



## NEW PROJECT: KITCHEN OF LOVE PROVIDES MEALS FOR MARGINALISED IN KOREA

The Order of Malta Korea started its new project for the homeless at Caritas 'Kitchen of Love' where a nutritious meal for 90 marginalised neighbours including homeless, disabled and underfed seniors are served.

The kitchen had been shut down for several weeks due to the COVID-19 pandemic, however it reopened in April under strict supervision for safety. Twelve members and volunteers worked in a renovated kitchen now fully equipped with professional facilities, thanks to a generous donation by Martha Kiok Jung.

The Kitchen of Love will run four times a month regularly on scheduled dates.

## UPDATE: COATS FOR THE HOMELESS

Thank you to everyone who supported our Coats for the Homeless appeal this year. 6,000 coats are being distributed across Australia this winter to some of the most vulnerable in our communities.

Please continue to visit our website and social media pages to get the latest updates from the distribution.

We are still fundraising for the project. Please support us by completing and returning the donation form on page 5.

A special mention to **Simon National Carriers** for providing freight services in support of this project and **Oxford Shop** for their warehousing and

## MEMBERS WELCOME ARCHBISHOP PATRICK O'REGAN, AS THE 12TH ARCHBISHOP OF ADELAIDE



Archbishop O'Regan was installed on the solemnity of Our Lady Help of Christians on Monday 25 May at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral. Due to Covid-19 Members of the Order were unable to be present. However, Confrere Greg Crafter represented our Members in a short video of welcome.

Visit [www.orderofmalta.org.au](http://www.orderofmalta.org.au) to watch the installation video

South Australian Members of the Order offer every blessing to our new Archbishop and also acknowledge the love and support of former Archbishop Philip Wilson who also served as the Chief Chaplain of the Australian Association of the Order of Malta and Conventual Chaplain ad honorem.



The clinic provides medical care and health education to financially disadvantaged Timorese with a focus on the care of women and children.

## MEDICAL CLINIC, TIMOR-LESTE – PLANNING FOR LONG-TERM SUSTAINABILITY

The Order of Malta medical clinic in Dili continues to provide world class medical treatment to the people of Timor-Leste. However the funding for this facility has been dependent on one-off grants and large gifts from individual donors.

A major goal for the clinic in 2020 is to increase the clinic's capabilities to include radiology and pathology services and offer an expanded service to expatriates and corporate clients. The intention is that these fee-earning medical activities would not only pay for the running of the 'free' clinic but would also enable it to expand its services beyond the clinic walls and reach out to the poor and sick in their homes and communities.

To enable this, there is a need to purchase the equipment and employ new medical staff, so that resources are not taken away from the poor.

We are seeking donors able to make large gifts that will enable the clinic to be sustainable for years to come. These donations will benefit thousands of poor and sick in Timor-Leste.

- \* \$15,000 would pay the annual salary of a Timorese doctor
- \* \$35,000 equipment for x-ray services
- \* \$50,000 equipment for pathology services

If you are interested in funding one of these initiatives, please contact [info@orderofmalta.org.au](mailto:info@orderofmalta.org.au). Donations are tax deductible.

Donations of all sizes are gratefully received. Gifts can be made using the donation coupon on page 5.

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- \* Poem from a victim of the 2020 Australian Bushfires
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## IN MEMORY: GRAND MASTER FRA' GIACOMO DALLA TORRE DEL TEMPIO DI SANGUINETTO



On 29 April, His Most Eminent Highness the Prince and 80th Grand Master Fra' Giacomo Dalla Torre del Tempio di Sanguinetto, passed away following an incurable disease diagnosed a few months prior. According to article 17 of the Constitution of the Sovereign Order of Malta, Grand Commander Fra' Ruy Gonçalo do Valle Peixoto de Villas Boas has assumed the functions of Lieutenant ad interim and will remain head of the Sovereign Order until the election of the new Grand Master.

The Holy Father, having learnt of the death of the Grand Master, sent a telegram to express his condolences to the Lieutenant ad interim. He wrote "I remember the total fidelity to Christ and to the gospel of this so zealous man of culture and of faith, together with his generous commitment in

performing his office with a spirit of service for the good of the church, as well as his dedication to those who suffer most."

Australian Association President, The Hon James Douglas, who met the Grand Master last year described him as "a gentle, courteous man with a twinkle in his eye and an uncommonly warm presence".

"One felt blessed by being in his company. He was focused on others and interested in and supportive of the works we do with homeless people, students from poor families, through the Dili clinic and in palliative care."

On Saturday 2 May – the day on which the Order of Malta's Eucharistic Procession at the annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes, France was scheduled – the Rector of the Sanctuary, Monsignor Olivier Ribadeau Dumas, celebrated Masses at the Grotto

of Massabielle, in memory of the Grand Master, for the intentions of the members, pilgrims and Lords sick. The Masses were broadcast so that pilgrims from around the world could participate.

Furthermore, in a loving video tribute, Order of Malta pilgrims from around the world (including representatives from the Asia Pacific region) joined together to sing and dedicate an "Ave Maria" to the Grand Master.

The funeral took place on Tuesday May 5 at the Church of Santa Maria in Aventino, in the Magistral Villa in Rome. The funeral was live streamed to allow all members, volunteers and friends of the Order of Malta to participate virtually at the ceremony.

A recording of the funeral and a video of the 'Ave Maria' tribute can be found on our website, [www.orderofmalta.org.au](http://www.orderofmalta.org.au)

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# ORDER OF MALTA ASIA PACIFIC COVID-19 RESPONSE

The Order of Malta has been committed to serving the sick and poor for over 900 years. In this time, we have confronted diseases, natural disasters and wars. Today in all 120 countries we operate in, we fight Coronavirus.

✳ COVID-19 hygiene packs distributed with Coats for the Homeless across Australia

In addition to distributing 6,000 Coats for the Homeless across every State and territory in Australia, our members and volunteers have also been providing hygiene packs to the homeless to help protect them during the pandemic.

The packs, containing facemasks, anti-bacterial wipes and personal items both protect and limit the transmission of Coronavirus amongst the homeless and wider community.

✳ Food hampers for foreign students in Tasmania

In Tasmania, members have assisted foreign students who do not qualify for support from either the Commonwealth or State governments, by providing emergency food hampers. Many have lost their student jobs necessary to pay for their rent, food, tuition, transport and are unable to fly home during the pandemic.

✳ Order of Malta Korea provides emergency relief kits to the vulnerable

Members and volunteers of the Order of Malta Korea put together an emergency relief project to assist underfed children, foreign workers and refugees amidst the COVID-19 outbreak.



KOREA



THAILAND

The relief boxes, full of packaged food and personal hygiene products, were distributed in Daegu, Incheon and Seoul and were gratefully received, especially when many free meal services have had to temporarily suspend service during the pandemic.

✳ Thermometers for Mae Sariang refugee camp and food parcels for vulnerable in Thailand

The Order of Malta Thailand purchased and donated nine infrared thermometers for Malteser International refugee camp at Mae Sariang, North of Thailand.

Malteser International is using the infrared thermometers to screen visitors as a measure to prevent the spreading of COVID-19 into the camp which is taking care of about 20,000 refugees.

They have also provided food bags to vulnerable households, including refugee families, the elderly, single parents and large families. Children in these homes were also gifted drawing books and colorful pencils to occupy their time during lockdown.

✳ Food parcel deliveries in New Zealand

Members and volunteers in New Zealand assisted St Vincent de Paul with delivery of food parcels following a 400% rise in requests for their foodbank services following the disruption caused by COVID-19.

✳ Assistance to senior Members

Regional Hospitaliers contacted senior members offering assistance and support when social restrictions were introduced.



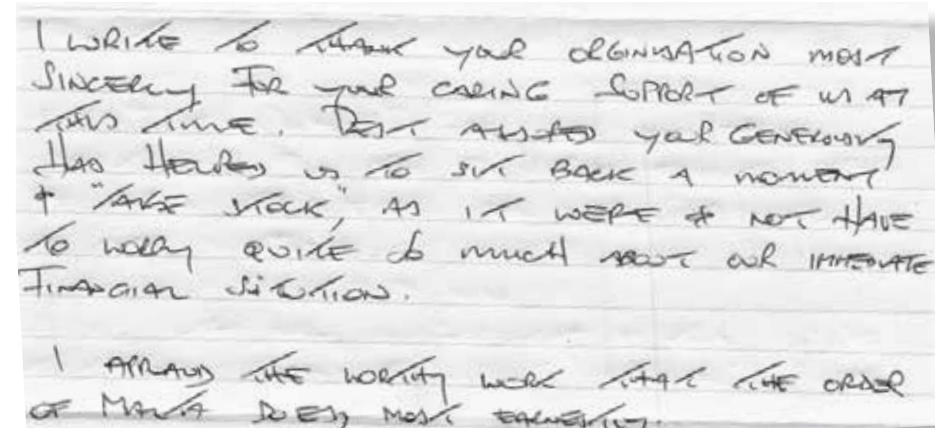
A small group of members gathered to assemble the homeless hygiene packs in South Melbourne. The operation was controlled with social distancing, masks and hand sanitiser.



Despite social restrictions, members and volunteers nationally have participated in online Masses and fortnightly Rosary prayers (pictured). Notably, they dedicated Rosary prayers to a Memorial celebrating the life of the late Grand Master.

Visit [orderofmalta.org.au](http://orderofmalta.org.au) for more information about Order of Malta activities across the globe in response to COVID-19.

We are still raising funds to distribute further COVID-19 packs to the homeless. You can make a tax-deductible donation on page 5.



## UPDATE: BUSHFIRE RESPONSE

Following the Order of Malta's initial disaster response of providing food and petrol vouchers to bushfire victims, the Order's efforts are now focused on supporting the recovery with small teams visiting families and individuals that have been identified as high risk during this traumatic experience. Parish priests will be supporting and directing our efforts to ensure we can make the most impact through personal interaction, listening to those traumatised and ministering to their individual needs.

Prior to the social restrictions imposed due to COVID-19, members were regularly

visiting the parishes of Batemans Bay and Moruya, NSW. With each visit, members built on the already established friendships and made new ones. Not only did the visits provide camaraderie to the impacted communities, they also ensured the Order of Malta could identify opportunities to assist victims as they arise.

The project leader, Confrere Frank Testa, has maintained contact with the Parishes whilst travel restrictions have been in place during the pandemic. With social restrictions easing, the teams hope to resume visits and continue assisting the communities' recovery in the coming months.

## AUSTRALIAN MEMBERS ASSIST ORDER OF MALTA SOUTH AFRICA STAVING OFF STARVATION

When bushfires were ravaging many parts of Australia earlier this year, we were overwhelmed by the support received from the associations of the Order of Malta abroad.

"Associations from the America's, Europe and Asia sent us their support through prayers and financial assistance were so generous and caring, we were humbled" explained National Hospitalier, John Murphy. "the fact that we are part of one a big family, the Order of Malta. With our brothers and sisters around the globe, their support meant so much to us during our time of need. When we have the opportunity and there is a need we have a responsibility to reciprocate and help those most vulnerable wherever they may be."

As the Covid-19 situation developed globally the Australian Association reached out to our friends in the associations worldwide and in particular the Asia Pacific region. It became apparent that the needs for most were not financial however there was one region that required urgent assistance and that was South Africa.

Amongst the many vulnerable people who have been hard hit by the effects of the lockdown, were the patients at the Order of Malta's care facility in Mandeni, the Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard.

The facility serves the poorest of the poor, many of them affected by HIV-Aids, receive life-saving medicine and food. The organisation also runs an orphanage, a hospice and a clinic for malnourished children.

With the worsening pandemic, Father Gérard Lagleder OSB, the facility's founder and President, reported seeing many people on the brink of starvation. They responded by providing life-saving food packages to 300 vulnerable families.

Each food parcel lasted one month for a family of two or three people.

Extracts from a letter from one of our recipients of the food vouchers after their property was completely destroyed by bushfires on the 31 December.

"I write to thank your organisation most sincerely for your caring support of us at this time. Rest assured your generosity has helped us to sit back a moment and 'take stock', as it were and not have to worry quite so much about our immediate financial situation.

I applaud the worthy work that the Order of Malta does most earnestly."



Many households and communities still need our support following the bushfires earlier this year.

Donations to support those affected can be done on page 5.



But demand for these parcels is expected to rise significantly and donations to the facility had fallen dramatically during the pandemic.

Consequently, the Australian Association provided a contribution of \$5,000 to assist with the growing demand at the facility during these unprecedented times. This will feed 500 people for a month.

"We are emotionally touched by the kind offer of the Australian Association of our Order to support our relief work in South Africa. Facing a grim future because of Covid-19 we are most grateful for this sign of solidarity within our Order." Father Gérard T Lagleder O.S.B.

## RESCHEDULED EVENTS



29 APRIL – 4 MAY 2021  
Lourdes Pilgrimage

19 – 24 SEPTEMBER 2021  
Asia Pacific Youth Camp,  
Gold Coast Australia

5 – 15 NOVEMBER 2021  
Holy Land Pilgrimage

15 – 22 NOVEMBER 2021  
Malta Extension  
(organised by Confrere  
Stephen Gatt)



Please visit [www.orderofmalta.org.au](http://www.orderofmalta.org.au) for regular updates of upcoming events.



## 20 WHEELCHAIRS DELIVERED TO REMOTE VILLAGES IN NORTH EAST THAILAND

In March, the Order of Malta Thailand delivered 20 wheelchairs to remote villages.

The Wheelchair Project has been running annually since 2016. The wheelchairs are purchased and distributed to the sick and poor, many living in dire poverty. The wheelchairs provide the recipients with greater independence as they are otherwise usually reliant on family to move from their beds and around their homes.



## I WANT TO HELP

You can make a donation by completing this form and returning it in the reply paid envelope provided.

I am happy for the Order to allocate my donation to where the need is greatest; or

I would like to support:

- Australian Bushfire Appeal
- 2021 Asia Pacific Youth Camp
- Coats for the Homeless
- Medical Clinic, Timor-Leste

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- Send me information about leaving the Order a bequest
- Please remove me from your mailing list.

Donations will be allocated to projects as requested by the donor. However if the needs of a project have already been met, we will allocate funds to another Order of Malta charitable activity.

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