

Fr Gerald Dullard OSA

3rd April 1932 - 30th May 2022



It is with both sadness for the loss and gratitude for the life that has been lived that I inform you of the death of **Gerald (Gerry) John DULLARD OSA** at 10.30 am this morning (30th May) at the Coppin Centre, South Yarra after a period of illness. Gerry died in the presence of his only remaining sibling Sr Cletus (Catherine, Nan) Dullard CSB and Joan Donoghue (parishioner and affiliate) who has been great support to Brian Buckley and the South Yarra community in these years of Gerry's increasing frailty and transition to aged care.

It goes without saying that Gerry was larger than life and there will be great memories of him for years to come. Gerry was born on 3rd April, 1932 to Jim and Mary Dullard, farmers at Pinegrove East via Mitiamo, between Lockington (Rochester Parish) and Echuca in northern Victoria so Augustinian connections were there right from the beginning. Gerry's siblings were Jim, Frank, Fr Maurice SJ, Rita Slattery, Sr Maurus (Cletus) Dullard CSB (all deceased) and, as mentioned above, his surviving sister Sr Cletus (Catherine/Nan) Dullard CSB. On behalf of the Province, I have extended deepest sympathy to the Dullard family through Sr Cletus.

Gerry was in the first novitiate group to take place in Australia and was professed with Pat Fahey on 22nd April, 1951. Following studies in the United States, Gerry was ordained in Washington on 8th February, 1958 together with Pat Fahey and John Barry. In 1959 Gerry returned to Australia, had some pastoral work experience at St James' Parish, Coorparoo and began many years on the staff of Villanova College, Coorparoo (1959-1973). Following study leave in 1974 Gerry served as Chaplain to Griffith University and Mt Gravatt College of Advanced Education as well as conduct counselling courses at the Catholic Family Welfare Bureau in Brisbane.

Then followed many years in parish ministry – Manly Vale (1979-1987 – Pastor 1983-1987); First Pastor of the new parish at Redland Bay (1987-1995), Echuca (1995-1999- Pastor), Mareeba (1999-early 2000s) and then to South Yarra. Sympathy will be conveyed to those places of ministry as Gerry made a deep impression in the ministries in which he served.

May Gerry rest in God's peace.

Fr Peter Jones OSA

Augustinian Provincial

