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Community Newsletter

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Dear Parishioners,

Change is never easy, though it is a reality of life. My transition to Brighton & Hallett Cove parishes has been refreshing and challenging. Refreshing in the sense that I begin to engage and get involved with new committees, new places and new faces. Thank you all for welcoming me so warmly. The challenging signs of our time offer us moments of deepening our faith and trust in our parish. The call to renewal in our parish is an invitation to get involved. The Plenary Council offers each and every parishioner a place and space to tell our stories and celebrate the life of our parish.

Friends, young and old, our future is in the hands of God.

As we continue our journey of faith, let us all be grateful for the marvellous deeds of the Lord in our daily lives.

Thank you all for being part of our church. The future of our parish is in your hands.

Blessed and Joyous Christmas.

God Bless
Fr Michael

Christmas Trading Tables

Weekend of the **24th & 25th November**
after Masses

We are looking for donations of food items, garden produce and gifts suitable for Christmas, for our Christmas Trading tables. Please leave them in the church kitchen or bring them along to Mass on the 24th or 25th.

The craft group have been working hard and have items for sale that they have been working on during the year.

There is also a Raffle, so please buy a ticket and support our parish.

Advent Working Bee

Saturday 1st December from 10am. Please come along and help us decorate the church for Advent. We will be putting up the Advent Wreath, The Christmas Tree and the Nativity Crib. All volunteers welcomed. Morning Tea will be provided.



From our Pastoral Associate

The last few months has been a time of much activity and new beginnings. We farewelled Mons Dempsey and welcomed Fr. Michael into our community. We were blessed to have had Mons for 18 years and we look forward to working with Fr. Michael.

Our Parish has started our RCIA program and we have a teacher from St. Martin de Porres school who has joined our program. We have a lady from Brighton Parish and another lady from St. Ann's Parish. Please keep these people in your prayers as they journey towards being received into our Church at the Easter Vigil ceremony.

On the 7th November we celebrated Mass for the Unborn child at St. Ann's Parish. Each year we celebrate this Mass to remember all children who were miscarried, stillborn, died at an early age or aborted. On the 25th September we had the children from St. Martin de Porres school and parish children celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time in our church.

On the 3rd November we celebrated the feast of St. Martin de Porres with Mass and following Mass with wine and cheese. It was wonderful to see many parishioners come together.

Our BBQ at Bunnings Marion on the 14th October was a great event. We are grateful to all parishioners who manned the BBQ and to all who supplied supplies like drinks, sauce, bread and everything else. It makes it so much easier when it becomes a parish event. A profit of \$..... was made. Thank you for your help and support.

On the weekend of the 1st and 2nd December we will have the blessing of the Cribs at both our Masses. Please bring along a piece from your crib or crib to be blessed at our two Masses.

After the talk by Sr. Marie Ralph we will be organising some dates to further explore "*What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?*"

I wish everyone a happy and holy Christmas and look forward to working with everyone next year.

God bless

Clare Thewlis
Pastoral Associate

Our Parish Vision

*A Catholic community enriched by, and centered on, the Eucharist,
empowered to bring the Good News to all.*

From our Pastoral Worker

Greetings to all.

Wow, what happened to this year? Since our last Community Newsletter a lot has happened in our Parish, as is usual.

Hallett Cove quietly hops along and gets things done.

Some of us were blessed with the opportunity to attend the 'Prayer Retreat in daily life'. This was a wonderful and enriching experience. It made for a busy week but so very rewarding.

We very sadly said farewell to Mons Ian as our Parish Priest. He devoted himself to our pastoral care and leadership for many years and his efforts have been much appreciated. Happy retirement Mons.

The cake and wine glasses were barely put away when we were fortunate enough to welcome Fr Michael, and I'm sure we are all very excited to begin this new chapter to our parish and get to know and welcome Fr Michael in more depth. I know that he is very keen to get to know us and believes in a very inclusive parish.

In September, we had over 20 children presented at Mass, and they later made their first Reconciliation at Hallett Cove. This was a lovely and very respectful evening. Well done to all involved.

And while the Bunnings BBQ is not my area. It was great to see so many people involved. Coming together to support our major fundraiser with donations of food, drink and many hours of their time. I think we all worked very well together. Thanks to all and especially to the main organisers and workers.

We were lucky, recently, to have Sr Marie Ralph come and speak to us at Mass about the Plenary Council. She has a way of making it simple to understand. We look forward to hearing about the next step in the coming weeks.

Now the Christmas pageant has marched into town and our thoughts are turning towards Advent. I wish you all the best wishes of the Season as you prepare to celebrate the arrival of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. May you find Peace and Joy in the coming weeks.

Sue Wigg,
Pastoral Support



Greetings from Bali



From the Finance Council

As we come to the end of the year, a quick update from the parish finance council. Most importantly thank you to our parishioners have given generously throughout the year, your support through the planned giving program is greatly appreciated. Thank you to all the members for the parish finance council who have contributed the time and talents throughout the year and special thanks to Mons Ian Dempsey who guided us through 2018.

Our five year strategic plan ends in 2019 with the Parish finances in a stable position, we have reduced the overall debt to \$100k and maintained a positive cash flow for the year.

There are a number of key maintenance projects that need to be included for future years including the roof, guttering, carpets and painting the outside of the church which all come at a cost.

With a change in leadership we have welcomed Fr Michael and we will work with him to present a responsible fiscal plan for the next few years.

Pete McKenna. Chairperson

Child Safe Environments Briefing for Volunteers

As you may be aware, all volunteers in our Archdiocese are mandated notifiers under the South Australian Child Protection Legislation. To ensure we hear the voices of children and have the necessary skills to identify and respond appropriately, we invite any volunteers who have not yet participated in Child Safe Environments training or an equivalent course to attend a 90 minute Volunteer Briefing session facilitated by the Archdiocesan Child Protection Unit. Please note that these briefings (or an equivalent course) are a compulsory requirement for anyone wishing to be a Eucharistic Minister.

A Volunteer Briefing will be held on:

Wednesday 6th February, 2019, 10am in the Brighton Activity Centre

Note: If you have attended a Child Safe Environments or RAN training within the past 3 years you do not need to attend a Volunteer Briefing
Thank you for agreeing to help us provide care and safety for our children and young people.

Police Check for Volunteers

It is the policy and practice of the Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide that individuals who have a responsibility through their role within the Archdiocese in either a paid or voluntary capacity, will be required to undergo a Department for Communities & Social Inclusion (DCSI) Working with Children screening which is processed through the Archdiocesan Police Check Unit. The screening process is completed on line and will require applicants have access to an email address.

General exemptions will include all children under 18 years of age. All volunteers 80 years and above who have previously received clearance from the Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide are exempted from renewal checks.

Please contact the parish office and bring 100 points of ID with you to arrange for a Police Clearance.

Eight Gospel Pathways @ Hallett Cove Parish

Tim Grauel, PPC Chairperson | November 2018

The story up to now

A Parish assembly was held in October 2016 to introduce the *Eight Gospel Pathways* to parishioners and to seek feedback. Based on this feedback, the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) reviewed the *Eight Gospel Pathways* during each of its meetings throughout 2017. The PPC tasked a sub-committee to recommend renewal priorities, which the PPC endorsed in April 2018.

While steps were taken to implement some of these recommendations, the PPC and Parish Leadership Team decided in late June 2018 to slightly delay a complete roll-out of implementation due to the impending change in parish priest in early September 2018. A review of implementation plans was planned after the new parish priest was in position for a few months (approximately November 2018).

PPC Renewal Priorities Sub-Committee Members

Clare Thewlis, Bernadette Kerr, Teresa Pascoe, Fr Peter Sheedy, Dcn Tim Grauel (chair)

Eight Gospel Pathways document can be found at the Archdiocese's website:

www.adelaide.catholic.org.au

Home > Our People > Office for Renewing Parishes > Eight Gospel Pathways

Two specific renewal priorities based on the *Eight Gospel Pathways* were recommended:

Gospel Pathway

#3 The Word of God is known, loved and proclaimed in good preaching and in faithful lives

Parish Goal—To offer better formation to encourage knowing, loving and proclaiming the Word of God by all parishioners

	Key Actions
1	Email <i>Eight Gospel Pathways</i> document to all proclaimers (include cover letter)
2	Conduct 30-minute formation sessions after Mass (dates/times; proposed content)
3	Email ongoing formation material to proclaimers
4	Encourage proclaimers to consult <i>Break Open the Word</i> resource prior to assigned Mass
5	Include brief introduction to the upcoming Mass in Pat's weekly email
6	Facilitate a fortnightly Scripture Reflection Group (in addition to Advent and Lenten reflection groups)

Gospel Pathway

#4 There is a warm sense of community outreach and welcome

Parish Goal—To encourage greater experiences of welcome for all those attending Mass

	Key Actions
1	Email <i>Eight Gospel Pathways</i> document to all involved in welcoming ministries (door greeters, tea & coffee; include cover letter)
2	Mail letter of acknowledgement to all involved in welcoming ministries
3	'Receiving a Warm Welcome at St Martin de Porres' (PPT slides before Mass; 4-5 short blurbs—each with an action step; repeat after Prayer after Communion)
4	'Welcome to St Martin de Porres Catholic Community' A4 trifold leaflet (update via feedback from parishioners)
5	Prepare leaflet for Christmas and Easter celebrations
6	Include leaflet with 'Welcome Pack' for families bringing children to be baptised

Next steps

Your PPC and the Parish Leadership Team is currently working with Fr Michael towards a revised implementation plan of recommended renewal priorities. Some aspects of the current plan may be modified; you will be kept informed of developments. In any case, renewal is firstly a continual alignment of one's heart to Jesus and less a series of steps in a program. Please continue to pray that we will, individually and collectively, seek God's grace to give faithful expression to the Gospel and so remain a healthy, vibrant, renewing parish.

At any time along the way, your feedback will be welcomed (please see a PPC member or phone/email the Parish Office).



Vinnies

As Christmas approaches, your Vinnies Conference enters its most busy time of the year. We are now selling the latest Vinnies Christmas cards and the Columban calendars through the bookshop, which we also operate as one of our fundraisers.

We recently launched our Christmas Appeal, which together with donations made through the Giving Tree, allow us to prepare Christmas food and toy Hampers for the families we assist. This year we'll deliver these a bit over a week before Christmas Day, so the close off for your donations will be Sunday 16 December. The St Martin de Porres School also collects food and toys for us to help make up the hampers. We are most grateful for the support we receive from the parish and the school which allows us to continue delivering hampers to needy families in our area. Last year our hampers went to 39 adults and 47 children, an increase over the previous year.

While we are busy right now, it is the most rewarding time of year for us. Our spirits are lifted by the smiles and heartfelt thanks we receive when delivering Christmas hampers, making all the hard work our volunteers do throughout the year worthwhile.

The Hallett Cove Vinnies aims to be self-funding. We try to cover the costs of the assistance we give through our donations and the funds we raise from lottery ticket sales, the bookshop and our Winter and Christmas appeals.

We are fortunate that we also obtain food through Foodbank at reduced cost allowing us to continue our level of assistance.

If you wish to arrange a direct debit or regular credit card payment to support our conference this can be organized by requesting that your funds be directed to the Hallett Cove Conference.

People seeking assistance must contact the Vinnies Assistance Hotline on 1300 729 202.

Your Vinnies group is always looking for new members and would welcome anyone prepared to assist in any way. Please discuss this with one of our members or Richard, the Conference President, on 0438 853 343.

Bunnings BBQ

Thank you to all our helpers for the BBQ on Sunday 14th October. We raised an amazing \$1940 for our parish.



Knights of the Southern Cross



We Knights, are a group of Catholic men who gather monthly, normally in the Brighton Activity Centre. Our topics of discussion can be varied. Some meetings are mixed ie we ask our wives to come along and share in the comradery. On these occasions we have been having a Guest Speaker address us. Of recent times we have put on a Crazy Whist Night on these mixed meetings. Here we invite not only our wives but other friends, parishioners, in fact anybody who would like a good fun night out. Last month we held our third Fun Night and this time it was held at Glenelg. The parish hall was a great venue and we thank Peter & Anne Kay for preparing the venue for us. A great time was had by those who were able to make it along. All monies raised will go to the Glenelg Vinnies Conference.

Our upcoming meeting is the sewing of the seed. Through mutual agreement we are delighted to share that two of our youth from Antioch are attending our meeting. There will be a sharing of thoughts of where the men in our parishes are situated in supporting the youth and in reply thoughts on how the youth may be able to help us ageing blokes.

With any luck another gentleman in the name of Fr Michael Kyumu, Parish Priest of Brighton, may find himself free of other prearranged engagements and pay a visit to the meeting.

Yes we have been discussing youth in our parishes and how we might be able to support them. To do this in a proper manner is for them to relate to us where their needs meet with our abilities. Say a quiet prayer for us in our endeavors.

Out Branch Deputy Chairman Andrew Tamassy has been appointed Southern Area President of St Vincent de Paul. See what happens when you retire. You are busier than when working. Keeps you young and involved.

We sadly said goodbye to Brendan Doherty who passed away on 23rd of October 2018. To his wife Lydia and sons, daughter s in law and grandchildren we have you all in our prayers.

Brendan now has a job to prepare our way.

We Thank the parishioners of Hallett Cove for their support of our Bottle Drives, 45 Club, Annual Brach Dinner and Guest nights.

Br Pat Hodgson. Chairman

New National Coordinator for Permanent Diaconate



The fastest-growing vocation in the Church in Australia has a new national coordinator.

Source: *ACBC Media Blog*.

Adelaide's Deacon Tim Grauel was recently appointed as national coordinator of the permanent diaconate for the Bishops Office for Clergy Life and Ministry.

The appointment was ratified in August by Australian Catholic Bishops Conference president Archbishop Mark Coleridge and Bishop Greg O'Kelly SJ, the apostolic administrator of the Archdiocese of Adelaide.

Fr Greg Bourke, executive secretary of the Bishops Commission for Church Ministry and director of its Office for Clergy Life and Ministry, said Australia had experienced a significant increase in the number of deacons.

"Deacons were in great numbers up until around the year 1000 and after then it declined gradually. There's differences of opinions on the reasons for this; however, since Vatican II, the diaconate has been revived and seen significant increases in vocations," he said.

St Stephen, the first martyr of the Church, and St Francis of Assisi, who lived 800 years ago, are two deacons in the very rich history of the diaconate, Fr Bourke said.

"The diaconate is at its best when the ministry is at the interface of the Church and the world, for example prison chaplaincy, emergency chaplains, police chaplains, and proclaiming and preaching the Gospel," he said.

"One quote often attributed to St Francis of Assisi that he said to his friars – preach well and preach effectively, and if you have to, use words – is still relevant today and supports the vision and purpose of the modern diaconate."

Deacon Grauel, a former senior manager for a major aged care organisation in Adelaide, said he was excited about the new role and looking forward to the challenge of promoting the permanent diaconate and encouraging sound formation and ongoing formation.

"I'm a relatively new deacon and was ordained just under three years ago, but I have a background as a minister with the Uniting Church," he said.

"I've embraced the challenge of being a deacon and see it as a bridge, both between the clergy and the laity, and between the Church and the world."

"There's a move for deacons to be almost entrepreneurial in the Church by encouraging the Gospel to reach different places and to be creative in doing that."

Taken from publication by ACBC



Baptism

Last weekend 24th October my Grandson Lincoln Stanley was Baptised at St Martin De Porres Church. Lincoln's mother Elise Jonas was the first baby to be baptised in this Church and now second generation Lincoln was Fr Michael's first baptism in our community.

Fr Michael was very welcoming of all and enthusiastically unpacked different parts of our rich

tradition through this sacraments rituals and symbolism. It was a wonderful ceremony with my family all gathered around the great joy of my beautiful Grandson, our special gift from God. **Christina Jonas**

Working Bee Thank You

Thank you to the small band of hardworking helpers last weekend. We have made Fr Peter's back yard more inviting and safer for the Summer season.



Wedding

We congratulate the Lillywhite family on the recent wedding of their son Thomas

Congratulations

We congratulate Stephen & Trish Lillywhite on their 30th Wedding Anniversary in September and Raylee & Anton Crane on their 50th Wedding Anniversary in October



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We are always looking for photos or information to add to our facebook page –please send them to Pat at hcparish@adam.com.au

Coming events

Mass for the **Anointing of the Sick**

Anointing of the Sick Masses
Wednesday 28th November, 12 noon at Hallett Cove, followed by light lunch
Saturday 1st December 10am at Brighton followed by morning tea in the Columbarium



Blessing of the Cribbs
Hallett Cove—Saturday 6pm Mass & Sunday 9.15am Mass
Brighton -Sunday 2nd December, 10am Mass.
Bring along your Nativity scene or part of it to be blessed during Mass



Advent Reconciliation
Thursday 6th December, 10am at Brighton, 7pm at Hallett Cove.
Penitential Liturgy followed by Individual Reconciliation

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve
SHC Mass 7pm in the Br McAteer Ctr, cnr Cudmore St & Scarborough Tce, Somerton Park



Hallett Cove Family Mass 7pm

Vigil Mass 10pm at Brighton & 10pm at Hallett Cove

Christmas Morning
9.15am Mass at Hallett Cove
9.30am Mass at Brighton



A Place to Call Home:

Making a home for everyone in our land

This years **Social Justice Statement** calls us all to care for the homeless.

This Advent we can do a little bit to help by donating items that we will pass on to Vinnies, Hutt St Centre and Catherine House. Each week there will be different item that we will ask for. All items must be new, unused and clean.

Please bring any items on the week specified and place in the box in the foyer

December 1st & 2nd:

Socks, Underwear

December 8th & 9th:

Deodorant, Sanitary Products, Shaving Products

December 15th & 16th:

Toothbrushes, Toothpaste

December 22nd & 23rd:

Soap, Shampoo, Conditioner

If you have any other items that may be suitable for the homeless, we will gladly take and pass on for you. Please leave them in the box in the foyer or drop them into the Parish Office at Brighton

Wishing all our parishioners a Happy, Safe & Holy Christmas. May you all be blessed with joy and laughter, wonder and awe at this special time. Merry Christmas from the parish teams at Brighton & Hallett Cove

