of Malta's National Anthem and Advance Australia Fair; the

entrée was served which was baked fish and rice. This was followed by a pasta dish of tortellini. The main course consisted of baked chicken and roast beef with vegetables on each plate.

Dessert was Cassata ice cream followed by fresh fruit and tea and coffee accompanied by Continental cakes.

Red and white wine, beer and soft drinks were served throughout the day.

Music was in the hands of the capable Mario Sammut's Moods Music.

The Co-Ordinator, Caesar Vella, delivered his Christmas message. Dr Clemente Zammit gave his Christmas message as well and after thanking the committee for inviting him and wife, Mary, he said that they always look forward to being present at our functions.

Then, a list of birthday and anniversaries that occurred around this time was read.

A small Christmas gift was given to all those present. The men received a bottle of wine while the ladies received a tin of Danish Butter Cookies.

It was a very good day and all those attending enjoyed themselves and many thanked members of the committee for the way it was organised.

Thanks to all those involved in organising this luncheon which as always was a great success, and thanks to the owners and waiting staff of Firenze Receptions.



More pictures on Page 6)



Christmas Break-Up for Reskeon M.A. members

Reskeon Maltese Association organised the Christmas Break-Up for their members on Sunday, 5th December, at the Maltese Centre, Parkville.

Normally we start with the celebration of Mass but as all Maltese priests were unavailable, this was not held.

Members started to arrive a bit early and they were greeted with free tea and coffee and biscuits as soon as they went into the hall and sat at their tables.

Distinguished guests were the Consul General of Malta in Victoria, Mr Charles Mifsud and Mrs Anna Maria Mifsud; the Honorary Life Members of Reskeon Maltese Association and Reskeon Seniors Group, Dr Clemente Zammit and Mrs Mary Zammit; the Vice-President of the Maltese Community Council of Victoria, Mr Gejtu Dequara and Mrs Mary Dequara; and the "Waltzing Matilda" cameraman and reporter Mr Joe Montebello and Mrs Mary Montebello.

Special guests this year, at the time when they were on a visit from Malta, were Mrs Josephine Zammit Cordina and husband, Harry. Mrs Zammit Cordina is the producer and presenter of "Waltzing Matilda" program on TVM as well the radio program "Boomerang". This was their 13th visit to Australia.

After a while members were served with a plate of ante pasta.

This was followed by a roast chicken, roast potatoes and vegetables lunch.

Red and white wine, beer and soft drinks were served before and with the meal.

Dessert was a variety of fresh fruit, followed by ice-cream.

The music on the day was provided by Mario Sammut's Moods Music, who kept all those present on the dance floor.

All those attending enjoyed the day and thanked members of the committee for organising such a pleasant day.

Thanks to the members of the committee who worked hard to make sure this event was very successful.



Reskeon Seniors Christmas Break-up (Continued from Page 5)



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- March 10:** Day Out (organised for both groups)
March 20: Get Together (Parkville) for Reskeon and the Seniors
May 4: Mother's Day Luncheon Reskeon Seniors Group (Firenze)
May 22: Get Together (Parkville)*
July 14: Restaurant Day (Seniors)
July 21: Day Out
August 10: Annual General Meeting (Seniors)
August 11: Father's Day Luncheon Reskeon Seniors Group (Firenze)
August 14: Reskeon Get Together and AGM (Parkville)

* Ring Sam Caruana 9749-2005 or Phyllis Vella 9395-3103 with number attending
 These functions(*) are for members of Reskeon Maltese Association only

MASSES IN MALTESE

For those members wishing to attend Mass in Maltese, we are publishing these times and locations.

- ★ Every Saturday, at 6 pm:
St. Paul's Chapel, Parkville (Maltese Centre)
- ★ Every Sunday, at 8.00 am:
St. Paul's Church, Sunshine Avenue, Kealpa
- ★ Every First Friday of the month, 7 pm:
Resurrection Church, 51 Gum Road, St. Albans West
- ★ Every First Saturday of the month, 6 pm:
St. Joseph The Worker Church, Wilson Blvd, Reservoir
- ★ Every Second Saturday of the month, 5.15 pm:
St. Luke's Church, 1a David Street, Lator
- ★ Every Third Saturday of the month, 6.00 pm:
St. Thomas More Church, 65 North Street, Hadfield
- ★ Every Fourth Saturday of the month, 5.00 pm:
St. Francis of Assisi Church, Childs Road, Mill Park
(Confessions about half an hour before Mass)

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Happy Birthday...

March: 1: Tony Xuereb; 8: Licia Bartolo, Teddy Farrugia; 10: Joe Pullicino, Josephine Cachia; 14: Charles Sacco; 16: Edwin Baldacchino, Salvu Bartolo; 20: Vincent Abdilla; 21: Mary Abdilla, Theresa Scicluna, Joe Pisani, Doris Fenech; 22: Mary Anne Brincat; 26: Joe Scicluna; Joe Montebello; 28: Rita Zammit; 30: Laurie Cassar; 31: Rosemary Sacco, Violet Portelli. **April:** 1: Mary Camilleri; 4: Doris Debono, Doris Pullicino; 5: George Colvin, Doris Dalli, Frances Galea; 6: Lola Calleja; 8: Tony Grech; 7: Chris Buttigieg; 10: Angela Mizzi, Toni Hill; 13: Reno Borg, Tony Bartolo; 14: Sarah Catania; 15: Caesar Vella; 17: Lucy Fabri; 19: Melda Farrugia; 20: Lisa Saliba; 21: Lucy Scicluna; 25: Charlie Farrugia; 27: Jim Cutajar; 29: Mary Baldacchino, Mary Falzon. **May:** 5: Therese Scicluna; 6: Charlie Zammit, Carmen Mizzi; 9: Melita Magro; 10: Tony Scicluna; 12: James Cassar; 14: Jane Grech; 19: Elvira Sacco; Stephen Tabone, Helen Scerri; 21: Guido Ciantar; 22: Charlie Ellul; 25: Josephine Grech; 26: Lina Camilleri, Doris Caruana; 27: Joe Gauci; 28: Sarah Tabone, Doris Gauci; 30: Maureen Dakin; 31: Marie Stafrace.

Happy Wedding Anniversary...

March: 27: Charles u Carmen Cachia. **April:** 2: Mr and Mrs Teddy Farrugia; 21: Mr and Mrs G. Camilleri, Mr and Mrs C. Vella; 22: Mr and Mrs V. Pulis, Yvonne and Sam Caruana; 24: Lucy and Gary Scicluna; 25: Mr and Mrs Frank Mallia; 29: Jane and Joe Grech. **May:** 4: Frank and Jane Zahra, Mr and Mrs Tony Sacco; 5: Mr and Mrs Silvio Sacco, Violet and Spiro Portelli; 6: Mr and Mrs L. Bartolo; 7: Mr and Mrs V. Abdilla; 14: Joe and Rita Agius; 26: Mr and Mrs C. Tabone; 30: Mr and Mrs P. Vella.

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With great regret we announce the death of our members' and friends' loved ones which occurred recently:

BISHOP JOSEPH GRECH

Bishop of Sandhurst
 Friend of Reskeon Maltese Association

Gozo Bishop Emeritus

NIKOL CAUCHI

Archbishop Emeritus

EMMANUEL GERADA

CHARLIE GRECH

Son of member Helen Scerri

CHARLIE FALZON

Member of Reskeon for many years
 Husband of member Mary Falzon

JOE CAMILLERI

Brother of member Angela Mizzi

JOE ABELA

Ex member of Reskeon and Seniors Group
 Husband of ex member Ninette Abela

TONY SULTANA

Brother of ex member Mario Sultana
 Brother of Reskeon friend Mary Deguara

JESSIE GREEN

Mother of member Elizabeth Camilleri

SALVU MICALLEF

Brother-in-law of member Mary Barbara

LELI MAGRO

Brother of member Charles Magro
 Cousin of member Gerald Magro

PAUL and GIGA BORG

Brother and Sister of Damian Borg

Please remember them
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R.I.P.

Reskeon Seniors Group Sub-Committee

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The group meets every Wednesday
 at Merrilands Community Centre,
 Asquith St, Reservoir, 9.30-2 pm.

For more information
 Ring 9460-4404

SAINT GEORGE PRECA

Those receiving special favours through the intercession of Father George Preca, are requested to report this to:

The General Secretary, Society of
 Christian Doctrine, Blata l-Bajda, Malta

Let us Pray

Lord, you called Dun George Preca to be a teacher and father to the young, and now you have numbered him with your saints in heaven. We thank you for this glory you have given him. We ask you to fill us with love like his: may we give ourselves completely to your service and to the salvation of mankind. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Grant we beseech Thee O Lord that Thou wilt glorify Thy humble servant who worked with so much zeal for the salvation of souls and that through his intercession it will please Thee to grant this favour.....



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Free barbecue for Reskeon helpers



Every year, the committees of Reskeon Maltese Association and Reskeon Seniors Group organise a free barbecue for the helpers of these two groups.

Apart from the members of the committees who work very hard throughout the year to organise functions and the weekly meetings of the Seniors at Merrilands Community Centre, there are others who are not on the committees who give their help every week in many different ways.

Especially with the Seniors Group, every week, a number of these helpers come in early in the morning to put the tables and chairs in the hall

where we meet, cleaning tables, etc. The same helpers and others stay back after the day meeting to put the tables and chairs back in the store and clean the floor and do other tasks.

Members of the committee and others work hard in the kitchen to prepare the food while others work in the office doing the clerical tasks as needed.

To all these, a big "thank you".

This year's barbecue was held at the park of Edwardes Lake, Reservoir. Around 50 people attended and enjoyed a free barbecue with salads, wine, beer and soft drinks.

The weather was fine and a good day was had by all.



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