

**A report of the Feast day celebrations
on Saturday 11th of August 2012
conducted at the
National Centre for the Archconfraternity
of St Philomena,
RochesterVictoria,
Australia**

On Saturday 11th of August 2012, 250 pilgrims travelled from all over Melbourne and Interstate to the National Centre for the Archconfraternity of St. Philomena in Rochester Victoria Australia to celebrate – **Liturgical Feast of Saint Philomena**

The day began with members of the Committee, greeting and welcoming the pilgrims. Prior to the beginning of Holy Mass the Rosary was recited, while Fr Austin was available for the Sacrament of Penance.

Holy mass began at 11am celebrated by Fr Austin. During his homily Father reminded the congregation of the power of St. Philomena's intercession and explained her martyrdom.

The overwhelming presence of the pilgrims, especially the young adults, made it one of the most memorable feast days of the Saint at the National Centre in Rochester.

During the lunch break, we had prayers and talks led by Fr Austin and Mr Terry Clarke. Terry has recently been appointed by Mons Braschi as the Centre Representative for Victoria. Some of the devotees shared their own testimonies. Cords & prayer cards were distributed amongst the pilgrims during the session.

After 2pm the Blessed Sacrament was exposed, prayers of adoration, hymns and divine mercy chaplet were led by Brother Gregory, and his team who sung beautifully. At the end of the feast day, members of the Committee gathered for a meeting, which saw the addition of two new members to the committee Noleen White & Cathleen Burns. Terry and Audrey Mahoney had previously resigned from the committee and will work in their own area promoting devotion to St. Philomena.

The next devotional day in honour of Saint Philomena will be celebrated on Saturday 12th of January 2013 to commemorate the Little Wonder Worker's birthday.(transferred from 10th of January).