

# The Chimes

December Edition 2012



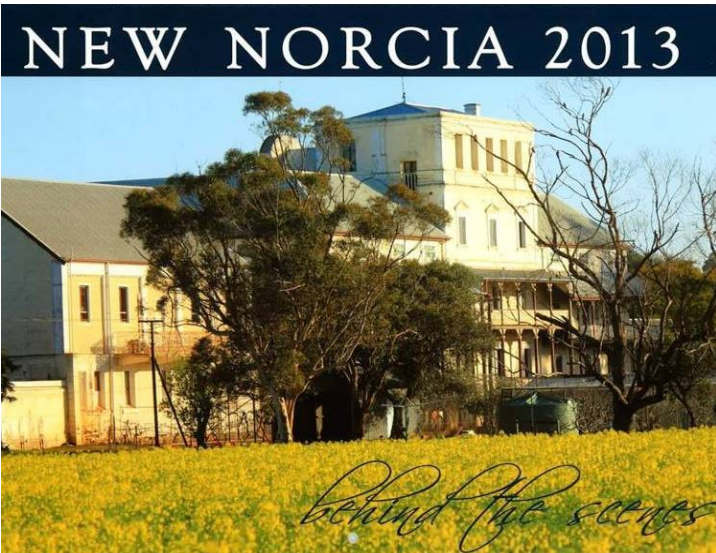
## Office Blessing

On Friday 10th November we had our official opening of the new main office, with Abbot John blessing the new location. Nearly 100 years on from when it was first suggested that the offices move from the Monastery building it has finally happened. The newly refurbished offices are bright and airy and provide all staff for the first time with a lunch room. The new layout of 3 main offices will enhance both collaboration and professional development between all staff on site. Our IT Manager Michael Lee and General Manager Aidan McDermott have worked tirelessly in establishing our new communications system which is now networked by fibre optic cabling. A special thank you also to our Grounds staff and other volunteers who physically relocated all the office equipment, and also cleaned out the offices prior to the move. A huge effort by all involved.



## New Norcia Calendar 2013 Now Available

The 2013 Calendar has arrived and is in stock at the Museum shop. The 2013 edition has a 'Behind the Scenes' theme and features a variety of activities that have happened throughout 2012. The calendar is priced at \$12.95.



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## New fire truck for New Norcia



L-R John Wheelock, Area Officer DFES, Harry Hawkins, CEO Victoria Plains

New Norcia Bush Fire Brigade recently took possession of its *latest* fire fighting appliance. This replaces the old 2:4U single cab tanker which was a re-furbished unit from DEC (previously CALM)

The Shire of Victoria Plains latest appliance is an Isuzu 3,000 litre, 4 wheel drive tanker with a crew cab featuring the latest technology and communications system. Capable of carrying a crew of six comfortably, it features a water delivery system capable of maintaining constant pressure without dangerous pressure increases, when working with multiple hoses.

The additional equipment on the fire truck will enhance the New Norcia Bush Fire Brigades fire fighting capabilities as well as having the ability to protect the historical town of 'New Norcia' adequately.

Captain, Gavin Halligan and the volunteers were on hand to run through the truck with officers from DFES. Gavin hoped that they wouldn't have to use it in the foreseeable future, but agreed they were more than ready to respond.

Victoria Plains, Community Emergency Services Manager, Vicki Booth said the new appliance will enhance the Shires fire fighting capabilities and is a great result. It now means that the shire is now well equipped to deal with fires when they occur.

*Courtesy of: Vicki Booth, Community Emergency Services Manager, Shire of Moora*

## Abbey Church landscaping

A new garden and lawn have been established in front of the Abbey Church. The majority of the landscaping works was undertaken by GK Landscapes, Gin Gin. The excavation and removal of the overburden and supply of the sand base (200 tonnes sourced on the property) was undertaken by the Buildings & Grounds Department with the assistance of the farm manager, Peter Grainger, and some of his staff. The project forms part of the Landscape Masterplan and was funded as part of the Year One Lottery West Grant. Reticulation to the area forms part of the network supplied by the NN catchment reservoir to the south east of the town. It is envisaged that a second row of olive trees will be planted parallel to the landscaped areas in 2013.

*Aidan McDermott  
General Manager*

## Museum entrance

As part of an upgrade to the new entrance to the Museum & Art Gallery BCNN decided on the installation of an automatic sliding unit to facilitate ease of access to the Museum shop and through to the gallery. A bonus downstream benefit is that the full glass unit provides for a brighter and more airy atmosphere in the shop. The sliding unit was manufactured and installed by Rubek Automatic Doors, Wangara.

*Aidan McDermott  
General Manager*





## **New Norcia Studies Journal launch 20th Edition**

Thursday 8 November was the day scheduled for the launch of this year's *New Norcia Studies Journal*. For a number of years this event has been generously hosted by the City of Subiaco, first at the Subiaco library and in recent years at the Palms Civic Centre on the corner of Rokeby Road and Nicholson Road. Archivist Peter Hocking liaises with the Subiaco Council, the monastery's Archives, Research and Publication Committee invites a prominent person to do the launch and invitations are sent out both by standard mail and email. The person invited to launch the Journal this year was the doyen of West Australian historians, Professor Emeritus Geoffrey Bolton AO. The event saw attendees arriving between 5.30 and 6pm, usually needing the cold water or fruit juice on offer after a hot day, greeting friends and acquaintances and enjoying the flute and violin duo whose music enhances the occasion.

Abbot Bernard Rooney, representing the Abbot of New Norcia, Dom John Herbert, welcomed those attending, and introduced the Mayor of Subiaco, the Honourable Heather Henderson. The Mayor spoke as might be expected about the historical link between New Norcia and Subiaco. Fr David, a member of the ARP committee, then introduced Professor Bolton, who proceeded to give a stimulating précis of the contents of this year's Journal which he then officially launched, encouraging those present to purchase their copies there and then. Peter Hocking's wife, Jackie, and her sister very kindly assisted Peter with the sale of the Journal on the night. Special acknowledgement was paid to the editor who carried out her task almost entirely by email contact with the writers of the articles and the printers from her home in the United States. The whole event went very smoothly, a good number of copies of the Journal being purchased while a slowly diminishing number of guests stayed on enjoying each other's company, the wine and NN bread and oil until everything was packed up and all left the venue at 8pm sharp.

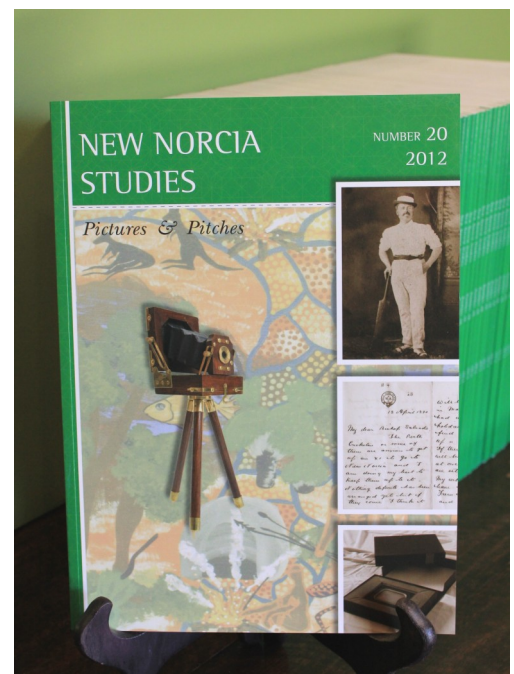
The Benedictine Community is grateful for the encouragement and support it receives from so many people on occasions like the Launch.

*Fr David Barry*

***The New Norcia Studies Journal is available for purchase from the New Norcia Museum Shop. The journal can be purchased by visiting the shop or by phone/mail order. The Journal is priced at \$25.***



L-R: Maria Stannage, Katie Stannage, Anne Sheehan . Photo Courtesy of Wanneroo-Joondalup Weekender



### **New Norcia Christmas Opening Hours**

The New Norcia main office will be closed from Monday 24th December until the 1st of January, reopening on Wednesday January 2nd 2013.

**Christmas Day— Museum, Guesthouse , Roadhouse and Hotel will be closed**

**Boxing Day—Roadhouse open only. All other businesses closed**

**New Years Day— Hotel and Roadhouse will be open. Museum closed.**

## St Gertrude's Fire Escape Project

The St Gertrude's Fire Escape project forms part of the Year One Lottery West Grant. The two replacement fire escape stairs (North & South elevations) provide for a greater egress capacity ratio than their predecessors. Both stairs incorporate three extra landings which facilitate a significantly less steep gradient resulting in a much more secure path of travel in the event of an evacuation. Cays Engineering, Greenfields, Mandurah undertook the design, fabrication, delivery and erection of the fire stairs.

Part of the installation process required the landing outriggers to be pinned through the fabric of the building. This necessitated the removal of a number of sections of pressed metal cornices to facilitate penetrations through the walls in order to affix the internal steel plates. The removal and reinstallation of the cornices required very delicate handling and was undertaken on behalf of BCNN by Charles John, Moora with the assistance of Shane Gilmartin, NN Buildings & Grounds. The overall project, from fabrication to installation and commissioning, was undertaken in a very timely manner and came in on budget and on schedule.

*Aidan McDermott*  
General Manager



## Liturgical Calendar

### SUNDAY 9 December:

Thursday 13 December:

Friday 14 December:

### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YR C

S Lucy (memoria)

S John of the Cross (memoria)

### SUNDAY 16 December:

### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT YR C

### SUNDAY 23 December:

### Tuesday 25 December:

Wednesday 26 December:

Thursday 27 December:

Friday 28 December:

Saturday 29 December:

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT YR C

### BIRTH OF THE LORD (SOLEMNITY)

S Stephen (Feast)

S John (Feast)

Holy Innocents (Feast)

Carol Service

### SUNDAY 30 December:

### Tuesday 1 January:

### (SOLEMNITY)

Wednesday 2 January:

### HOLY FAMILY (FEAST)

### MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Ss Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen  
(memoria)

### SUNDAY 6 JANUARY:

Thursday 10 January:

### EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (SOLEMNITY)

S Gregory of Nyssa (optional memoria)

### SUNDAY 13 JANUARY:

Tuesday 15 January:

Thursday 17 January:

### BAPTISM OF THE LORD (FEAST)

Ss Maur and Placid (memoria)

S Antony (memoria)

### SUNDAY 20 JANUARY:

Monday 21 January:

Thursday 24 January:

Friday 25 January:

Saturday 26 January:

### SECOND IN ORDINARY TIME

S Agnes (memoria)

S Francis de Sales (memoria)

Conversion of S Paul (Feast)

Australia Day

### SUNDAY 27 JANUARY:

Monday 28 January:

Thursday 31 January:

### THIRD IN ORDINARY TIME

S Thomas Aquinas (memoria)

S John Bosco (memoria)

## Guesthouse update

The Guesthouse has had quite a busy year. The Spirituality Programme was very well received with a number of the retreats being fully booked. Next years programme is on the New Norcia website. The last retreat for this year is on the weekend of the 30<sup>th</sup> November- 2 December.

If you are looking for a unique Christmas gift, the Guesthouse has gift vouchers available. To purchase, call Guesthouse staff on 96548002 or email your request to [guesthouse@newnorcia.wa.edu.au](mailto:guesthouse@newnorcia.wa.edu.au). Payment may be made over the phone as the Guesthouse now has its own EFTPOS machine. As this is probably the last "Chimes" for 2012 I would like to thank everyone for a great year and to wish you all a Happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

*Bernadette Taylor*  
Guesthouse Manager



# An Invitation to Carols

20th Annual Ecumenical Ceremony with Carols  
within the twelve days of Christmas

*featuring*

**THE GEORGIAN SINGERS**

Directed by John Beaverstock

**NEW NORCIA ABBEY CHURCH**

Saturday 29 December 2012

at 5.00p.m

Complimentary afternoon tea  
served in the Monastery Parlour  
from 4.00pm

A collection will be taken up  
for the charity BEYOND BLUE

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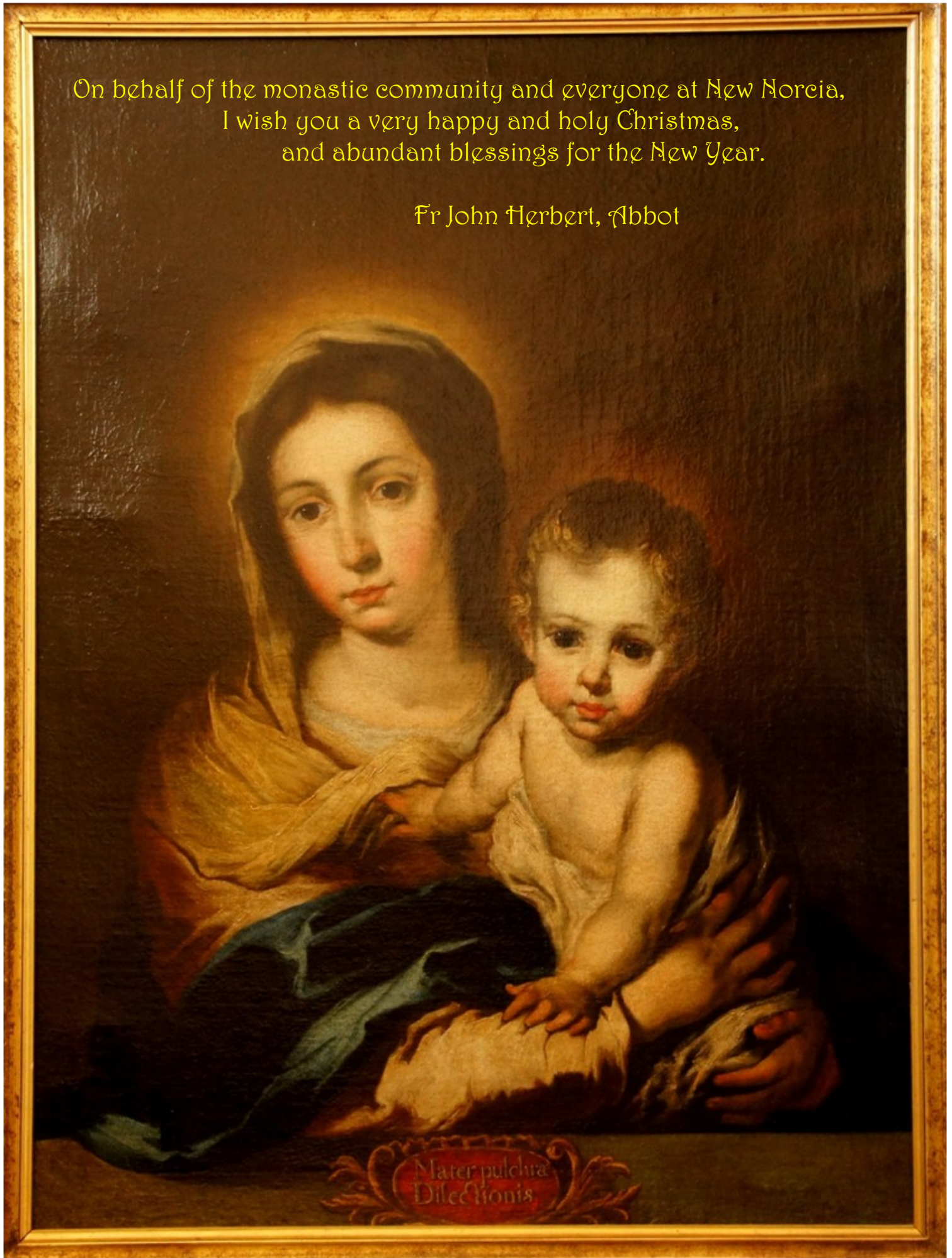
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On behalf of the monastic community and everyone at New Norcia,  
I wish you a very happy and holy Christmas,  
and abundant blessings for the New Year.

Fr John Herbert, Abbot



**Virgin and Child**  
**Studio of Bartolome Esteban Murillo (1617-1682)**  
**Oil on canvas**