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# RESKEON NEWSLETTER

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## Welcome! Merħba!

Welcome once again to another issue of Reskeon Newsletter.

First issue of the year. It's March already. How time flies!!

Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group had their Christmas Break-Up at Firenze Receptions on December 7.

On Thursday, 9th February, the Fathers of the Society of St Paul organised a Mass on the occasion of the Feast of St. Paul, which is the 10th, but was held one day earlier because of the Bingo at the Centre. Some Reskeon members were in attendance.

With great sadness we learned of the death of Fra' Richard Divall. Richard was a great friend of the Maltese Community and of Reskeon. He always attended the Bambina Mass at St. Mary Star of the Sea.

Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group had their first meeting of the year on Wednesday, February 1. On this occasion Canon Fr Manny Bonello attended to celebrate Mass.

Thanks to all our members who in every meeting are always there to set up the tables and chairs and put them away in the storeroom after the meeting. Special thanks to Aubrey, the PRACE caretaker who set up the tables and chairs in the morning. Thanks also to the bocce competition organisers, Angelo Farrugia and Cathy Gatt and Bingo callers.

At Christmas time Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group organises a shopping spree of groceries for the needy for collection by Fr Bob Maguire.

At the first meeting, the committee decided to organise a free sausage sizzle with free soft drinks, tea/coffee and biscuits.

Reskeon purchased and donated a statue of Our Lady of Sorrows to the MSSP.

You can read these stories in full on the inside pages of this newsletter. We encourage you to use the services of the advertisers in our Newsletter because they help financially in producing it for you. Tell them that you have seen their advert in our Newsletter.

Until we meet again, take care and drive carefully. In your prayers, remember those with no one to pray for them. Thank you.

**PAUL VELLA, Editor**

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## Reskeon Seniors' Christmas Break-Up — another success!!



**The Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group organised a Christmas Luncheon for their members at the Firenze Receptions, Fawkner, on Wednesday, December 7, 2016. Around 133 members and friends attended.**

When members sat at their tables, they were served hors d'ouvres and pre-dinner drinks. Distinguished guests were the Father Edwin Agius, mssp, Rector at Parkville; Parish Priest of St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Canon Fr Emmanuel Bonello; the Honorary Members of Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group, Dr Clemente Zammit and Mrs Mary Zammit; the Treasurer of the Maltese Community Council of Victoria and our Honorary Auditor, Mr Paul Borg and Mrs Pauline Borg; the President of the Xaghra Association of Australia, Mr Tony Bonello and Mrs Mary Bonello. We received apologies from the ex Co-Ordinator of Reskeon Seniors, Mr Caesar Vella and Mrs Phyllis Vella; and the Director of First National Real Estate Borg & Associates and sponsor of our Association, Mr Joe Borg and Mrs Josephine Borg.

## MALTESE NEWS on SBS 2 TV

**Every Thursday, 8 am**  
**Every Sunday, 8 am**

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Weekly news bulletins prepared by the PBS (Malta) and are presented on **SBS 2 TV**

Secretary, Paul Vella, acted as MC for the day. After he welcomed the distinguished guests and all those present he led the singing of the Maltese National Anthem and Advance Australia Fair. Afterwards he invited all present to fill their glasses with champagne to make a toast for Christmas and the New Year. *(Story continues with more pictures on Page 4)*

## Feast of St Paul in Parkville



On Thursday, 9th February, the fathers of the Missionary Society of St Paul organised a Mass to celebrate the Feast of St Paul. This was held one day earlier because of the Bingo at the Maltese Centre.

Attendance was a bit disappointing considering it was a lovely warm day.

The Mass was held in St Paul's Chapel. Prime celebrant was Fr Lonnie Borg, con-celebrant was Fr Edwin Agius, both of the Missionary Society of St Paul.

Fr Lonnie presented a very interesting Homily about St Paul and his voyage to Rome which landed him shipwrecked in Malta.

Among those present were the President of the Maltese Community Council of Victoria and the Vice-President of the same Council. Joe Stafrace. Present as well were members of the Society of Christian Doctrine, Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group, Maltese Literature Group and the Maltese Association Hobsons Bay.

After Mass, refreshments were offered to all those present in the foyer of the Maltese Centre.

Thanks to Alfred Axiak for preparing the flowers in the Chapel.



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### Għal min jippreferi jaqra' bil-Malti...

Naf li hafna jixtiequ jaqraw xi haġa bil-Malti f'din li Newsletter u allura se nippruvaw nagħtu xi dettalji fil-qosor.

**QUDDIESA GHALL-FESTA TA' SAN PAWL**  
 Nhar il-Hamis, 9 ta' Frar, il-Patrijiet tas-Socjeta' Missjunarja ta' San Pawl organizzaw Quddiesa għall-Festa ta' San Pawl. Din saret fil-Kappella ta' San Pawl, Parkville. Membri ta' Reskeon attendew.

### L-IKLA TAL-MILIED

Nhar l-Erbgha, 7 ta' Diċembru l-membri tagħna kellhom l-ikla Milied fil-Firenze Receptions. Numru sabieħ ta' membri attendew u kellna żjara wkoll minn *Father Christmas*.

### IMUT FRA' RICHARD DIVALL

B'soghba kbira hadna l-ahbar tal-mewt ta' Fra' Richard Divall, li kien membru tal-Kavallieri ta' Malta. Richard kien habib kbir tal-Komunita' Maltija u ta' Reskeon u dejjem attenda għall-Quddiesa ta' Marija Bambina fil-Knisja ta' *St. Mary Star of the Sea, West Melbourne*.

### QUDDIESA GHALL-MEMBRI

Fit-tieni laqgħa tas-sena, il-Kanonku Fr Manny Bonello attenda l-laqgħa tagħna u ċcelebra Quddiesa għall-membri.

### GRAZZI TAL-GHAJNUNA...

Nieħdu din l-okkażjoni biex niringrazzjaw lil dawk il-membri kollha li jagħtu l-ghajnuna tagħhom speċjalment li joqgħodu wara kull laqgħa biex idahhlu s-siġġijiet u l-imwejjed f'posthom. Grazzzi lil-Purtinar ta' PRACE, Aubrey li jarma s-siġġijiet u l-imwejjed kull filgħodu u anki l-ispeakers. Grazzzi wkoll lil Angelo Farrugia u Cathy Gatt li jieħdu hsieb il-kompetizzjonijiet tal-boċċi. Grazzzi wkoll lil dawk li jgħinu fil-Bingo.

### SAUSAGE SIZZLE B'XEJN GHALL-MEMBRI KOLLHA

Fl-ewwel laqgħa tagħna, il-membri hadu sehem f'*sausage sizzle* u xorb hafif b'xejn, u tea u kafe' bil-gallettini u kejkis.

### JINXTARA IKEL GHALL-FQAR

Għal zmien il-Milied il-Kanonku Fr Manny Bonello jorganizza *Christmas Tree* bi stilel tal-karti b'xi isem ta' ikel biex kulhadd jieħu wahda u jgħib xi haġa tal-ikel għall-fqar. Reskeon kull sena jagħmlu xirja ta' ikel għal dan il-ghan. Din is-sena l-ikel ingabar minn Fr Bob Maguire biex jieħu hsieb li jqassmu lil min għandu bżonn.

### STATWA TAD-DULURI

Kull sena nattendu għall-Quddiesa fil-Festa tad-Duluri fil-Kappella ta' San Pawl, f'Parkville, fejn is-soltu jkun hemm kwadru tad-Duluri. Din is-sena l-Kumitat ta' Reskeon iddeċieda li jixtru statwa tad-Duluri biex jirregalawha lil Fr Edwin Agius, mssp, biex tintuża fil-Kappella.

*Rapporti bl-Ingliż flimkien ma' ritratti fuq dan li għadna kemm thadditna fuqu ssibuhom f'faċċati ohra ta' din li Newsletter. Sakemm nerġghu niltaqgħu darb'ohra, insellmilkom u nghidilkom "Sahha"!*

— Paul Vella, Editur



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**Congratulates Reskeon Maltese Association and Reskeon Seniors Group on their ongoing work amongst the Maltese Community**





## Vale Fra' Richard Divall AO OBE

Wednesday 25 January 2017  
*Rebecca Comini, Media and Communications Office*

Fra' Richard Divall AO OBE—conductor, composer, musicologist and Professed Knight of the Order of Malta—was laid to rest

on Wednesday, 25 January, following his death from cancer on 15 January, aged 71.

Fra' Richard was one of a small group of Professed Knights of Malta, who take solemn religious vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, and was the sole Australian Professed Knight.

A large crowd, including many members of the Sovereign Military Hospitaller Order of St John of Jerusalem of Rhodes and of Malta (Order of Malta), gathered in St Patrick's Cathedral for the Requiem Mass.

Bishop Terence Curtin was the Principal Celebrant of the Mass, which was concelebrated by: Brisbane Archbishop Mark Coleridge; the Order of Malta's magisterial chaplains Very Rev. Dr Brian Boyle, Very Rev. Peter L'Estrange SJ and Fr Gerald O'Collins; Fr William Uren SJ; Mgr Franco Cavarra; Fr Chris Wilcock SJ; and Fr Brendan Byrne SJ.

Born in Sydney on 9 September 1945, music and Malta were Richard Divall's passions. He became the first music director of the Victoria State Opera at the age of 26 until the organisation merged with Opera Australia in 1996. He was principal resident conductor of Opera Australia.

Homilist Fr Gerald O'Collins said Fra' Richard was 'a blessing to so many institutions and individuals' including the Australian String Quartet, Opera Victoria, the Royal Melbourne Philharmonic, the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra and other orchestras, as well as the University of Melbourne's Queens College and Newman College.

Fr O'Collins said Fra' Richard could be found on the streets of Melbourne every winter, 'talking to the homeless and then bringing them thick coats to keep them warm', as part of the Order of Malta's coats for the homeless program. He also visited the sick and the aged in retirement homes and centres, before his own illness prevented him from doing so.

Sir James Gobbo, former Governor of Victoria, fellow Knight of Malta and close friend of Fra' Richard, offered words of remembrance. He said that in the 1970s, Richard was already a keen observer and researcher of the Sovereign Military Hospitaller Order of St John of Jerusalem of Rhodes and of Malta.

In 1982 Sir James invited Richard to give an oration to the Australian National Assembly of the Order of Malta on the order's history. This proved to be a pivotal moment for Richard, who started taking instruction in the Catholic faith.

Richard was received into the Church at St Patrick's Cathedral on 7 November 1989, soon after joining the Order of St John and then taking his solemn vows as a Professed Knight at the age of 63.

He was awarded honorary doctorates by Monash University and Australian Catholic University. In 2014, Fr Richard was awarded a rare High Distinction for his Doctorate in 18th century sacred music, undertaken at Melbourne's Catholic Theological College, part of the University.

Befitting for the funeral of a man of music, Orchestra Victoria with friends and colleagues provided the music for the Mass.

In his final words, Sir James described Fra' Richard's final moments, surrounded by many loving friends.

'A small group of Carmelite sisters quite exceptionally left their nearby monastery of prayer and contemplation and came to his bedside. They then sang the beautiful and moving hymn, Salve Regina. The minute the sisters had just withdrawn and were not even off the premises when Richard breathed his last. Richard the maestro had brilliantly orchestrated the final fall of the curtain.'

Vale Fra' Richard Divall AO OBE.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sMI-ObEyYro>

**With great sadness we announce the death of**

### **Fra' Professor Richard Divall AO OBE**

Richard Divall died peacefully on Sunday afternoon, January 15, surrounded by loving friends.

Richard will be remembered for his significant contribution to music and culture in Australia.

Richard had a loving and influential role in the lives of many. His family and many friends will miss him dearly.

He was Conductor, musicologist and for thirty years Music Director of the Victorian State Opera, and Principal Resident Conductor of the Australian Opera.

Richard was a great friend of the Maltese Community, always with a friendly smile. He always attended the Feast Mass of Maria Bambina in September, at St Mary Star of the Sea Church, West Melbourne, organised by Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group on behalf of the Missionary Society of St Paul, representing The Sovereign Military and Hospitaller Order of St. John of Jerusalem of Rhodes and of Malta

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**Reskeon's Christmas Break-Up (from Page 1)**

The entrée of baked fish and rice was served. This was followed by a serving of lasagne and fettuccini carbonara on each plate. The main course consisted of a large serving of chicken Kiev with boiled and roasted vegetables. Dessert was Cassata and/or Tartufo ice cream followed by fresh fruit and tea and coffee accompanied by Continental cakes. Red and white wine, beer and soft

drinks were served throughout the day. Music was in the hands of DJ Domenic who kept the guests dancing all day.

President, Salvina Vella, delivered her Christmas message where she thanked the committee and all members for their help throughout the year and wished them and their families all the best for a Merry and Holy Christmas and the New Year filled with good health and happiness. A list of birthday and anniversaries that occurred around this time was read.

A Christmas gift was given to all those present. The men received a good bottle of red or white wine while the ladies received a large German Marzipan Christmas Stollen.

Father Christmas paid us a visit and cheered all those present and gave out lollies. It was a very good day and all those attending enjoyed themselves and many thanked members of the committee for the way it was organised. The event finished with the Reskeon theme song com-

posed by the late Laurie Armato and lyrics by Dr Clemente Zammit where members joined in singing and dancing all the way.

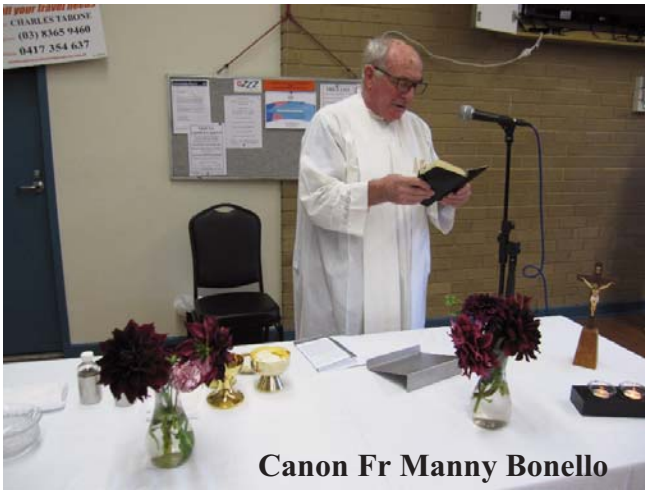
Thanks to all those involved in helping to make this luncheon a successful one as always, especially President, Salvina Vella, who almost single-handed did all the organising and preparations. Thanks also to the owners and waiting staff of Firenze Receptions, for the way they always look after us.





## First Mass for the year

The first Mass for the year was celebrated at our weekly meeting at Merrilands Community Centre, on Wednesday, 8th February.



Canon Fr Manny Bonello

The Mass was celebrated by Canon Fr Manny Bonello, Parish Priest of St Joseph the Worker Parish, North Reservoir.

Around 120 members were present. The Mass was offered for the repose of our faithfully departed members, especially those members of the committee. These included the founder of our association, John Gauci, and his wife, Annie; George Colvin, Gerald Magro, Emmanuel Agius, George Bezzina, Edwin Baldacchino, Joe Pavia and others.

The Mass was with the liturgy of St Paul, as the 10th of the month was the Feast of St Paul when he was shipwrecked in Malta.

The First Reading narrated the shipwreck story by St Luke, from the Acts of the Apostles.

We, as Maltese, should be proud that Malta is mentioned in this passage of the Bible.

Fr Manny delivered a beautiful Homily.

We thank Fr Manny who always finds the time to come to our meetings to celebrate Mass for us.



## Thanks to all our helpers

We can never thank enough our helpers who every Wednesday help with the setting up of the hall with the tables and the chairs and the audio equipment.

Some members come early to help out and others stay back after our meetings to put everything back in the storeroom. Most members come in and find everything in order and when the meeting is finished to go back home. Little they know that there is a lot of work in setting up and pack up.

Special thanks to caretaker at PRACE, Aubrey, who every morning is there to put all the tables and chairs and the audio settings.

We also would like to thank those who organise the competitions of the Bocce: Angelo Farrugia, the men's section, and Cathy Gatt, the ladies' section. Thanks also to the helpers to run the Bingo: sellers and callers

*Photo: Aubrey putting the chairs in place. Insert: the new chairs replacing the old ones.*



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# Food Hampers for the Poor and the Homeless

Every year, the Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group organises a large hamper of food and toiletries to be distributed among the poor and the homeless. Fr Bob Maguire organises the collection of such food to be distributed to the needy.

Fr Robert John "Bob" Maguire, AM RFD is an Australian Roman Catholic priest, community worker and media personality from South Melbourne. From 1973 to 2012, Maguire was parish priest of Sts Peter and Paul's Church in South Melbourne. Commonly known as "Father Bob", Maguire was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia in 1989 "for service to homeless youth through the Open Family Foundation".

Reskeon used to ask members weeks before Christmas to bring items of food to the weekly meetings. Members are always willing to help in this way. Then Reskeon organises a shopping spree to add to these items.

This year committee member Asst. Treasurer, Miriam Mizzi, co-ordinated this collection of food.

Fr Bonello each year organises "stars" on the Christmas Tree at the Church, with an item of food so that parishioners take it home and return it with the item to the church the following week.

If more associations take the same initiative a lot of needy people and young children will have a better Christmas.

In the picture along with the items of food is Canon Fr Manny Bonello, Parish Priest of St. Joseph the Worker Church, North Reservoir, and Miriam Mizzi.



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**February 1:** Club opening for the new year

**March:** BBQ at Edwardes Lake Park

**April:** Day Out

**May 4:** Mother's Day Luncheon at Firenze Receptions

**June 8:** Restaurant Day (Roxburh Park Hotel)

**July:** Free Sausage Sizzle

**August 10:** Father's Day Luncheon at Firenze Receptions

## MASSES IN MALTESE

For those members wishing to attend Mass in Maltese, we are publishing these times and locations.

Every Saturday, at 6 pm:

**St. Paul's Chapel, Parkville (Maltese Centre)**

Every Sunday, at 8.00 am:

**St. Paul's Church, Sunshine Avenue, Kealba**

Every First Friday of the month, 6.30 pm:

**St Paul's Church, Glengala Road, West Sunshine**

Every First Friday of the month, 7 pm:

**Resurrection Church, 51 Gum Road, St. Albans West**

Every First Saturday of the month, 6 pm:

**St. Joseph The Worker Church, Wilson Blvd, Reservoir**

Every First Saturday of the month, 4.45 pm:

**St. Joseph Church, Springvale**

Every Second Saturday of the month, 5.00 pm:

**St. Luke's Church, 1a David Street, Lalor**

Every Third Saturday of the month, 4.00 pm:

**St. Francis of Assisi Church, Childs Road, Mill Park**

Every Fourth Saturday of the month, 6.00 pm:

**St. Thomas More Church, 65 North Street, Hadfield**

(Confessions about half an hour before Mass)

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

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**Maltese Fathers, Parkville**  
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**Maltese Centre, Parkville**  
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## Thank you!

Ms Rita Mee for helping with proofreading, **Dr Edwin Borg-Manche**, who takes care of the MCCV website for his help in advertising our activities, to **Mr Paul Borg**, Treasurer of the MCCV, for his ongoing help in auditing our books, to **Darebin City Council** and the **Victorian Multicultural Commission** for grants received, and to all those who help in organising the Bocce competitions. We also thank the **Maltese Radio Stations** for advertising our functions and all those who assist us from time to time. Thanks also to the many members who give their help and assistance when needed.



**MARTIN PULLICINO**  
Brother of the late member Joseph Pullicino

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Ex member of Reskeon

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**Prof. RICHARD DIVALL**  
Member Knights of Malta  
a great friend of the Maltese Community and Maria Bambina

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**Please remember them in your prayers**

**R.I.P.**

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## Happy Birthday ...

**March:** 2: Joe Pace; 3: Doris Schembri; 8: Licia Bartolo, Teddy Farrugia; 9: Tony Mizzi; 14: Charles Sacco; 20: Vincent Abdilla; 21: Mary Abdilla, Joe Pisani, Doris Fenech; 27: Billy Dalli; 28: Rita Zammit; 31: Rosemary Sacco, Violet Portelli. **April:** 1: Mary Camilleri; 4: Doris Pullicino; 5: Doris Dalli, Frances Galea; 8: Tony Grech; 10: Angela Mizzi, Toni Hilli; 13: Reno Borg, Tony Bartolo; 14: Sarah Catania; 15: Caesar Vella; 17: Lucy Fabri; 20: Lisa Saliba; 21: Freddie Pisani; 25: Charlie Farrugia, Rose Pace; 27: Jim Cutajar. **May:** 5: Therese Scicluna; 6: Charlie Zammit, Carmen Mizzi; 8: Lourdes Mifsud; 9: Melita Magro; 10: Tony Scicluna; 12: James Cassar; 19: Vince Borg, Mary Zammit, Elvira Sacco; 21: Guido Ciantar; 25: Connie Gatt; 26: Doris Caruana; 30: Maureen Dakin.

## Happy Wedding Anniversary ...

**March:** 27: Charles u Carmen Cachia. **April:** 2: Teddy and Antonia Farrugia; 10: Joe and Rose Pace; 11: Helen and Frans Bonavia; 21: Caesar and Phyllis Vella; 22: Lina and Victor Pulis, Yvonne and Sam Caruana; 25: Joe and Rose Pace; Doris and Frank Mallia. **May:** 4: Paul and Pauline Borg, Frank and Jane Zahra; 5: Tessie and Silvio Sacco, Violet and Spiro Portelli; 6: Theresa and Laurie Bartolo, Tessie and Lou Vella; 7: Mary and Vince Abdilla; 25: Joyce and Frank Borg; 26: Vivienne and Charles Tabone; 30: Salvina and Paul Vella.

## Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group Inc.

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The group meets every Wednesday at Merrilands Community Centre, Asquith St, Reservoir, 9.30-2 pm.

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## SAINT GEORGE PRECA

Those receiving special favours through the intercession of Father George Preca, are requested to report this to:

The General Secretary, Society of Christian Doctrine, Blata l-Bajda, Malta

### Let us Pray

Lord, you called Dun George Preca to be a teacher and father to the young, and now you have numbered him with your saints in heaven. We thank you for this glory you have given him. We ask you to fill us with love like his: may we give ourselves completely to your service and to the salvation of mankind. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Grant we beseech Thee O Lord that Thou wilt glorify Thy humble servant who worked with so much zeal for the salvation of souls and that through his intercession it will please Thee to grant this favour.....



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## Free Sausage Sizzle at the first meeting of the year

Our first meeting for the year was held on Wednesday, 1st February. Around 120 members were in attendance.

The committee decided to organise a free Sausage Sizzle for all members, along with free soft drinks, tea and coffee, and biscuits.

All members enjoyed this treat.

Thanks to the kitchen girls for cooking the sausages, namely Melita Magro, Madeleine Vella, Sylvia Dakin, and Salvina Vella (as pictured).



## Statue of Our Lady of Sorrows

Every year we attend the Mass of Our Lady of Sorrows which is held in St Paul's Chapel, Parkville.

As they only have a picture of Our Lady of Sorrows, the committee of Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group decided to purchase a statue of Our Lady of Sorrows and donate it to Father Edwin Agius, mssp, to be used in the Chapel.

It wasn't easy to find the statue but finally we found one at the Religious Art Studio of Giansiracusa, in Preston.

It's a very artistic statue. In the meantime Fr Edwin said that someone offered a larger similar statue that belonged to her husband who passed away recently.



If you live in the City of Darebin (Preston, Reservoir, Keon Park, Kingsbury, Thornbury, Northcote, Fairfield and parts of Bundoora and North Coburg), and would like to become a member of Reskeon Maltese Association Seniors Group Inc. *contact the Secretary, Paul Vella, on 0409 961 928.*

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