The Stella Maris Seafarers Centre at Taperoo (operated by the Apostleship of the Sea Adelaide) is a home away from home for all seafarers from ships visiting Outer Harbor.

**Sea Sunday**

Although Sea Sunday is being held throughout Australia on 8th July this year, we on the Lefevre Peninsula will conduct our Sea Sunday on 29th July since 8th July is Father Brian Angus’ last day as our Parish Priest and Port Chaplain. He has been our Parish Priest for more than 17 years.

**Father Brian’s Farewell**

After the 9am Mass at OLV Taperoo, there will be a special farewell morning tea in the Veritas Centre. You are invited to bring a plate of cake or biscuits to share at this event. After the 11am Mass at Sacred Heart, Semaphore there will be a “Bring a Plate” lunch in the meeting rooms at Semaphore If any volunteers and partners would like to attend the lunch, please contact the Parish Office by phone on 84496378, informing them of your numbers. For catering purposes, they would also like to know if you could bring a savoury or sweet (finger food please). Father Brian has been a long standing “Friend and Chaplain” to Stella Maris and he deserves a “Stand Alone” special day. Let’s all join in and give Father Brian a send-off he deserves on the 8th July.

**From Father Brian to Father O’Brien**

Our incoming Parish Priest will be Father Roderick O’Brien, who will be coming to us from the Salisbury Parish and will commence on 14th July.

**‘Rescue’ Ship in Port Adelaide for a Week**

The ship *Hispania Graeca* spent a week at Berth 8, Outer Harbor (the grain terminal) during June. We had eight visitors from the ship at our centre on Thursday evening of that week. The Captain and First Officer said that they wanted to go to a Greek Restaurant at Glenelg. Our volunteer, Libby took them to ARGO in the Port instead. They were able to meet the restaurant owner. Libby had a coffee with the two seafarers before leaving them to have their dinner. The ship loader at Berth 8 was broken whilst the *Hispania Graeca* was here. Once that the loader was fixed, they loaded barley for China. According to Hellenic Shipping News, the ship had rescued four shipwrecked fishermen near one of the islands of the Philippines in January last year. Details are shown below:

“M/V *Hispania Graeca* Rescues Four Philippino Shipwrecked Fishermen

On 24.01.2017 m/v *Hispania Graeca*, managed by Angelakos (Hellas) S.A., rescued four (4) shipwrecked fishermen off the South coast of Mindanao Island, Philippines, who had been helpless in the sea for four (4) days. At 13:15 local time and at a 6-mile distance from the ship, the Second Officer on watch saw one capsized fishing boat, about 18 miles from the nearest shore, with four local fishermen signalling the vessel with their hands and clothes. The prevailing weather conditions were 6 Beaufort and 2 meters swell. The Master was informed immediately, and the alarm was sounded while the vessel commenced her approach to the...
fishermen by the capsized boat. At the same time, the Master informed the local Coast Guard Station accordingly. About half an hour later, all four men were on board, tired, hungry and thirsty, due to their four days’ struggle to survive. Upon their embarkation, they were provided with blankets, food, water and clean clothes, while their physical condition (blood pressure, temperature etc.) was checked by the vessel’s officers. Eventually, and at 17:30 local time, the four fishermen were transferred to another boat, sent by the local Coast Guard, and were taken safely to the nearest island, Balut. …..In this regard, the Management of Angelakos (Hellas) S.A. congratulated the Master, Officers and Crew of m/v *Hispania Graeca* for doing their duty as seamen.” (Source: https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/mv-hispania-graecea-rescues-four-philippino-shipwrecked-fishermen/)

**South Australia’s Prison Ship – the Fitzjames**

Did you know that South Australia once had a prison ship that held young boys out at sea near the Largs Bay jetty? In the 1880s, a ship called the *Fitzjames* became a floating boys’ reformatory. The use of the *Fitzjames* as a boys’ reformatory ended in May 1891 and the boys were sent to what would eventually become the Magill Youth Training Centre (after girls at Magill were sent to ‘new lodgings’ at Edwardstown). Details about the *Fitzjames*, including a podcast (17.17 minutes of audio), can be found at https://www.adelaidenow.com.au/news/special-features/in-depth/the-fitjames-sas-floating-prison-for-wayward-teens/news-story/0ec11349685e6ed09ec1152f0192300a . There is, however, much more to the story of the *Fitzjames*. At least two books have already been written about the her. We hope to be able to add some more details about the ship in later issues of The Gangway Bulletin.

**The Lake Toba Ferry Disaster**

Shipping disasters are all too frequent around the world. We hear about the loss of people from ships regularly. There was even a huge disaster on Indonesia’s Lake Toba in June. A 15-tonne wooden boat was ferrying hundreds of people across the volcanic lake in waters up to 500m deep. 192 people are believed to have died when the vessel sank. The ferry was later located 450 metres deep at the bottom of Lake Toba. According to the web page found at http://www.abc.net.au/news/2018-06-25/sunken-indonesian-ferry-located-450-metres-deep/9905018 , “The 1,145-square kilometre Lake Toba, formed from the caldera of an ancient super volcano, is a popular destination on the island of Sumatra.” It also says, “The doomed ferry didn't have a passenger manifest, causing confusion about how many people were on board…… Transport Minister Budi Karya Sumadi said the boat had a passenger capacity of 43 — making it five times over capacity when it sank — and was equipped with only 45 life jackets. Ferry accidents are common in Indonesia, a vast archipelago, especially during the Islamic holiday of Eid when millions make the annual journey by land, sea, and air to their hometowns after the holy fasting month of Ramadan.”