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Welcome! Merħba!

Welcome once again to another issue of Reskeon Newsletter.

We start with the sad news of the death of another member of our committee — Gerald Magro. Gelard was a member of Reskeon Seniors Group from the very beginning. He always worked hard and gave his best to the Group. Our condolences to his wife, Melita, and all the family. May he rest in peace.

In September we organise the feast of Maria Bambina on behalf of the Fathers of MSSP. We remind you of the Dinner Dance and we hope that you will support us by organising a table with family and friends. All information is on Page 1 and Page 2.

Carmen Brent, sister of member Vince Borg visited us from North London. Fr Dr Victor Shields, mssp, celebrated Mass for us at one of our meetings at Merrilands.

We are so very proud with the achievement of grandchildren of our members. In this issue we read about Jade Colver-Vella and Madison Conwell.

Paul and Salvina Vella attended an information session on MyCAV of Consumer Affairs.

Two new committee members were co-opted after the death of George Colvin and Gerald Magro.

Our members enjoyed a restaurant day at Roxburg Park Hotel. Our members also enjoyed a free sausage sizzle at Merrilands.

Some of our members attended an Anniversary Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne.

Once again we invited you to the Bambina Dinner Dance and the Bambina Feast.

You can read these stories in full on the inside pages of this newsletter. We encourage you to use the services of the advertisers in our Newsletter because they help financially in producing it for you. Tell them that you have seen their advert in our Newsletter.

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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Another Father's Day Luncheon... another success

The Reskeon Seniors Group celebrated Father's Day with a Luncheon at Firenze Receptions, Fawkner, on Thursday, 13th August. Around 130 members attended.

Pre-drinks and hors d'ouvres were served while members entered the hall and were seated at the tables. Secretary and MC on the day, Paul Vella, greeted all those present and the distinguished guests: Fr Edwin Agius, mssp; Fr Dr Victor Shields, mssp; Honorary Life Members of Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group, Dr Clemente Zammit and Mrs Mary Zammit; MCCV Treasurer, Mr Paul Borg and Mrs Pauline Borg and Life Member and ex-President and ex-Co-Ordinator of Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group, Mr Caesar Vella and Mrs Phyllis Vella. Apologies were received from the Consul General of Malta in Victoria, Mr Victor Grech and wife, Patricia. This was followed by the singing of the Maltese National Anthem and Advance Australia Fair, after which, the champagne bottles on the tables were opened and a toast offered to all fathers present. Then the meals were served. Entrée was a serving of fish with rice, fol-

lowed by serve of lasagne and fusilli lunghi on each plate with Bolognese sauce. The main course was chicken legs stuffed with spinach, cheese and dried tomatoes and roast beef on each plate with roast potatoes and vegetables. Red and white wine, beer and soft drinks were served all day. Dessert was Cassata ice-cream and a fruit platter, followed by tea/coffee and continental cakes. DJ Tony provided the entertainment for the day. Members were on the dance floor all day dancing to his music. President, Salvina Vella, gave a short message for Father's Day and wished them a good day and asked to pray for the fathers who are no longer with us. She was a bit emotional on this occasion having lost her father a few weeks before.

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Waqt li Fr Dr Victor Shields, mssp, kien fuq btala f'Melbourne, bħalma jagħmel kull darba li jkun hawn, ġie Merrilands Community Centre biex jiċċelebra Quddiesa għall-membri tagħna.

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Għat-tieni darba din is-sena, il-kumitat organizza *sausage sizzle* b'xejn f'wahda mill-laqgħat tagħna f'Merrilands. Din hi xi haġa li l-membri jiehdu gost biha u għalhekk nippruvaw naghmluha aktar minn darba fis-sena.

INHOSSUNA KBURIN BIŻ-ŻĠĦAR TAGħNA

Dejjem ngħid li għandna nħossuna kburin bit-talent taż-żġħar tagħna. F'din il-harġa naqraw fuq is-suċċessi ta' Jade Colver-Vella u Madison Conwell. Nifirhulhom u nixtiequhom aktar suċċessi għall-futur.

ŻEWĠ MEMBRI GODDA FIL-KUMITAT

Minhabba li dan l-aħħar tlietna żewġ membri tal-kumitat, hassejna l-bżonn li ndaħhlu żewġ membri godda. Sylvia Dakin ilha taħdem fil-kċina speċjalment kemm ilha Melita nieqsa meta kienet tiehu hsieb żewġha, Ġelardu. Miriam Mizzi qed tiġi mharrġa mit-teżorier, Victor Pulis.

IL-FESTA TA' MARIJA BAMBINA

F'Settembru l-Grupp tagħna jorganizza l-Festa ta' Marija Bambina għan-nom tas-Socjeta' Missjunarja ta' San Pawl. Fit-8 ta' Settembru jkun hemm Quddiesa fil-Kappella ta' San Pawl, Parkville, 7 pm. Il-Hadd ikun hemm il-festa fil-Knisja ta' St Mary Star of the Sea, West Melbourne, nibdew fis-2.30 pm bir-Rużarju, Quddiesa u Purċissjon. Tinsew is-Sibt ikollna l-Ballu tal-Bambine (Vitorja), Firenze Reception, Fawkner. Pruvaw organizzaw mejda mall-familja u l-hbieb. L-avviżi jidhru Paġna 1 u Paġna 2.

Rapporti bl-Ingliż flimkien ma' ritratti fuq dan li għadna kemm thadditna fuqu ssibuhom f'jaċċati ohra ta' din li Newsletter. Sakemm nergħu nil-taqgħu darb'ohra, insellmilkom u ngħidilkom "Sahha"!

— Paul Vella



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IN SEPTEMBER WE CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF MARIJA BAMBINA Tuesday, September 8:

There will be a Mass at 7.00 pm, at St. Paul's Chapel, Parkville. This event is organised by Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group. Music and singing: Emmanuel and Margaret Farrugia. After Mass there will be refreshments in the foyer of the Maltese Centre. The Australian Xaghra Assoc. hold their Mass at the Maltese Cultural Centre, Albion on September 8 as well.

Saturday, September 12:

On this day, our association is organising the Vittoria Dinner Dance at Firenze Reception Centre (see advertisement on page 1). As always this event is very popular and tickets will be selling fast. We would like to see a great number of Reskeon members attending. Bring your friends with you and organise a table. For full information and bookings, phone — Salvina Vella 9460-4404 Mobile: 0409 961 928.

Sunday, September 13:

At St. Mary Star of the Sea Church, West Melbourne. Rosary at 2.30 pm. Immediately after, there will be a Mass followed by benediction and (weather permitting) the procession with the statue of Our Lady accompanied by the Malta Gozo Concert Band. Everyone is invited to attend all these functions and let us be united as one Maltese Community. Be there and take part. As in every year Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group organises the Feast of Marija Bambina on behalf of the Fathers of the Missionary Society of St. Paul.

Fr Edwin on the mend

Most of our members know by now that Fr Edwin Agius, mssp, our Spiritual Director, is recovering after a triple by-pass surgery. We kept in touch with him by phone many times and we even visited him at his rehab. We are glad to tell you that Fr Edwin is on the mend and we hope that we will see him among us very soon.

He was advised to take things a bit slower until he is fully recovered.

Victor Borg

Many of our members also heard that The President of the Maltese Community Council of Victoria, Mr Victor Borg, went through a bad bout of health recently. He was in and out of hospital many times. We pray for him for a speedy recovery.



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Carmen Brent visits from North London

At the weekly meeting of Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group at Merrilands Community Centre, Reservoir, on Wednesday, 17th June, 2015, we welcomed Ms Carmen Brent from North London who paid us a visit.

Carmen is the sister of our member, Vincent Borg.

Carmen told us that she has lived in England for the past 50 years.

By the time this newsletter is published, Carmen would have returned to London, but she will enjoy a copy of our newsletter as she was included in the mailing list.

Photo (from left to right): Rose Pace, Joe Pace, Charles Sacco, Carment Brent, Victor Borg, Rose Boeg, Vera Sacco and Judith Grima.



Mass by Fr Dr Victor Shields

Fr Dr Victor Shields is visiting Melbourne for a few months as he does every year.

During his stay in Melbourne he always requests us to invite him to say Mass to our group at Merrilands Community Centre.

Fr Shields celebrated Mass on Wednesday, 22nd July. Around 120 members were present.



At the start of the Mass Fr Victor read out a few names from the long list Paul Vella always has handy on the altar during Mass. The list was very long, so it couldn't be read in full.

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Vale Gerald Magro

Another great loss to our committee and our association.

Gerald Magro, born in Zabbar, Malta, was in the first committee of the Reskeon Seniors Group from the very beginning.

Everybody agrees that Gerald was always a hard working committee member.

The early committee meetings were held at his home and he always tried to entertain the committee members.

Along with his wife, Melita, he was always there when we needed help from them.

Gerald was always there sitting behind the large table during Reskeon Seniors' Wednesday meetings, serving tea, coffee and pastizzis.

On the other hand, Melita was always in the kitchen preparing the rolls and sandwiches

In the last few years, Gerald's health deteriorated and he was in and out of hospital. This became more frequent in the last few months.

Gerald passed away on Tuesday, 21st July, 2015.

The funeral was held on Tuesday, 28th July, 2015, at St Joseph the Worker Church, North Reservoir. The funeral Mass was celebrated by Fr Dr Victor Shields, mssp.

The funeral was attended by a large group of family and friends. We were very happy to see a large number of our members paying their last respects to this great friend.

To his family, wife Melita, children Sam, Litz and Antoinette and their spouses, grandchildren and great grandchildren, we offer our condolences.

May God grant him eternal rest.

He said that he will mention recently deceased, Anne Gauci, George Colvin, Sam Bartolo, Gerald Magro, Frank Fabri (the father of our President, Salvina Vella) and others.

In his Homily, Fr Shields told us how happy he was that our group is still going strong. We thank Fr Dr Victor Shields for finding the time to visit and say Mass for us.



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Jade Colver-Vella

- National Karate Champion!

Congratulations to Jade Colver-Vella who competed in the National Karate Championships in South Australia recently (8-9 August). Jade came home with 3 gold medals, which means she is a National Champion for the fourth year in a row! Jade returned with:

- * Gold in her weight division – Kumite Individual Female Cadets under 54Kg
- * Gold in the Open weight division- Kumite Female Cadet Open (14/15yo)
- * Gold in the teams event – Team Cadet Female Kumite

Jade has worked so hard to achieve her goals, which have finally paid off. At the end of the tournament it was announced that Jade would represent Australia at the Junior World Championships to be held in Jakarta in November this year.

This has been a two-year goal for Jade, which has involved training 6 days a week, and lots of sacrifices and dedication. She has persevered and achieved her ultimate goal – The World Championships. She still has 3 months of hard work ahead of her and we wish her all the very best of luck for the World Championships.



Jade is granddaughter of our members Caesar and Phyllis Vella.

Well done, Jade, and all the best for the future!

First Aid course completed successfully

Recently we felt the need to train some of our members in First Aid.

Four members showed interest in taking the course but only two could make it on the day booked by PRACE. These were Maria Carabott and Doris Schembri.

They both completed the course successfully and were presented with the Certificates.

The one-day course was organised by PRACE at Merrilands Community Centre and a few members from other groups attended. This is a way of trying to look after our members in case of an emergency.

Some months ago, our Group paid their share for PRACE to purchase a Defibrillator.



Reskeon attends a MyCAV Information Session

On Tuesday, 11th August, Salvina and Paul Vella, President and Secretary respectively of Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group Inc. attended an information session about how to register for MyCAV to be able to hand in Yearly Financial Reports online after the AGM to Consumer Affairs. This was necessary as these reports now are not accepted on hard copy as before.

The information session was held at Preston Neighbourhood House, Preston. Paul and Salvina received special help and information by Ms Fionnuala Spillane of Darebin Council.

In the photo, Ms Fionnuala Spillane (back) assisting Salvina Vella on the computer to register to MyCAV.



Well done, Madison!

I have often said that we should be proud with the achievements of our young ones and that we should encourage them in whatever they choose to specialise in, being studies, sports or whatever.

Recently, Rose Sacco from the Reskeon Seniors Group at Merrilands Community Centre proudly told me of the achievements in sports of her granddaughter, and netball player 16-year-old Madison Conwell who during July trained with the full Australian netball team. She was one of only four players from Queensland to join the squad. It was just reward for a kid who has been showing great improvement in this particular sports discipline.

Madison has been playing netball and indoor netball since the age of five. She has represented Queensland on numerous occasions and even formed part of a number of Division 1 representative teams for different Queensland Associations.

But after playing for Queensland in the Australian National Junior competition, last December Madison received her greatest honour when she was selected to represent Australia in the Under-16s Tri Nations series in indoor netball. At the series that was held in Perth she played centre and wing attack against New Zealand and South Africa and was even named vice-captain of the U/16s

Last month she first trained with the national Australian netball team, along with five other players from NSW players and another from Victoria and then took part in the competition starting with the 6s (New Zealand) game.

In one of the round games against South Africa, Madison obtained 30 points out of the total of 47 scored by her team. However in the 6s game the Aussies unfortunately lost by 10 points. Madison and her team won the silver medal.

Two days later the Australian team took part in the 7s (Australian) game. They went through the competition undefeated and in the final defeated South Africa with a difference of 25 points. So this time Madison and her team added the gold medal to the silver.

Photo: Madison with her trophies and medals, along with her parents Grant Conwell and Tania Conwell (Sacco)



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Father's Day Luncheon (from Page 1)

After reading the birthdays and wedding anniversaries for those celebrating these events around this time, there was a special 50th Wedding Anniversary of our members Antida and Jim Galea who were presented with a lovely bouquet of flowers. This was followed by the presentation of trophies for the Men's Bocce Competition. Winner was Frans Bonavia; Tarcisio Xuereb, first runner-up (who was unable to attend) and Richard Killeen, second runner-up. The trophies were presented by the bocce organiser, Mr Angelo Farrugia.

There was another presentation, this time of First Aid Certificates to two of our members who successfully completed the course, Maria Carabott and Doris Schembri.

The function finished with the Reskeon Theme Song, music by the late Laurie Armato, lyrics by Dr Clemente Zammit. A good day was had by all those attending this function. Thanks to President, Salvina Vella, who worked so hard to make this luncheon a very successful one. We would also like to thank the management of Firenze Receptions and their waiting staff for the way they looked after us.

Thanks to all those present and especially to those who helped set up flags, etc. before the luncheon.



Two New Committee Members

After the resignation of Joe Galea from the Committee and the passing away of Committee members George Colvin and Gerald Magro, the need arose to co-opt two new committee members.

Sylvia Dakin has been helping in the kitchen since the new year, especially while Melita Magro was absent looking after her husband, Gerald. She enjoys working in the kitchen, so the committee decided to co-opt her to become a committee member.

Another member, Miriam Mizzi, was always offering help when it was needed. The committee decided to co-opt her also as a member of the committee, and at the moment Treasurer, Victor Pulis, is showing her the ropes with regards to looking after the books.

We don't want to forget all those members who come early in the morning to help put up the tables and chairs and with other things. The same thanks for those who stay behind after the Wednesday meeting finishes to help pack the tables and chairs, dismantling the audio equipment, etc. Another thanks to the bingo ticket sellers and the bingo calling helpers. Their job is well appreciated.



Photos: (Top) Sylvia Dakin. (Below) Miriam Mizzi.

Lunch at Roxburg Park Hotel

On Thursday, June 11, a group of just under 100 members and friends, attended a restaurant day lunch at Roxburgh Park Hotel.

All members arrived on time and were directed to their tables by the waiting staff.

Everyone enjoyed the abundance and variety of food offered on the day.

Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group heavily subsidised this event.

Our group is always looked after by the management. Members enjoyed the day and requested that this will be held more than once a year.

Thanks to everyone who attended.



It's now official! Now our name is...
Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group Inc.
After the May 2014 meeting, Reskeon Maltese Association joined Reskeon Seniors Group and now it's just one Group. We made changes to the Constitution and these were passed by the Department of Corporate Affairs. We thank Ms Cheryle Michael who added changes of the Department of Corporate Affairs and thanks to Caesar and Phyllis Vella who altered our Constitution with the new changes to become one Group.



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FORTHCOMING EVENTS...**Mark these dates in your diary!****September 8:** Bambina Mass, St. Paul's Chapel, Parkville**September 12:** Vittorja (Bambina) Dinner Dance (Page 1)**September 13:** Bambina Feast, St. Mary's Church, West Melbourne**October 7:** AGM**October 15:** Day Out**November 25:** Club Closing**December 2:** Christmas Break-Up***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, Kealba

Every First Friday of the month, 6.30 pm:

St Paul's Church, Glengala Road, West Sunshine

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 First Saturday of the month, 4.45 pm:

St. Joseph Church, Springvale

Every Second Saturday of the month, 5.00 pm:

St. Luke's Church, 1a David Street, Lalor

Every Third Saturday of the month, 4.00 pm:

St. Francis of Assisi Church, Childs Road, Mill Park

Every Fourth Saturday of the month, 6.00 pm:

St. Thomas More Church, 65 North Street, Hadfield**(Confessions about half an hour before Mass)****IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS****Consul General of Malta
9670 8427****Maltese Fathers, Parkville
9387 7433****Maltese Centre, Parkville
9387 8922****Thank you!**

Ms Rita Mee for helping with proofreading, **Dr Edwin Borg-Manche**, who takes care of the MCCV website for his help in advertising our activities, to **Mr Paul Borg**, Treasurer of the MCCV, for his ongoing help in auditing our books, to **Darebin City Council** and the **Victorian Multicultural Commission** for grants received, and to all those who help in organising the Bocce competitions. We also thank the **Maltese Radio Stations** for advertising our functions and all those who assist us from time to time. Thanks also to the many members who give their help and assistance when needed.



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

FRANK FABRI

Father of President Salvina Vella

GERALD MAGRO

Committee member for many years

Husband of member Melita Magro

DELINA MERCIECA

Sister of member Joe Mercieca

EMMANUEL SPITERI

President of Ex-Services Assoc. of Vic.

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Happy Birthday . . .

September: 1: Benny Zammit; 7: Yvonne Caruana, Mary Killeen. 8: Maria Bambina; 11: Mary Vella; 16: Charles Galea; 20: Carmen Mizzi; 22: Marlene Ciantar; 26: Cathy Gatt; 29: Ines Mifsud. **October:** 4: Lina Pulis, Doris Mallia; 5: Rosemary Vella. 7: Samira Cassar; 8: Victor Pulis; 10: George Caruana; 17: Theresa Cachia; 19: Philip Debono, Mary Camilleri; 21: Carmen Debono; 22: Joe Cutajar; 23: Mary Magro; 31: Sylvia Dakin. **November:** 2: George Agius; Joe Agius; Joe Dakin; 13: Laurie Bartolo; 23: Iris Sapiano, Tonina Farrugia; 25: Fred Depares. 29: Natalie Cutajar, Elizabeth Camilleri.

Happy Wedding Anniversary . . .

September: 1: Billy and Doris Dalli; 5: Carmen and Tony Grech; 8: Grace and Fred Muscat; 10: Joe and Maureen Dakin; 14: Em. and Maryanne Brincat; 15: Jim and Jane Cutajar; 19: Helen and Lino Hammett. **October:** 5: Mary and Joe Pisani; 13: Fred and Emily Depares; 17: Joe and Grace Castillo; 24: Carmen and Phillip Debono. **November:** 24: Mary and Charlie Camilleri, Terrina and Joe Pace.

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Theresa Cachia

Madeleine Vella

Sylvia Dakin

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:

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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.

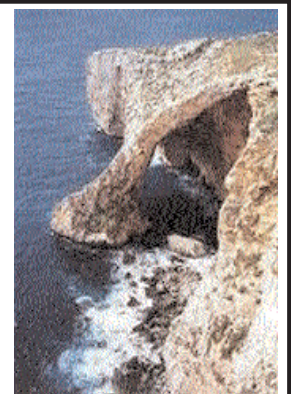
Grant we beseech Thee O Lord that Thou wilt glorify Thy humble servant who worked with so much zeal for the salvation of souls and that through his intercession it will please Thee to grant this favour.....

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Free Sausage Sizzle in July

On Wednesday, 15th July, members of the Seniors Group enjoyed a free Sausage Sizzle for lunch. We had another sausage sizzle in April and it proved very popular with the members. For this reason, the committee decided to have this more often.

Around 120 members were present. After the first bingo session the meal was served with a free glass of soft drink, tea or coffee. The cooking was in the capable hands of committee members Madeleine Vella and Sylvia Dakin.

Paul and Salvina Vella were in charge of purchasing the sausages, bread and drinks.

Thanks to Tessie and Fred Cachia who manned the tea/coffee section while Caesar Vella helped with the soft drinks.



Anniversary Mass at St Patrick's

The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne along with the Life Marriage and Family Office, organised a Mass for those couples who this year were celebrating their 25th, 50th, 60th or 70th Wedding Anniversary.

This Anniversary Mass is organised every year at St. Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne.

The Mass was celebrated by His Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne, Denis Hart, D.D.



The Cathedral was filled to the brim by couples who were celebrating one of these anniversaries this year.

In his Homily, Archbishop Hart spoke of the importance of the union in marriage to create a better family and a better society.

Each couple received a special pack for the occasion, including a signed certificate of their Marriage Anniversary signed by the Archbishop, a prayer bookmark, a Renewal of Marriage Vows and other items.

We were very happy to notice a lot of Maltese couples attending this special Anniversary Mass.

Apart from myself and my wife, Salvina, celebrating our 50th Wedding Anniversary this year, other couples celebrating the same anniversary were Lino and Helen Hammett, Victor and Carmen Casa, Morris and Carmen Spiteri and Charles and Tilda Vassallo. Celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary this year were Jim and Mary Dingli of Springvale.

Most of these couples had the chance to personally meet with Archbishop Hart outside the Cathedral for a chat and a special Blessing.

Photo: Paul and Salvina Vella with Archbishop Denis Hart. (Photo by Lino Hammett)



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