

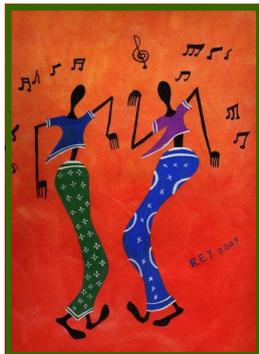


NEWS LETTER

OPEN DAY AT JANSSEN CENTRE

Special points of interest:

- Open Day
- Vale Brother James Wilkins SVD
- Retirement Fr Frank Gerry SVD
- Some helpful definitions.
- What's on in April?
- Helpful definitions
- Thanks Saita and welcome Matthia.



Painting by Fr Rey Roman SVD, now a Parish priest in Costa Rica

An invitation is extended to all our friends, visitors and volunteers to attend the Centre's **OPEN DAY** on **Sunday 18th April 2010**.

All welcome!

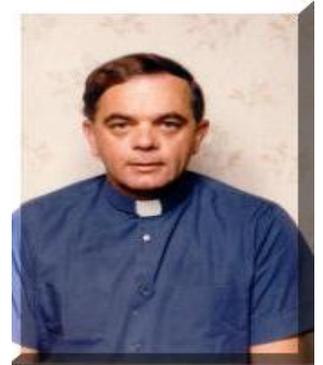
see you there

REST IN PEACE

Brother James Wilkins SVD

On 3rd March 2010, Brother James Wilkins took leave of us and went to his eternal reward. While many readers and especially SVD's would have known Jim Wilkins for much longer than I have, it is

still my privilege to say a few words about our departed Brother. In 2004, I had the opportunity to go to Thailand and work with Brother James in a Salesian High School in the city of Udon Thani, located in the north-east of the country. Jim was teaching lower secondary classes and I was given the task of teaching Grades 9 and 10. The Jim Wilkins I remember was very dedicated to the task of ensuring these young Thai boys and girls got the best opportunity to learn this foreign language, English. Jim was a great host and made his many visitors, including SVD's very welcome in Thailand. While I didn't give it much thought at the time, Jim's work was a cross-cultural business in every sense. May he rest in Peace.



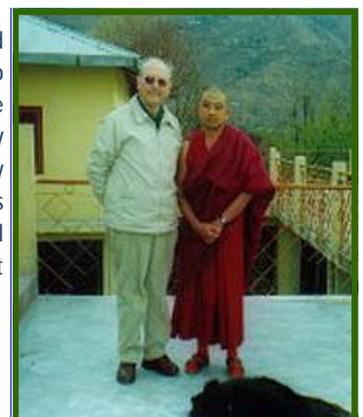
Thanks Fr Frank and happy retirement

When someone mentions the name of Frank Gerry, our minds automatically turn to inter-religious dialogue and cross-cultural relations. As founder of Janssen Spirituality Centre, Frank set his heart on building up our wonderful Centre to what it is today. Frank is a priest, a missionary, a spiritual director, a tireless worker for all to be one, but

most of all, he has been a friend to many of us. As he plans to 'take it easy' in Brisbane, we wish him a long and healthy retirement among his many brothers and sisters. Frank has been a wonderful example to all of us and his presence here at JSC will be missed by many.

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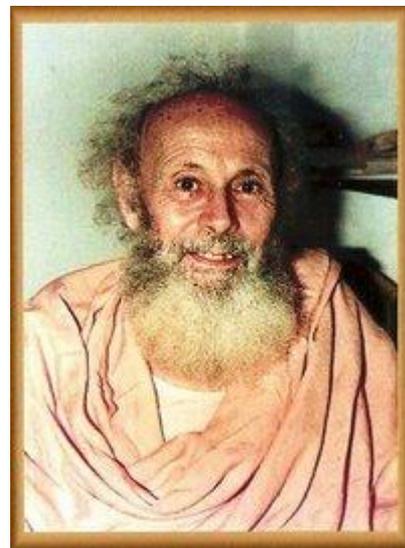
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Abhishiktananda Centenary

The year 2010 marks the one-hundredth anniversary of the birth of Henri Le Saux, the French Benedictine monk who is one of the great pioneers of monastic interreligious dialogue.

To commemorate this anniversary and to reflect on the meaning of Abhishiktananda's life and teaching for our time, Janssen Spirituality Centre will be conducting a special weekend from 27th—29th August to commemorate the birth of this great man.



Karuna—A compassionate heart



New member in the team

One special aspect of being a missionary sister, brother or priest, is that from time to time we must move on. In the next several weeks, Sister Sarita will return to Sydney to resume her role in helping young women who are preparing to make a life commitment to the Holy Spirit Sisters. In farewelling Sarita and thanking her for a job well done, we welcome Sister Matthia Kolbeck SSPs, who has, until recently been superior of the SSPS Brisbane community. Welcome Matthia!

SOME HELPFUL DEFINITIONS

1. ETHICS

- Ethics has to do with morals and how people are expected to live and behave in their society.
- * Christian ethics are rooted in the truths and primary requirements of a Biblical faith..
- Divine revelation must inform ethical living.
- * Biblical revelation both transcends and transforms the ethics of any and all cultures.
- * Beliefs influence and shape behavior.

2. CULTURE

- * A society's integrated system of learned patterns of beliefs, ideas, behaviours and products.
- * A culture, in part, may be understood by looking at its ethics. That is, their morals and behaviours.

3. ETHNICITY & RACE*

- A race is a major grouping of peoples who have similar cultural, linguistic, and physical characteristics, e.g. Caucasian; Melanesian; African; etc.* An ethnic group consists of a subset within a race which has its distinct language and culture.

What's on in April?

MEETINGS

- 6th Group 3 Centering Prayer (Morning)
- 7th Group 1 Centering Prayer (Evening)
- 8th Catholic I'faith C'ttee
- 13th Group 2 Centering Prayer (Evening)
- 14th Merton Bridges to Contemplative living
- 16th Ministry Supervision
- 18th **OPEN DAY**
- 20th Group 3 Centering Prayer (Morning)
- 21st Group 1 Centering Prayer (Evening)
- 27th Group 2 Centering Prayer (Evening)

28th Merton Bridges to Contemplative living

RETREATS

- 1st—5th Easter Triduum Silent Retreat.
- 9th-11th Italian Retreat
- 10th East West Meditation Foundation.
- 23rd-25th Kena Upanishad Retreat
- 30th—2nd Wellspring Retreat.

