

# The Chimes



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## Corpus Christi College Visit

*On the morning of Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 40 students and staff from Corpus Christi College walked into New Norcia after three days of completing the Salvado Camino Walk from Subiaco to New Norcia.*

Despite battling hail, rain and wind along the way, they were greeted with beautiful blue skies on Friday morning as they walked up to the Abbey Church. Dom Daniel welcomed them with ringing bells and a beautiful, meaningful welcome talk.

Students and teachers then had a look through the Museum and Art Gallery, followed by lunch at St Ildephonsus' College. This was followed by Midday Prayers with the monks before they departed for home for a well deserved rest.





# Fr Anscar's Diamond Jubilee

On the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel (16<sup>th</sup> July) a gathering of family and friends from near and far joined the monastic community to celebrate Fr Anscar's Diamond Jubilee of priestly ordination.

In Abbot John's absence Fr Robert was Principal Celebrant, and Fr David (another Diamond Jubilarian) was the homilist. As usual, staff from across the site hosted a very fine celebratory lunch in St Ild's dining room.

We give thanks for Fr Anscar's sixty years of priestly ministry and assure him of our prayers.



## Art And Prayer A Retreat for Artists

*The Benedictine Community of New Norcia and The Mandorla Art Award Committee invite you to a gentle weekend of quiet reflection and artistic exploration in the tranquil rural setting of Australia's only monastic town.*

Along with participating in the daily rhythm of monastic life, sessions will include talks on art and prayer, the interpretation of religious art, shared discussion...and time for silence and solitude to hear the still voice of God speaking to your creative spirit.

Participants are asked to contribute \$360, which includes two nights' accommodation, all meals, as well as admission to the Museum and Art Gallery.

Bookings via New Norcia's webshop: [newnorcia.com.au](http://newnorcia.com.au)

For those who can't afford it, participation by donation can be arranged by contacting: [john.herbert@newnorcia.com.au](mailto:john.herbert@newnorcia.com.au)





## Oblate's Vow Renewal

### 15<sup>th</sup> July

To the backdrop of the gorgeous St George's Anglican Cathedral in Perth, a good number of oblates of the Benedictine Abbey of the Most Holy Trinity, New Norcia and oblates of the Benedictine Abbey of St Marks, Camperdown were invited to renew our vows as oblates, led by Father Robert Nixon OSB from our community in New Norcia.

Fr Robert joined the Rev Steve Hilton SCP and Rev Stuart Good at the 5:00pm Evensong service at St George's Cathedral.



St George's  
Cathedral  
Perth

St George's Cathedral  
Anglican Diocese of Perth

St Benedict of Nursia, Abbot  
Sunday 14 July 2024



5 o'clock  
EVENSONG WITH THE  
RENEWAL OF BENEDICTINE OBLATIONS

# New Norcia Price Increases

*Like all businesses and individuals, New Norcia has not been immune from the recent cost of living price increases impacting all Australians following the slow economic recovery post the COVID-19 pandemic.*

Following the pandemic and the end of the Government's Job-Keeper support, New Norcia held its fees and charges stable for a number of years, absorbing a large range of supplier price increases.

Unfortunately, The Community is no longer able to fully absorb the continuing cost of operating the New Norcia site without passing on some of these cost increases by way of guest price rises.

Whilst some guests have complained about the price increases, other guests and visitors

have understood that the New Norcia prices have been unchanged for many years and accept that price increases in the current inflationary environment are necessary.

As New Norcia receives no regular or recurring funding from any other parties, the recent CPI wage increase along with increases in power, fuel, catering and other operational expenses has resulted in the recent modest price increases that have been experienced by recent guests staying at New Norcia.



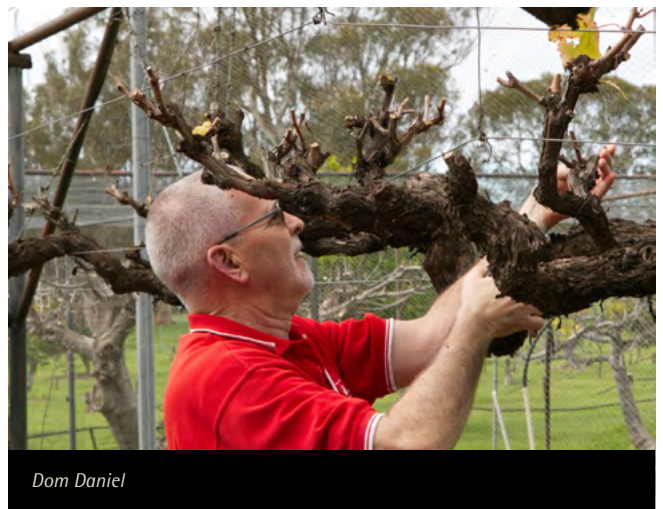


# Orchard Pruning

*During July Stephen Douglas and Jacob Beattie came to New Norcia to prune fruit trees and the grape vines.*

Stephen and Douglas have been faithfully offering this service to the Benedictine community for years now, and the community really appreciate it. Our two pruners also appreciate being very much a part of the team with Doms Daniel and Paul along with the town gardener, Chris.

A job well done!



Dom Daniel



Chris



Dom Paul





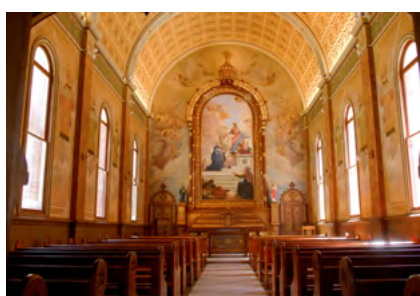
# Music from the Movies

*Fr Robert's Soiree on Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> of August was filled with excitement as staff and guests were encouraged to dress up to match the theme of the night – Music from the Movies.*

Dorothy from the Wizard of Oz, Maria from the Sound of Music, Where's Wally and Remy the Chef Mouse from Ratatouille all made an appearance as well as the Blues Brothers, the Pink Lady from Grease and the Fonz from Happy Days!

## Groups Bookings at New Norcia Suggested Day Programme 2024

10:00am	<b>Arrive at New Norcia</b>
10.30 pm	<b>Private Tour</b> 1 hour with a tour guide dedicated to your group. An opportunity to see 'behind closed doors' in Australia's only monastic town. Your guide will introduce you to New Norcia's eclectic Monastic, Aboriginal and European heritage as you see some of the town's richly decorated buildings, 27 of which are listed on the National Trust and not otherwise accessible to the public. Other highlights include the Flour Mill, Abbey Church and beautifully frescoed college chapels.
12.00 pm	<b>Monastery Oratory (optional)</b> Join the monks for midday prayers inside the Monastery Oratory. All faiths are welcome.
12.30 pm	<b>Lunch (optional, not included in price)</b> Experience old world grandeur by having lunch in the dining room of the beautiful New Norcia Hostel. Please inform us of your meal preference at least 7 days prior to your visit and if there are any dietary requirements.
1.30pm	<b>Museum &amp; Art Gallery</b> New Norcia is home to one of the finest collections of moveable heritage in Australia. Gifts from the Queen of Spain and a fascinating array of artefacts tell the story of New Norcia's 170-year old history. The galleries feature religious paintings by Spanish and Italian Masters and Australian Contemporary Artists.
3.30pm	<b>The Gift Shop</b> Free time to browse our shop and pick up last-minute gifts and goodies. The shop offers a range of local produce including New Norcia Abbey Wines, breads, Nut Cake, Pan Chocolatti, New Norcia Olive Oil, art, books and music.
4.15 pm	<b>Leave New Norcia</b> Taking with you some special lasting memories. Have a safe journey home and thank you for visiting our beautiful town.



Bookings can be made through the New Norcia Museum.  
Please call 08 9654 8056.

# Masterpieces of Russian Piano Music

**Musical Soirée with Father Robert Nixon OSB**  
**28<sup>th</sup> September, at the New Norcia Hostel.**

The performance will commence at 6.30pm.  
A light supper and drinks will be served.

In the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries, Russia produced a rich flowering of composers and performers, including Tchaikovsky, Rimsky-Korsakoff, Rubenstein, Rachmaninoff and many others.

Their music drew upon the styles & achievements of Western Europe and added a distinctly Russian influence of technical discipline and emotion.

This soirée will present the greater masterpieces of Russian piano music, as well as works which remain little known in the West.

Tickets are \$100, all inclusive.  
Book online at [newnorcia.com.au](http://newnorcia.com.au).



## A Camino Welcome for Holy Cross College Students.

**On the afternoon of Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> August, Dom Daniel welcomed 100 Year 12 students from Holy Cross College for a Camino Welcome.**

Holy Cross students complete the Camino walk from Subiaco to New Norcia in 6 stages, one stage each year from Year 7 to Year 12. On Friday they completed the final stage and walked into New Norcia to the ringing of bells. Many parents, grandparents and siblings also made the trek up to New Norcia to welcome the students as they arrived. Following a beautiful welcome by Dom Daniel in the Abbey Church, the students, teachers and families enjoyed an afternoon tea in St Ildephonus' Arcades.





# Birthday Celebrations at New Norcia

## Bobbie's 85<sup>th</sup>

*High tea birthday celebrations were in full swing for long time local Bobbie Hunt at the New Norcia Hostel.*

Bobbie gathered with her sisters, daughters, daughters-in-law, and granddaughters for a ladies day only 85th birthday event .

The spectacular arrangement of fine china, silverware, and linen, accompanied by freshly homemade delights from the New Norcia Roadhouse as well as fresh hot scones baked by Abbot John had everyone buzzing with excitement.

It was a lovely day spent sipping champagne and with great conversation.



## Terry's 80<sup>th</sup>

*On 22<sup>nd</sup> June, Terry Murray celebrated his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday with an intimate group of 35 family members.*

They were spoilt for choice with a delicious buffet lunch, while toasting Terry's 80 years of life stories at the New Norcia Hostel bar.

The family were very thankful for the hospitality that the staff showed to make their day a very special one.



## One Day Retreat St Benedict's Model of Leadership

12<sup>th</sup> October 2024  
\$120.00

The Rule of St. Benedict presents a dynamic and balanced model of leadership which is responsive, flexible, and focused, and which promotes both individual and communal flourishing. This one-day retreat will explore the principles of Benedictine leadership, and look at how they can be applied to our business and personal lives to create success and harmony.

The cost includes lunch at the monastery guesthouse and entry into the Museum and Art Gallery.

Visit the [webshop](#) to book tickets.

PLEASE NOTE: online bookings for this close on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October. For bookings after this date please call the New Norcia Guesthouse on (08) 9654 8002 to ensure accommodation is still available.

# Coming Events

*From August 2024*

17<sup>th</sup> August 2024

Abbot's Table: Winter 2024

23<sup>rd</sup> August - 25<sup>th</sup> August 2024

Weekend Retreat: Monk Mode—Applying Monastic Principles to Everyday Life

14<sup>th</sup> September 2024

One Day Workshop: Moving On—Dealing with Loss, Pain and Separation

28<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Masterpieces of Russian Piano Music Concert

12<sup>th</sup> October 2024

One Day Retreat—St. Benedict's Model of Leadership

Visit our website for a complete list of Coming Events - [newnorcia.com.au/whats-on/events-calendar/current-events](http://newnorcia.com.au/whats-on/events-calendar/current-events)

## Liturgical Calendar

*From August 2024*

Wednesday 14 August

St Maximilian Kolbe  
(Memorial)

Thursday 15 August

ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM  
(Solemnity)

Sunday 18 August

Twentieth In Ordinary Time

Monday 19 August

St Bernard Tolomei (Optional  
Memorial)

Tuesday 20 August

St Bernard (Memorial)

Wednesday 21 August

St Pius X (Memorial)

Saturday 24 August

St Bartholomew (Feast)

Sunday 25 August

Twenty-First In Ordinary Time

Tuesday 27 August

St Monica (Memorial)

Wednesday 28 August

St Augustine (Memorial)

Thursday 29 August

The Passion of St John the  
Baptist (Memorial)

Sunday 1 September

Twenty-Second In Ordinary  
Time



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