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MCCV SOCIAL SUPPORT NEWSLETTER

We were so very excited to be able to visit some of you at home and assist with your shopping. Due to the sudden increase in Coronavirus cases in Victoria, we have had to temporarily stop visits and other face to face services as we cannot risk any of you or our staff contracting this virus. As most of our consumers live in, or near, the hot spots, we will have to wait for Government direction before we can resume face to face services.

We will continue to provide services in other ways like calling more often and even setting up Video chats with you and your friends. Our newsletter will continue to be posted out every two weeks.

As soon as we are able to, we will contact all of you regarding window visits, face to face visits and other services. Please remember that as a vulnerable group, you must be extremely careful about where you go when you leave the house. Please try and stay home as much as possible and don't forget to wash your hands and keep your distance from everyone.



MCCV Executive Committee pass on their gratitude for your patience at this difficult time and are working with us to ensure that we can continue to provide a quality service to you all.

SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

On June 30th we are celebrating the 110th anniversary from the Foundation of our Society. From the time of Joseph DePiro, our Founder the idea and the teaching of the Church in Mission has evolved and passed through a lot of transformation. Our Founder started our Society in Mdina Malta in 1910, when two young joined him.

The ultimate vision, his dream is still alive since the first members arrived here in Australia in 1948 and then elsewhere. Jesus Christ send his disciples to proclaim that his Kingdom is here, and humanity is part of God's embrace. You are all part of God's family. You too can support our mission especially through your prayers and presence.

We all agree that the Covid 19 pandemic affected us. We tried to adapt and find new ways how to live and carry out our duties.

Our understanding of World, Church and Mission, as well as our role, have in some way altered.



Now we are in need to remain strong to the present realities of the post-pandemic World, as Pope Francis has exhorted us to do.

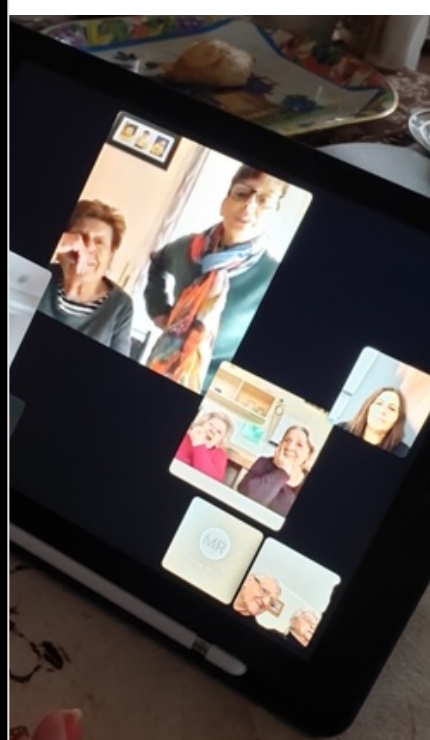
Our Founder was a man of vision. He was graced with a missionary charisma that fired his heart. His great love for God and to his fellow brethren especially the poor, made him reach out to all structures of people in all sorts of situations. He was a brother to them, sided with their cause as we know of his involvement in the Sette Giugno events, helping the marginalised, love for the church and starting his dream and forming our Society. What lay in the future is unknown. Our Founder knew that God was with him and the little company will continue after his death. He died in 1933 at the age of 56.

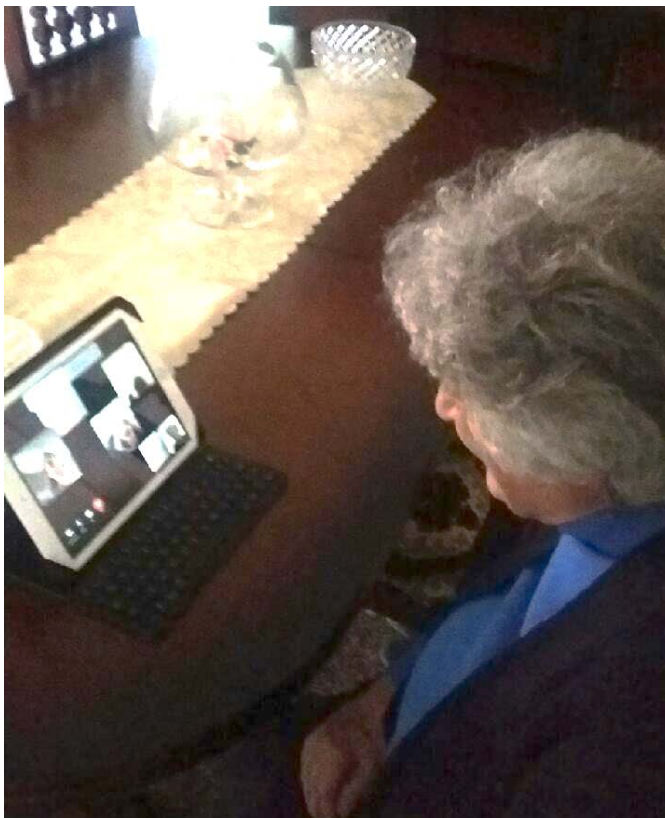
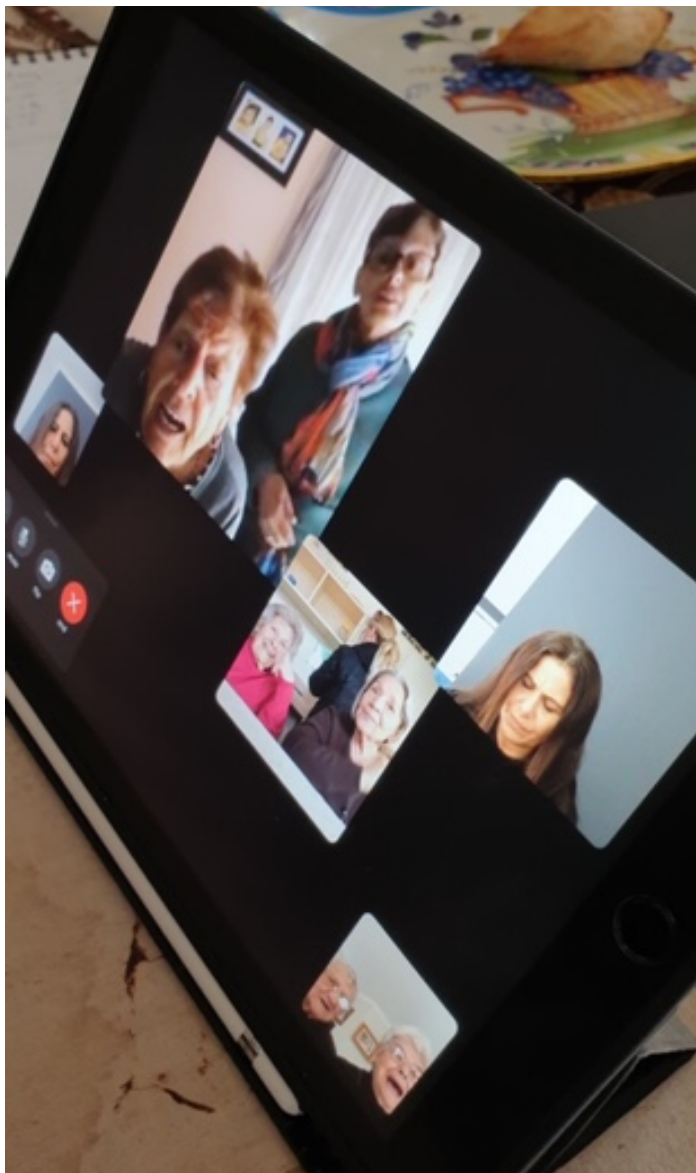
So brothers and sisters, let us express our gratitude to God who with love and dedication support us all the time. On the example of our Founder let us embrace those who are part of our journey and help us to be part of God's family.



Fr. Lonnie Borg mssp.

Memory Lane







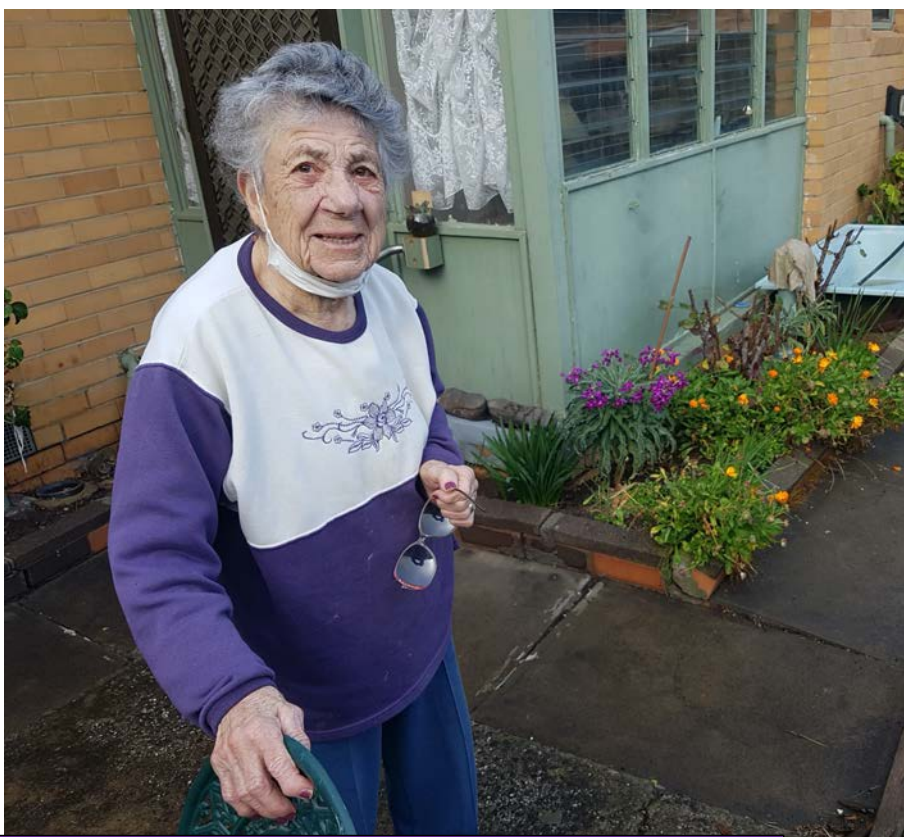
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Keeping





Busy





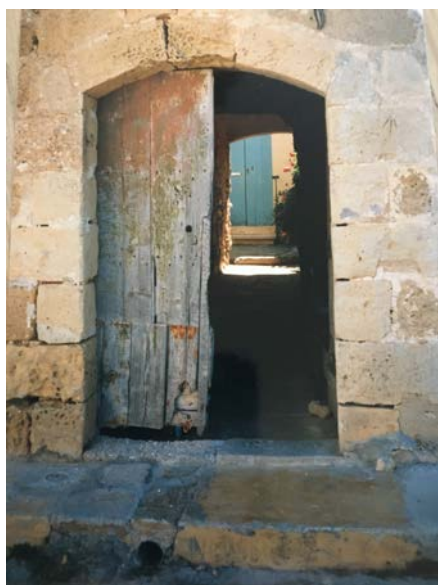
Recollections from Early Childhood

The house at Gnien Imrik St. Gozo

Part 1.

By Dr Victoria Borg

The house where I was born and grew up is well over 400 years old. It's also part of a community like building which has 4 different houses within the same complex. It must have belonged to one extended family.



Indeed, the entrance has 4 barns leading to a courtyard where there is a well that was used by other members of the community living in the same complex. There are also windows overlooking each other's house and rooms enmeshed with each other.

Our house included quite a labyrinth of rooms, especially downstairs. They were mostly bedrooms and storerooms.

I remember my paternal grandmother occupying the rooms downstairs. An open staircase led to the rooms upstairs – including *l-ghorfa* where we used to sleep with my mother, a small room where my father used to sleep, another much smaller room (about 3 metres by one and a half metre) that served as a kitchen and the *setah* (corridor).

In the *ghorfa* there was only one bed where my mother used to sleep, with 2 youngest kids sleeping with her while the other 3 slept together on planks which served as a bed. We had 2 mattresses: one full of hay and the one on top of it was stuffed with wool which my father would have shorn from the sheep in the barn.

We had a table in the *setah* where we used to eat. Whenever we had a dish of *patata il-forn* with some sort of meat, we used to eat straight from the dish as we gathered around the table. We did not use any forks and knives – we used our hands. Except my father.



In winter, whenever my mother cooked a *torta tal-pastard bil-bajd u l-gobon* (pie with cauliflower, fresh cheese and eggs) at the baker's, she used to take us in the barn which was separate from the house. It really felt nice and cosy sitting on the bales of hay, even though at times it felt prickly. Any left overs, my mother used to keep it under the pillow in bed, covered with blankets to keep it warm. She did the same thing when she cooked *pastizzi* (pasties) on Sundays.



Part 2 will be in next newsletter

COVID-19 UPDATE

Restricted postcodes - restrictions apply to specific areas experiencing a high level of transmission or are at high risk of transmission.

Restricted postcodes

The following areas are experiencing a high level of transmission or are at high risk of transmission. To slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) Stay at Home restrictions apply to these areas:

Postcode	Suburbs
3038	Keilor Downs, Keilor Lodge, Taylors Lakes, Watergardens
3021	Albanvale, Kealba, Kings Park, St Albans
3012	Brooklyn, Kingsville, Maidstone, Tottenham, West Footscray
3042	Airport West, Keilor Park, Niddrie, Niddrie North
3064	Craigieburn, Donnybrook, Mickleham, Roxburgh Park, Kalkallo
3047	Broadmeadows, Dallas, Jacana
3060	Fawkner
3032	Ascot Vale, Highpoint City, Maribyrnong, Traralgon
3046	Glenroy, Hadfield, Oak Park
3055	Brunswick South, Brunswick West, Moonee Vale, Moreland West

Stage 3 Stay at Home restrictions will be applied to impacted areas. If you live in these locations, you need to stay at home. There are four reasons that you can leave home:

1.Shopping for food or other essential items

2.To provide care giving, for compassionate reasons or to seek medical treatment

3.For exercise (outdoor exercise only, with only one other person or members of your household)

4.Work or study, if you cannot work or study from home

Additional restrictions have also been put in place:

- you cannot have visitors to your home except for caregiving or compassionate reasons or receiving services.
- you can no longer visit friends and family who live at another household, except for caregiving or compassionate reasons or providing services.
- you cannot travel except for one of the four reasons outlined above.

**These Restrictions take effect from 11:59pm,
1 July and will be in place for 4 weeks.**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

2 June
Mary
Coleiro

9 June
Nina
Micallef

10 June
Diana
Aquilina

10 June
Joan Sant



12 June
Neil Ilsley

25 June
Mary
Schembri

28 June
Pompea
Cassar

29 June
Gemma
Geibarras

FIVE MINUTES WITH: Joe & Josephine Camilleri

Towns you have Lived in

Joe: Rabat (Malta)

Josephine: Mosta (Malta)

Occupations

Joe: Bakery

Parkinson Stoves

Nettlefolds Factory

IRC- Making mesh screens/fences

Josephine: Sewing at Zilo

Packing Golf Balls at Spalding

Hobbies

Joe: Gardening

Josephine: Sewing & cooking

Achievements

Raising a beautiful family

Favourite TV Shows

Bold & the Beautiful

Seinfeld

Good Chef Bad Chef

Favourite Foods?

Baked Macaroni



What would you do if you won Tattsлото?

Help my children and grandchildren.

What is your advice for the youth of today?

Look after your health, Be good to your family.

What is your favourite meal to cook?

Minestrone with bacon hock

FIVE MINUTES WITH: Jane Grima

Towns you have Lived in

Sanglea (Malta)

Fitzroy

Carlton

Fawkner (62 years)

Occupations

Holeproof –Cafeteria

Stocking section

Clothing Factory

House wife/Mum

Hobbies

Knitting/Crochet

Cooking

Attending Maltese Group

Achievements

Raising my wonderful daughter

Favourite TV Shows

Masterchef

Cooking shows



Favourite Foods?

Seafood especially Scallops

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Share with family and friends

What is your advice for the youth of today?

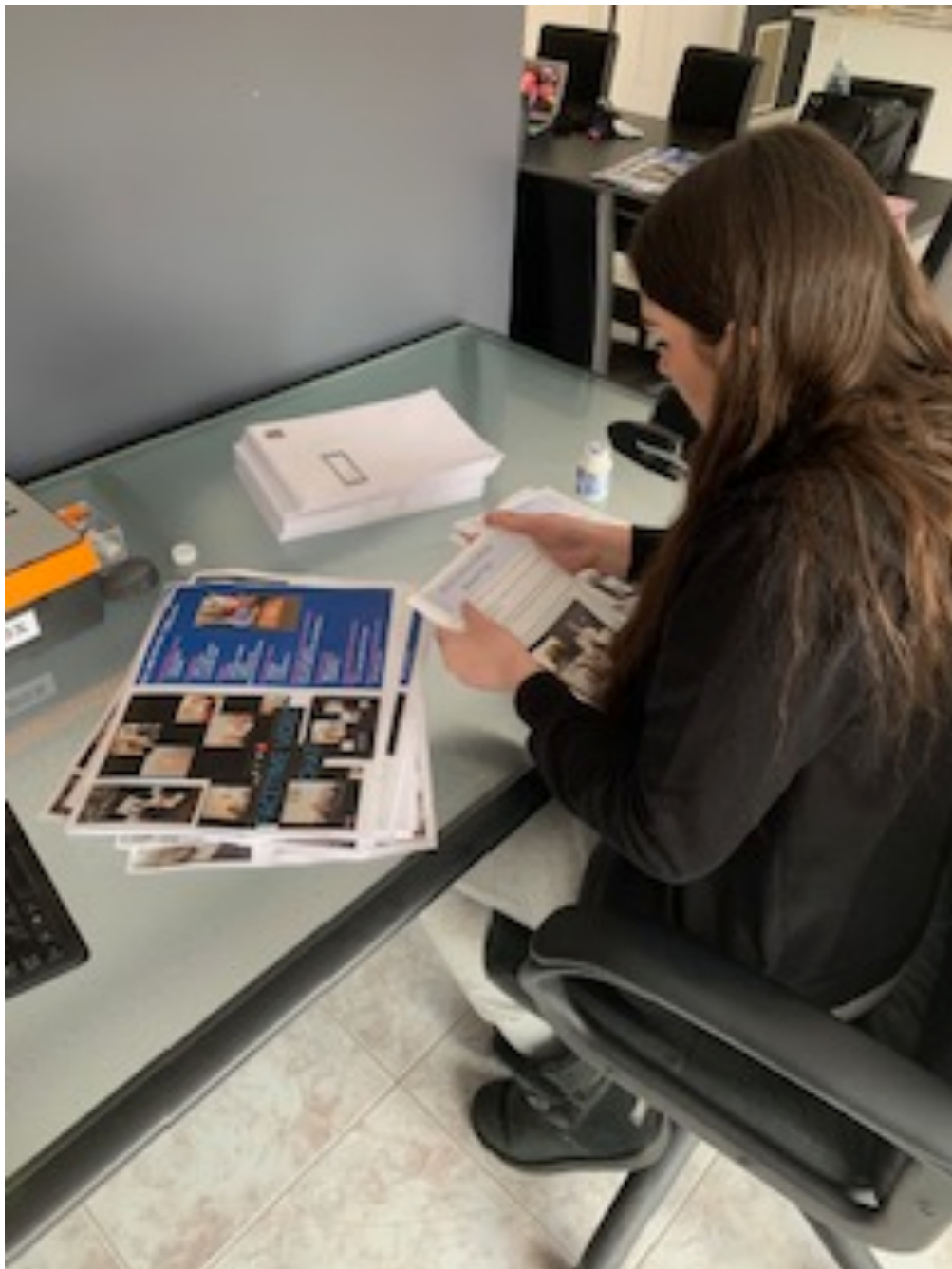
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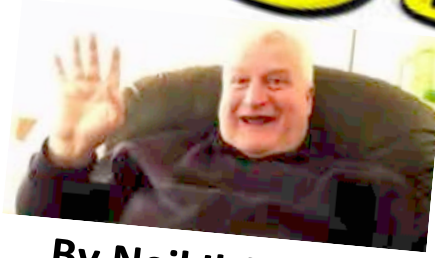
A big thank you to Miss Sophie for juggling her University studies and social life to find the time each fortnight to help me to get these ready.



Q. What do you call a woman with one leg shorter than the other?

A. EILEEN

Just JOKING! 



By Neil Illsley

Q. What do you call a man lying in a pile of leaves?

A. RUSSELL

Q. What do you call a man lying on your doorstep?

A. MAT

HaHaHa

Q. What do you call a man without a shovel?

**A. DOUGLAS
(Doug- Less)**

Q. What do you call a man with a shovel?

A. DOUG

Q. What do you call a Maltese man who feels cold

A. BART

Q. What do you call a woman in the middle of a tennis court?

A. Annette