

The Chimes



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Sr Kath, Karen and Sharon in St Gertrude's Chapel

From Archive to Archive

On Thursday August 22nd, Sue Sondalini (Archivist for the Sisters of St Joseph in South Perth) along with colleagues Sr Kath Hitchcock, Karen Tan and Sharon Cheah visited our Archives for a special professional development day.

They arrived in dreadful weather at 10.30 and were given a tour of the Archives during which they inspected a copy of one of Bishop Salvado's diaries along with Salvado-era registers. After the archives and prayers with the monks, they visited the museum and art gallery, St Gertrude's College and the church.



Karen, Sue and Sharon in the archives with the archivist.



L-R, Sue, Karen, Sr Kath and Sharon in the church

Employment Opportunities at New Norcia

Hospitality Customer Service - Casual/ Vacation Waiting Staff

Seeking applications from individuals to join our small team at the New Norcia Hostel and the local Roadhouse.

Key Requirements:

- Previous experience in food preparation
- Customer service skills
- Willingness to do housekeeping and general cleaning if required
- Good personal presentation
- A current driver's licence
- Responsible Service of Alcohol (not essential as on-site training is available)

Employer Questions:

- Do you have customer service experience?
- Do you hold a current Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) certificate?
- Are you willing to relocate for this role?
- Do you have a current Australian driver's licence?

Pay and Benefits:

- \$29/hour plus weekend penalties

Fortnightly working rosters are flexible, with the Hospitality Award conditions and penalties applicable.

Only permanent residents of Australia will be considered for this position.

Applications close Friday 20th September 2024

To apply, please send your resume and a cover letter answering the above questions and explaining why you are the ideal candidate for this role to hrmanager@newnorcia.com.au or call 9654 8018.

Manager Roadhouse, Post Office, & Licensed Cafe

Seeking applications from individuals or couples in the role of Roadhouse Manager for this unique and important part of our New Norcia operations. This role is a very hands-on role requiring you to be directly involved in all aspects of running the business.

Key Requirements:

- Relevant experience in a hospitality management role
- Demonstrated ability to lead a team of diverse individuals
- Strong communication and interpersonal abilities
- Excellent customer service and digital/computer skills
- Flexibility and the availability to work weekends and public holidays alongside your staff is essential
- Current National Police Check, WWC, and Approved Manager Licence (WA) are essential
- Previous experience with Australia Post would be an advantage but not essential

Employer Questions:

- What are your working rights in Australia?
- How much notice are you required to give your current employer?
- How many years' experience do you have as a Hospitality Manager?

Salary and Benefits:

- Salary: \$80k, paid fortnightly
- Superannuation as per SGL
- On-site semi-furnished accommodation available at nominal rent; utilities payable by the employee
- Uniform provided; must be maintained and laundered by the employee

If you have a passion for leadership and providing top-notch service in a heritage-rich setting, we want to hear from you!

Please note that in order to be considered for this position you must have appropriate work rights as we are unable to provide visa sponsorship.

Applications close Friday 20th September 2024

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Central Catering Services Cook

Seeking an experienced chef to manage kitchen operations, ensuring high-quality food service and maintaining NNCCS standards. Reporting to Central Catering Chef and overseeing Kitchen Hands.

Key Responsibilities:

- Cook and serve food per NNCCS quality standards.
- Manage and roster kitchen staff in consultation with management
- Train kitchen staff, including apprentices
- Order, receive, and store food supplies
- Maintain safety and cleanliness in kitchen and storage areas
- Cost and prepare menus; monitor food costs to meet targets
- Assist with planning and executing functions
- Ensure effective communication within the kitchen and with bar staff

Main Activities:

- Supervise kitchen staff and ensure compliance with hygiene and safety standards
- Oversee stock control, including ordering, receiving, and regular stock takes
- Manage kitchen costs and maintain equipment.
- Support front-of-house operations and collaborate on menu planning
- Report regularly to management on kitchen activities
- Perform other duties as required

Requirements:

- Formal hospitality qualifications and a minimum of 3 years of hotel cooking experience
- Current C class driver's licence
- Availability on weekends and for all rostered functions
- Adherence to grooming standards (clean-shaven, hair tied back if long)

Salary and Benefits:

- Salary: \$60-70k, paid fortnightly
- Superannuation as per SGL
- On-site semi-furnished accommodation available at nominal rent; utilities payable by the employee
- Uniform provided; must be maintained and laundered by the employee.

Applications close Friday 20th September 2024

To apply, please send your resume and a cover letter answering the above questions and explaining why you are the ideal candidate for this role to accountant@newnorcia.com.au and info@newnorcia.com.au or call 9654 8018.


THE
MANDORLA
ART AWARD



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

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



A visit from Salvado College

On Friday, August 9th, 100 Year 8 students from Salvado College came to New Norcia for a day visit on a beautiful winter's day.

After a quick morning tea on arrival, students were split into the two groups. They were given a town tour, completed work sheets in the Prindiville Room, had a look at the 6 Seasons Panels and completed work sheets in the Museum/Art Gallery. Due to the large size of the group, students and teachers attended midday prayers with the monks in the Abbey Church. Fr. Robert greeted the students and teachers at the Abbey Church and played a quick tune on the organ for them before the prayers. Prayers were followed by lunch and then each group completed the activities before departing.

The students were lovely and very well behaved and asked lots of interesting questions. As always, the teachers from Salvado College were wonderful and supportive and we look forward to welcoming the Year 5's from Salvado College next month.



A significant donation to New Norcia's art collection

Kim and Sue Gardner attended the recent Abbot's Table (August 17th) but brought with them an enormous artwork which they have very kindly and generously donated. It is Michael Esson's 1990 piece Things for the Surgeon and it measures 2.6 x 1.6 metres!



Asked about its history, Kim said, amongst other things, "We bought the drawing then [in Scotland in 1990] and it has travelled the world with us, Aberdeen, London, northern Holland and then back to Perth. So nice to find a permanent home for it. Hopefully you can find a wall big enough to accommodate it!"

The archivist has been in touch with Michael Esson since and in his reply, Michael wrote: "[the artwork] was originally exhibited in the Crawford Art Centre, University of St. Andrews, Scotland, 1990. The exhibition was titled Our Identity is our Discomfort.

There is a catalogue which accompanied the exhibition ... [in which] the essays ... explain fully the themes and focus of the exhibition - broadly referencing the history of medicine and the human condition. The central figure in the drawing Things for the Surgeon was based on renaissance paintings of the decomposition, juxtaposing the notion of bringing down from the cross with the raising of the figure as in the early 19th century Scottish body- snatchers".

Artatrium.com.au tells us that Michael

...was born in Scotland in 1950 and studied at Gray's School of Art, Aberdeen, Edinburgh College of Art and the Royal College of Art, London. He is a practising artist living in Sydney, exhibiting widely internationally. For more than 40 years his work has dealt almost exclusively with the human body, its structure and vulnerability. He ... is currently Honorary Professor of Art and Surgery, Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney

Groups Bookings at New Norcia - Suggested Day Programme 2024

10:00am	Arrive at New Norcia
10.30 pm	Private Tour 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	Monastery Oratory (optional) Join the monks for midday prayers inside the Monastery Oratory. All faiths are welcome.
12.30 pm	Lunch (optional, not included in price) 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	Museum & Art Gallery 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	The Gift Shop 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	Leave New Norcia 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.



Charlize receives her First Holy Communion from Abbot John.

Charlize Botha-Kelly (Gillingarra) First Holy Communion

On Sunday 4th August, the local parish community rejoiced with Charlize Botha-Kelly (Gillingarra), who made her First Holy Communion at the 9.00 a.m. Mass.

Along with all the preparation involved in preparing for her special day, Charlize found time to do some baking, bringing her delicious bounty to share with the congregation at the usual morning tea in the monastery parlour after Mass.



Dom Daniel administering the chalice to Charlize.

We are refined by God when we spend time with God in prayer - our thoughts, motivations, desires are all laid bare before the one who knows us better than we know ourselves. And it is especially powerful when in prayer we can admit to the Lord that things are not as they should be, that we want things to be different, and that we want the help of his grace to desire him above all else. The sacrament of reconciliation gives us the means to renew grace within us when we acknowledge before the Lord those things that we have put before him in our lives; the things which we have valued more than we should have, or which have not been in their proper place. And then of course, we have our reception of Christ the Holy Eucharist, where we - as Charlize will do so for the first time today - receive him who is the bread of life, who alone can satisfy our deepest longings.

Risking an unknown future, the Israelites crossed the desert and entered the land of freedom into which God led them through Moses. The crowd in the gospel crossed over the Sea of Galilee, opening themselves to the possibility of being filled forever by the One who would also entrust to them the "work of God" to feed others and give "life to the world." This mission can take us into strange and uncharted territory where we risk letting go of what is familiar. Step by step, we turn from looking for the external "signs," toward seeking to become one with the very Bread of Life, who fills Charlize this morning, and all of us to the full...sometimes to the point of overflowing.

(Excerpt from the homily)


Montserrat Abbey
DAY 7 05/09/2024


From 30th August to 7th September

Subiaco Cassinese Congregation O.S.B.
21ST GENERAL CHAPTER
DAY TO DAY



Vespers Mass in the basilica.

Summary of the 7th day
 Today has been particularly important for the community of Montserrat due to the fact that during the morning session the representatives of the monasteries of the congregation have elected Fr. Ignasi Fossas as the new abbot president of the Congregation Subiaco Cassinese OSB. During the afternoon, the community held its regular sessions and the new abbot president made his presentation, showing his commitment and solidarity with the Congregation.



Abbot President Ignasi Fossas.



Recap of images from the day.



A view of the abbey.



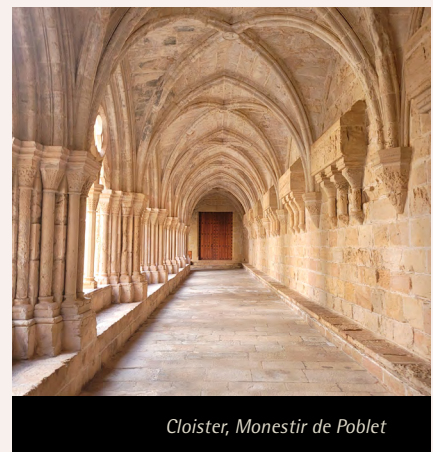
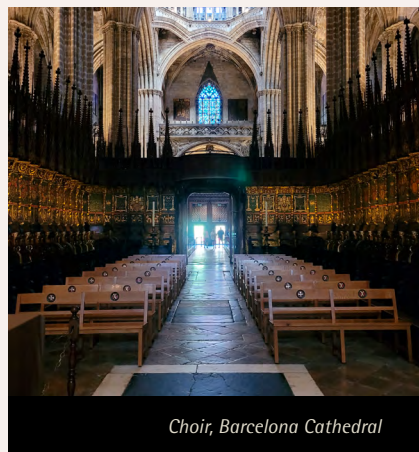
The Escolania of Montserrat singing.

Subiaco Cassinese Congregation O.S.B 21st General Chapter

Abbot John has sent this news of a new Abbot President from the Abbey of Montserrat, where he is attending the General Chapter of the Congregation to which New Norcia belongs.

He will leave for Rome Monday 9th September for the Abbot's Congress, during which there will be an election for a new Abbot Primate.

He is remembering the whole New Norcia family in his prayers at many sacred sites along the way.



Masterpieces of Russian Piano Music

Musical Soirée with Father Robert Nixon OSB
28th September, at the New Norcia Hostel.

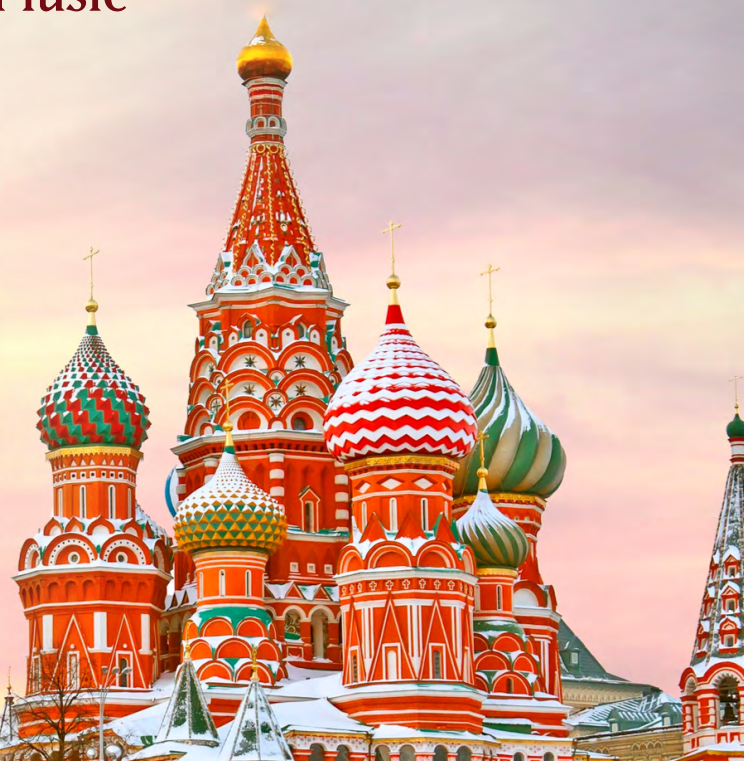
The performance will commence at 6.30pm.
A light supper and drinks will be served.

In the 19th and early 20th 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.





Coming Events

From August 2024

14th September 2024

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

28th September 2024

Masterpieces of Russian Piano Music Concert

12th October 2024

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

16th November 2024

Abbot’s Table: Spring 2024

29th November - 1st December 2024

Weekend Retreat: Benedictine Secrets For Balance and Serenity

Visit our website for a complete list of Coming Events - newnoria.com.au/whats-on/events-calendar/current-events

One Day Retreat St Benedict’s Model of Leadership

12th 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 7th October. For bookings after this date please call the New Norcia Guesthouse on (08) 9654 8002 to ensure accommodation is still available.

Liturgical Calendar

From September 2024

Friday 13 September

St John Chrysostom
(Memorial)

Saturday 14 September

Exaltation of the Holy Cross
(Feast)

Sunday 15 September

Exaltation of the Holy Cross
(Feast)

Monday 16 September

Sts Cornelius & Cyprian
(Memorial)

Tuesday 17 September

St Hildegard of Bingen
(Optional Memorial)

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Friday 20 September

Sts Andrew Taegon, Paul
Hasang & companions
(Memorial)

Saturday 21 September

St Matthew (Feast)

Sunday 22 September

Twenty-Fifth In Ordinary Time

Friday 27 September

St Vincent de Paul (Memorial)

Sunday 29 September

Twenty-Sixth In Ordinary Time



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