

Confraternity of the *Knights of St. Peter & St. Paul*

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Confraternity News

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In nomine Patris et Filii et Spiritus Sancti, Amen

Grand Master's Message

Dear Confrères and Friends of the Confraternity,
Fraternal greetings one and all.

I hope that you all had a lovely Easter.

This year it was reported that a record number of Christians attended the Easter services around the world.

It is good news to hear that people are going back to the church.

It is great to learn that thousands of people are joining the Christian faith. In

fact, it is widely reported that 50,000 of Iran's 75,000 mosques have closed their doors.

People are turning to Jesus as their saviour.

Dame Mary and I attended the Good Friday service at Ta' Pinu Shrine in Bacchus Marsh in Melbourne and the crowd was much bigger than normal.

It was also nice to see some of our knights taking part in the Good Friday procession in Nadur Gozo Malta. Another thing of interest to our Confraternity was that our newly appointed knights, Chevalier Michel Angelo Muscat and Chevalier Antoine Mercieca directed orchestras in sacred concerts in the days leading to the Holy Week.

Our knights in the priesthood were also quite occupied during the Holy Week with their church service in their own parish.

Surprisingly, some of them wore the cape of the Confraternity during the procession on Palm Sunday.

For us Christians it was an exciting time to see our brothers and sisters in Christ turning back to the church.



God bless you.

Chevalier Peter Paul Portelli

FUND-RAISING LUNCH

Sunday 28 April 2024

The Grand Chapter of Melbourne is having the next fund-raising lunch on Sunday 28 April 2024.

The seats are limited, so book early.



NEW MEMBERS IN THE CONFRATERNITY OF THE KNIGHTS OF ST. PETER & ST. PAUL

27 March 2024

The Supreme Council of the Confraternity of the Knights of St. Peter & St. Paul, in the meeting held at the ICKA Club in East Keilor, approved the nominations of Vincent Marshall of Pietà Malta and Grace Vella of Melbourne.

Vincent Marshall will be assigned to the Grand Chapter of Malta based in Nadur Gozo, while Grace Vella will become a member of the Grand Chapter of Melbourne.

Congratulations to both.



Vincent Marshall
Pieta - Malta



Grace Vella
Melbourne - Australia

M Lorna Franklin

Thank you for your email and hope you had a blessed Easter.

I am very much involved in parish life particularly our Liturgies.

This year I took part in the Good Friday 3.00pm service which was held at Kolbe College auditorium because our church cannot cater for the very large crowd that attends this truly moving ceremony.

We were honoured to have Auxiliary Bishop Terence Curtin as our main celebrant. My role in this was as commentator. It was a very humbling and emotional experience watching our community and others coming together on this most holy of days .

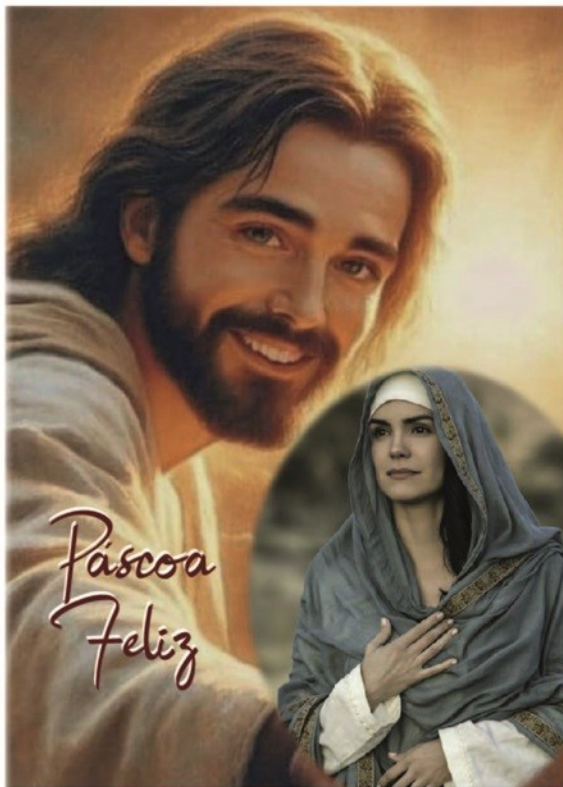
My very best wishes to you all and I really appreciate all the news.

Chapter of Portugal

By Chevalier Rev. Fr. Antonio Manuel Martins

Chaplain of Portugal

Parish Priest at Paróquia de Paranhos



Rainha dos Céus, Alegrai-vos

Rainha dos céus, alegrai-vos. Aleluia!

*Porque Aquele que merecestes trazer
em vosso seio. Aleluia!*

Ressuscitou como disse. Aleluia!

Rogai por nós a Deus. Aleluia!

V. Alegrai-vos e exultai, ó Virgem Maria.

Aleluia!

R. Porque o Senhor ressuscitou, verdadeiramente.

Aleluia!

Oremos: Ó Deus, que enchestes o mundo de alegria com a ressurreição do Vosso Filho, nosso Senhor Jesus Cristo, concedei, nós vo-lo pedimos, que pela intercessão da Virgem Maria, Sua Mãe, alcancemos as alegrias da vida eterna. Por Cristo, Senhor nosso.



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From left: Chevalier Rev. Fr. Antonio Manuel Martins PP.

Peace to one and all

By Chevalier Ange Kenos
Melbourne



Peace and harmony to one and all. And yet, so ever sadly, and not just in the Middle East and in the Ukraine but in far too many nations people, are disrespecting the Lord and creating havoc, suffering and even deaths.

We cannot blame Him because we must never expect HIM to force us to behave. IF we are truly civilised then we should do so without HIS calling upon us to do so.

Our Lord wants us to love our neighbours, to care for the poor and the suffering, to care and protect the children whilst also respecting the elderly.

Until we do so we should not expect HIM to welcome us into HIS kingdom.

Grand Chapter of Malta

THE DAY OF THE ROMAN LEGION WENT TO NADUR

Members of the Confraternity took part in the Good Friday procession in Nadur Gozo Malta.

Photo: Chevalier Jean Paul Portelli in the role of a Roman centurion.

Photos by Martin Attard





Chevalier Mario Cardona in Good Friday procession in Nadur Gozo Malta.

Watch the video of the Good Friday procession here:

<https://www.facebook.com/nadur.ghawdex.96/videos/949465219894709>

The sound at times have interfering noise.

CONCERT FOR THE HOLY WEEK

Exceptional performances by the Gozo Regional orchestra
Għajnsielem Parish Church
Conductor Chevalier Michel Angelo Muscat CKSPP
Thursday 14 March 2024

A triumphal result of an exceptional performance by the orchestra, choir, and soloists.
The Michel Angelo & Friends choir, under the direction of Marita Debattista, delivered a stellar performance.

The soloists, Frances Catherine Farrugia on soprano and Ken Scicluna on baritone, captivated the audience with their incredible talent.

Leading the orchestra was James Zammit, while conductor Michel Angelo Muscat ensured a seamless and harmonious performance.

The beautiful music was composed by Anthony Galea, with heartfelt lyrics by Joe M. Attard.



Photo: Chevalier Michel Angelo Muscat CKSPP conducting the orchestra

Concert of Marci Funebri 2024

Santa Cecilia Foundation

Director Maestro Chevalier Antoine Mercieca CKSPP

March 10, 2024

Busy weekend where the Santa Cecilia Foundation put on its annual concert for another year in the days of Lent 2024, as we are a few days away from Holy Week. The concert with the theme 'VERA ICON' took us on a journey, of the way of the Cross where, through the reflective literature written by the poet Mario Borg to, we were able to live many moments from the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Foundation's band took part, where they performed five funeral marches which were just recorded on a Compact Disc a few weeks ago and which went down well with the Maltese and Gozitan fans of funeral marches, with the participation of the Maltese tenor Georg Zammit who gave a truly impeccable performance both in the execution of the hymn 'Golgota' on lyrics by Mr. Gianninu Cremona, and in the two musical pieces Agnus Dei by Georges Bizet and Pietà Signora by Alessandro Stradella.

The reflections of the poems were read by Sa Mary Grace Xuereb while Mr Joe Chetcuti presented the concert. A word of thanks goes to the Augustinian Community of the City of Victoria who helped and gave the necessary support for this concert so that it could be staged and be a success. Photo: John Cordina.



Photo: Maestro Chevalier Antoine Mercieca CKSPP directing the orchestra

Grand Chapter of Malta

The Grand Chapter of Malta is organizing an Easter Dinner.
See poster below.

A decorative poster for an Easter Dinner. The background is light pink. A green L-shaped border frames the central text. At the top center is the coat of arms of the Confraternity of the Knights of St. Peter and St. Paul. The text is centered and reads: 'CONFRATERNITY OF THE KNIGHTS OF ST PETER & ST PAUL' in red, 'CHARITY' in black, 'Easter' in gold cursive, and 'DINNER' in black. Below this is the date and time: '12 APRIL 2024' and '7:30PM' in black. The venue is 'KOZMO RESTAURANT VICTORIA'. The donation is 'DONATION €28'. At the bottom, contact information is provided: 'For bookings please contact: Carmel 79051610, Peter 79090955, Joseph 79557681'. The poster is decorated with illustrations of blue and pink flowers and colorful Easter eggs (purple with white polka dots, pink and white stripes, blue with white patterns) in the corners.

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OF ST PETER & ST PAUL

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Feast of the Sacred Heart

This year the Grand Chapter of Malta is taking part in the celebrations of the feast of the Sacred Heart in Nadur Gozo Malta. As part of the celebrations, the Grand Chapter is organizing a Sacred Concert at the Sacred Heart Church, in Church Street, Nadur, Gozo, Malta on the 11 June 2024.

See poster.



**The Confraternity of the Knights
of St. Peter & St. Paul
Presents**

Sacred Concert

Date: 11th June 2024

Venue: Sacred Heart Church
Church Street - Nadur - Gozo

**All proceeds will benefit Fr. Dr. Raymond Portelli
Missionary - Iquitos - Peru**



Palm Sunday Celebration at Croatian Catholic Community "Sv. Nikola Tavelić" in Clifton Hill

By Chevalier Alexander McPherson



The Croatian Catholic Community "Sv. Nikola Tavelić" in Clifton Hill observed Palm Sunday in a profoundly spiritual and communal manner, marking the beginning of Holy Week with fervor and dedication. The event was distinguished by the participation of members of the esteemed Confraternity of the Knights of St. Peter & St. Paul, who played a significant role in the day's observances. Led by Chevalier Mons. Bosiljko Rajic and Chevalier Fr.

Velimir Maglica, the community gathered at the local Darling Gardens for the commencement of a solemn procession. Adorned in the ceremonial capes of the Confraternity, the procession made its way from the gardens to the church, a moving testament to faith and tradition. During this sacred walk, palms were blessed, symbolizing Jesus Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem and heralding the start of the Passion. Upon arriving at the church, the congregation transitioned to a Mass that was both solemn and celebratory. The Passion narrative, a cornerstone of the Palm Sunday service, was elevated through the melodic contributions of the choir, with Chevalier Mons. Rajic and Chevalier Fr. Maglica lending their voices to sing key parts of the liturgy. This harmonious blend of clergy and choir beautifully conveyed the poignant story of Christ's final days on earth. The spiritual observance continued with a Mass that deepened the community's reflection on the significance of Palm Sunday. The liturgy was imbued with a sense of reverence and collective worship, uniting the congregation in prayer and contemplation. Following the Mass, the spirit of community and fellowship flourished at a market held in the church hall. This gathering not only provided an opportunity for communal interaction but also celebrated the cultural and spiritual heritage of the Croatian Catholic community. The market was a vibrant conclusion to a day filled with faith, tradition, and community bonding. The participation of the Confraternity of the Knights of St. Peter & St. Paul, along with the leadership of Chevalier Mons. Rajic and Chevalier Fr. Maglica, underscored the day's significance. It was a manifestation of the community's deep faith and its commitment to observing the traditions of the Catholic Church. As the Croatian Catholic Community "Sv. Nikola Tavelić" in Clifton Hill moves

through Holy Week, the memory of this Palm Sunday celebration will undoubtedly continue to inspire and unite its members in faith and fellowship.



Photo from Left: Chevalier Alexander McPherson, Chevalier Fr. Velimir Maglica and Chevalier Mons. Bosiljko Rajic

Grand Chapter of Germany

By Chevalier Peter Michael Neuen
Deputy Grand Master in Europe



Best wishes to all members of our Confraternity and a peaceful and Happy Easter!

Jesus falls under the weight of the cross

Statue by our artist Chevalier Adonai Camilleri Cauchi, Nadur Gozo Malta.
The statue is commissioned by the parish of Paola in Malta.



Brother Vince Marshall

Parish of Our Lady of Fatima

Gwardamanġa Malta



Brother Vince Marshall has been accepted in the Confraternity of the Knights of St. Peter & St. Paul this month. He will be invested in the Confraternity of 28 June 2024.

Dear Grand Master, Your Excellency Chevalier Peter Paul I took part in all the ceremonies. As you know, I like to share all the live transmission with all Confreres and friends of the Confraternity of the Knights of St. Peter & St. Paul, plus I would like it if they could be with me every Thursday from 7.15 to 9.00 pm Malta time, live

from Fatima Church G`Mangia. These are the Easter links

<https://www.facebook.com/socialchannelmalta/videos/789028599787175>

<https://www.facebook.com/socialchannelmalta/videos/922118979919054>

<https://www.facebook.com/socialchannelmalta/videos/943464287278353>

<https://www.facebook.com/socialchannelmalta/videos/1407893483422974>

And Every Thursday link is

<https://www.facebook.com/socialchannelmalta>

Who ever wants to send me a Friend Req pls do so but pls make sure that they tell me they are Confreres and Friends of the Confraternity of the Knights of St. Peter & St. Paul,

<https://www.facebook.com/tamarxall/>

God Bless you

That is all I have for you this month.

I hope that you find the newsletter interesting.

With every good wish.

Chevalier Peter Paul Portelli
Grand Master
CKSPP

