



DICASTERY FOR CULTURE AND EDUCATION

Culture Section

THE CHRONICLE



THE CHRONICLE

19 September 2014, match against *Anglican XI*, Spitfire Ground, St. Lawrence Canterbury (Kent). St. Peter's XI 106/4 (20 overs), The Anglican XI 108/4 (19.1 overs). Read here a comment by Mr Nigel Baker, the United Kingdom's Ambassador to the Holy See, and here for a write-up by Mr Paul Handley, the Editor of The Church Times who oversaw the preparations for the Anglicans.

17 September 2014, match against the *Royal Household*, Windsor castle. St. Peter's XI 122/9 (20 overs), The Royal Household XI 126/0 (19.4 overs).

15 September 2014, 30 over match against the *Authors XI*, Ascott House. St. Peter's 151 (29 overs), Authors XI 147/4 (30 overs).

St. Peter's won the match by 4 runs.

14 September 2014, match against *St Peter's Club*, Preston Park, Brighton, St. Peter's Brighton 168/6 (20 overs), St. Peter's Vatican 114/9 (20 overs).

13 September 2014, match against the *Chaplains of Armed Forces*, Aldershot, 1pm, St. Peter's XI 152/2 (20 overs), Chaplains XI 71/4 (20 overs).

September 2014, The Tour of Light, Explanatory Note by Fr Eamonn O'Higgins, Tour Manager and Tour Schedule

11 September 2014, match against the *Edinburgh Divines*, Capannelle (Rome), 3pm. Edinburgh 147/4 - St Peter's XI 92 all out.

10 September 2014, match against the *Edinburgh Divines*, Capannelle (Rome), 3pm. Edinburgh 165/7 - St Peter's XI 105 all out.

12 July 2014, First airing of the Sky Sports Documentary on our team during the Lunch Break of the Test Match between England and India (repeated in the afternoon when rain stopped play) [Click here to view](#).

25 June 2014, Match against an all-comers side at Capannelle

St. Peter's XI narrowly lost by 11 runs. Capannelle made 158 for 8. We were on track at 80 for 0 and within the run-rate. The loss of a few wickets slowed us down and we were 148 for 7 after 20 overs. Lessons will be learnt; this is a match we could have won.

23 June 2014, Press conference at the Pontifical Council for Culture for the "Light of Faith Tour" and charity match against the Anglican XI at Canterbury on 19 September raising awareness together for Human Trafficking. [Click here for the Press Release](#) and for the team sheet.

21 April 2014, Easter Monday, St Peter's v Rome Capannelle

On Easter Monday St. Peter's Cricket Club played two 20/20 matches against a *Capannelle* side at the *Capannelle* ground. Captained by Fr. Tony, we won the first match by 10 wickets and the second by 6 wickets. Seminarian batsmen Bosco (32 not out), Deepak (25 not out) and Amir (20 not out), and seminarian bowlers Antony (total 8 wickets), Tharaka (4 wickets in one match) were notable.

7 April 2014, **2014 Season Opening Match against the Nomads XI**

St. Peter's Cricket Club had its first 20/20 match on 7 April 2014 against the Nomads XI from England at the *Capannelle* ground. Our team recorded its first victory by 11 runs (St. Peter's 141 for 8, Nomads 130 for 8 after 20 overs).

The afternoon was a typical Roman spring day, warm and with a cloudless blue sky.

St. Peter's were put into bat by the Nomads and scored 141, notable with some sixes and many fours. Amir, a seminarian from Pakistan, was highest scorer with 42 runs. There was depth in the batting and a few late boundaries gave St. Peter's a defendable total.

The Nomads, playing their third match in 3 days, started brightly, with quick running between the wickets. Two run-outs in quick succession changed matters, and a remarkable third run-out turned the match in St. Peter's favour. At the end the Nomads fell 11 runs short, as some fast bowling slowed down the run rate at the end of the innings.

Both teams met to exchange good wishes at the end of the match and St. Peter's were presented with a Nomads shirt in honour of the occasion.

15 March 2014, **First Training Session** of the 2014 Season.

4 March 2014, **Meeting of the Board**.

20 December 2013, A delegation from the club attended the announcement by Archbishop David Moxon that **the Anglicans have accepted a challenge** issued on behalf of the club signed by Cardinal Gianfranco Ravasi, in the Vatican, on 13 December.

22 October 2013, **Presentation of St Peter's Cricket Club to the press**

This took place on Tuesday the 22nd of October at 12 noon in the library of the Pontifical Council for Culture (*via della conciliazione*, 5) in English.

Speakers included: Cardinal Gianfranco Ravasi, President; Rev. Mons. Sanchez de Toca y Alameda, Undersecretary, (his text); Rev. Fr. Theodore Mascarenhas, SFX, i/c Intercultural Dialogue; Rev. Fr. Eamonn O'Higgins, LC, Spiritual Director, Pontifical College "*Maria Mater Ecclesiae*", (read his text here); Mr Alfonso Jayarajah, President of Capannelle Cricket Club, Rome, (his text) ; Mr John McCarthy, KCSG, Ambassador of Australia to the Holy See.

Gentleman and Lady Members of the board, players and supporters were also present ready to answer questions about the world's second most popular sport. (Press release here)

Please note that the terms "Vatican Cricket Club" and "Vatican Cricket Team" are only popular ways of describing this reality.