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Community Newsletter

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Welcome to 2018!

I trust the New Year has begun well for you all. It is a bit hard to keep up with all the activities even though January used to be a quiet month. With all the festivities of Christmas and New Year over we have Ash Wednesday looming very near. I see Easter Eggs out in the shops!

It is always difficult, with all this activity going on, to find a quiet time for prayer. An essential part of our prayer life, and relationship with Jesus, is listening as well as praying. We don't learn when we are talking, so listening to Jesus in a quiet space is an essential part of our prayer life.

Most of us find it difficult to find a quiet time, but it can be when we are having a walk, gazing at a sunset, listening to the birds, and using this time and space to raise our minds to God.

It is through Jesus that we see a God with a face and a heart, a God who dearly loves us and wants to journey with us. I pray that this will continue to be our experience in 2018.

Monsignor Ian Dempsey
Parish Priest

HALLETT COVE PARISH VISITATION

Our Parish Visitation by the Archbishop and his Team to Hallett Cove Parish is scheduled for June 9th—17th this year.

We are starting to look at what we can showcase about our parish, about what we would like the Archbishop to be aware of and see happening. If you have any ideas of what we can promote in our community, please send me an email hcparrish@adam.com.au.

Our visitation begins with Fr Philip Marshall celebrating our weekend Masses on the 9th/10th June. These will be followed by wine and nibbles after the Saturday night Mass and morning tea after the Sunday Mass. On Wednesday 13th June, the Archbishop will be visiting our community to see life in our parish. On Sunday 17th June the Archbishop will celebrate our Mass at 9.15am. This will be followed by a parish brunch after which there will be an opportunity for questions and answers with the Archbishop. Please add these dates to your diary. Further information will be provided closer to the dates.

Some photos of our Advent & Christmas Decorations



Our Parish Vision

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

Happy New Year.

It seems a long while ago that we celebrated Christmas and now we are only a couple of weeks away from the start of Lent commencing with Ash Wednesday on 14th February, which this year coincides with St. Valentine's Day. It seems a sharp contrast however there is something similar between Lent and St. Valentine's day. In lent we try to give more of ourselves to our God through fasting, charitable works and alms giving. St. Valentine was martyred for his faith.

Our candidate for RCIA continues on his journey and will be fully received into the church at the Easter Vigil Mass. I ask that you keep him in your prayers. We will be attended the Rite of Election at St. Patrick's church on Sunday 18th February and the Stational Mass on Thursday 15th March which will be at Morphett Vale parish. I ask that you pray for our candidate and the candidates and catechumens which are going through the RCIA program in our cluster.

Our Confirmation date for Hallett Cove this year is on Tuesday 29th May at 7.00pm. We will probably have about 25 students who will be confirmed and then receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. We start our preparation for these Sacraments, beginning of term 2. Please keep these children in your prayers.

In June we will have our Visitation from 9th June till the 17th June and we have started the process of how best to showcase Hallett Cove and when we have more details we will present to the Parish Pastoral Council. There is a small subcommittee which had a first meeting last week. The parish will be consulted once we have something concrete to inform the parishioners about.

Our Australia Day was a wonderful celebration of our great land and afterwards we shared coffee and lamingtons, which were a nice treat for us.

We have had interest in commencing Children's liturgy on a Saturday night and we will trial this on the 1st Saturday of each month. Please pray that we may have other people interested to join in this wonderful ministry.

The year has started well and we will continue to serve the Hallett Cove Catholic Community as pastorally as we can.

God bless

Clare Thewlis
Pastoral Associate
Hallett Cove Catholic Community

Pastoral Support Worker for Hallett Cove Catholic Community



Hi, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Sue Wigg and I am excited to be the new Pastoral Support worker for H/C. My family have been a part of the Hallett Cove Catholic community for over 20 years. Tony and I have lived in Albert Park, Naracoorte, Canberra, Hallett Cove, Dubai and Trott Park over the last 34 years. As well as being a parishioner in Hallett Cove I have also done various volunteer roles, been a busy parent of three St. Martin de Porres / Sacred Heart students, and an occasional relief worker in the parish office. My adult children have left home, our son to Melbourne and two daughters live in other parts of Adelaide.

I will be assisting Clare Thewlis, our Pastoral Associate, and will be starting in February.

Coming Events in our parish

Here are some of the things coming up in our parish this year.

Please come along and be involved:

- **Ash Wednesday:** Mass 12 noon
- **Anointing of the Sick Mass:** Wednesday 7th March 12 noon
- **Penitential Liturgy and Reconciliation:** Wednesday 14th March 7pm
- **Stational Mass at Morphett Vale:** Thursday 15th March, 7.30pm
 - 25th March: **Palm Sunday**
- **Easter Liturgies**—see back page for times
- 25th April—**ANZAC Day**—Mass 12 noon
 - Sunday 13th May—**Mother's Day**
 - Sunday 20th May—**Marian Procession**
 - Tuesday 29th May—**Confirmation ceremony**

Hallett Cove Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) 2018

Your Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is largely a lay-led group offering pastoral support and advice to our parish priest, Mons Ian. At the beginning of each year, an election of PPC office-bearers occurs during its first meeting (Tue 30 Jan 18). Please note this year's election results:

Chair **Deacon Tim Grauel** re-elected
Deputy Chair **Bernadette Kerr** elected
Secretary **Teresa Pascoe** elected

Mons Ian and other PPC members thanked **Claire Pinson** (immediate past Secretary) for her two years of service to the PPC; Claire has retired as a PPC member. **Kevin McHugh** (immediate past Deputy Chair) was also thanked for his recent PPC office-bearing; Kevin continues as a PPC member.

Other 2018 PPC members are:

Rae Campbell
Garry Pascoe
Peter Smith
Mons Ian Dempsey (Parish Priest); *ex officio*
Fr Peter Sheedy (Assistant Priest); *ex officio*
Clare Thewlis (Pastoral Associate); *ex officio*
Craig Fosdike (Principal, St Martin de Porres School); *ex officio*

Expressions of interest to serve on the PPC are welcomed: please contact Mons Ian, Fr Peter or Deacon Tim. Please continue to pray for your PPC members, who each strive to exercise an important ministry with diligence and sensitivity. Especially vital as we prepare to transition to a new parish priest (due to Mons Ian's retirement in September 2018).

International Missions Fund USED POSTAGE STAMPS FOR PERU MISSIONS

Your used stamps can be recycled to help the poor. The Sisters of Mary MacKillop International Missions are carrying out much-needed charity and educational work amongst Peru's poor and youth, giving them an opportunity for education and also to fund training for women to learn useful crafts so that they can earn income.

You can help them to continue this vital good work by collecting any used postage stamps (Australian and International), to be sold to raise funds.

It's simple! Just cut the stamp off, leaving a generous margin of envelope all around the stamp.

The stamps are sold in auctions in Sydney, as well as directly to collectors. The money is then sent to the Mary MacKillop International Missions in Sydney.

If you would like to save your used stamps and help this worthwhile cause, please drop them into the box on the bench in the church foyer at anytime and we will forward them on.

Thank You.

Find good readers for Mass

From Catholic News 1/2/18



Pope Francis yesterday said the Liturgy of the Word in Mass needs lectors who can proclaim the readings and the Responsorial Psalm well.

"We must look for good readers!" he said yesterday in off-the-cuff comments during the general audience in St Peter's Square. Good readers and psalmists understand what they are reading and can convey it well, he continued, explaining that they need to be prepared by reading over the text before Mass.

When someone reads well, not "distorting the words," this helps to create "a climate of receptive silence," he said, which is important, because "it is not enough to hear with the ears, without receiving in the heart the seed of the divine Word, allowing it to bear fruit."

On this note, Francis emphasised that it is also important that we are staying focused and listening to the readings with an open heart, not looking around at different things or making chit-chat. "When they read the words of the Bible – the first reading, the second, the responsorial psalm, the Gospel – we must listen and open our heart," he said. "Because it is God himself who speaks to us. Do not think about other things or talk about other things."

Other things which are not appropriate during the Liturgy of the Word are the substitution of a non-Biblical text, or omitting a reading, he said.

Liturgically, when the same readings are proclaimed in each church, it is a way of fostering "ecclesial communion," he said, and for this reason, it is wrong to make "subjective choices" in this case.

"Replacing that Word with other things impoverishes and compromises the dialogue between God and his people in prayer."



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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

Papps Family Group



Here is a photo of the Papps Family Group at our 2018 Planning BBQ. From the left clockwise, Veronica and Keith Moorman, Trevor Stephens, Terry and Glenys Fanning, Linda and Jeff Papps, Eileen Faulkner, Valerie Szabo, Mary Stephens, Kevin Faulkner and Alex Szabo.

Congratulations!



Brian James Spencer of Hallett Cove in SA has been made a Member of the Order of Australia for significant service to the community through the St Vincent de Paul Society in South Australia and to business.

Mr Spencer has fulfilled numerous roles with Vinnies including State President and has served on their Home Visitation Program, Fred's mobile food service and at the Homeless Men's Shelter. (St Vincent de Paul Society: National Councillor, since 2013. Chair, National Marketing Committee, current. State President, South Australia, since 2013. Vice President, 2009- 2013. State Councillor, since 2007.)

He said his Australia Day honour was "a bit of a surprise".

"As much as anything it's a recognition of what all of the Vincentian people do."

He said Vinnies is about "treating people as real people, and each person as somebody who's important and worth something."



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

The Vinnies Conference members wish to thank parishioners and the St Martin de Porres School community for your generous support for our Christmas Appeal and Giving Tree. This allowed us to provide gifts of food and toy hampers as well as gift vouchers to 24 families with 39 adults and 41 children. Thanks to your generosity we had a surplus of toys for our needs, so were able to provide the Noarlunga Conference with some for the 120 plus hampers they prepared. We also start the year with a good supply of food to meet requests for food assistance. This represents a significant contribution for which we are all very grateful.

Christmas card sales have continued to decline so we are reviewing whether we will have these available again. Our calendar sales are also down, however, we plan to stock the 2019 Columban calendars when they're available.

The Vinnies Conference has a break in January and resumes accepting calls for assistance in February. We assist individuals and families seeking emergency assistance in the form of food, clothing, shoes, household goods and furniture. In addition, the Vinnies can assist with budget and financial counselling which offer longer term benefits.

We are always keen to talk to potential new volunteers, especially if you would like to assist with fund raising or the administrative side of running the Conference. Please speak to one of our volunteers or contact Conference President Richard Hoskings on 0438 853 343.

Parish Secretary

I am now based in the Brighton parish office from Tuesday—Friday each week from 9am till 4pm. Please feel free to contact me on 82967292 or by email hcparish@adam.com.au

ST MARTIN DE PORRES CRAFT GROUP

We meet at the Church Foyer every Thursday afternoon from 1pm –3pm. All we ask is a \$2 donation toward our tea & coffee costs .

Come and join us any time

Community News

Articles, items of interest, special occasions etc. (subject to approval) are being accepted now for the next edition.

Deadline is Tuesday 26th April for availability on the weekend of the 5th/6th May, 2018



Knights of the Southern Cross

Welcome to 2018.

By now all members should have their copy of 'Year 2018 Calendar of Events'.

Items to note –

Our winter Wednesday meetings are to be held during the daytime for 2018, you should get a reminder in your weekly 'Parish Bulletin' the week prior to.

Our second Crazy Whist Night to be held in May 2018, add it to your calendar now and let your friends know now and lock them in.

Annual Branch Dinner where we accompany our wives and gather with our St Vinnies friends and Special Guest Clergy. Tonsley Hotel still looking good.

On behalf of your Branch Council, I wish to say thanks to your support for the past year, thanks for the support of your wives and friends when we have a function.

Jeff Papps, he takes the minutes of our General Meeting, Ross Bryant, visits members who can't get along to meetings and reports back, others set up the meeting room, help in the kitchen or collect bottles for our revenue. Run the 45 Club. Another special thank you to Mrs Pat Powell. We may only have had eight people along to our Christmas windup in 2016 year where Pat catered nicely at her Southern Cross living quarters on Morphet Road.

Well this year we had five times the number in 2017.

She catered, she purchased, she prepared. Thanks from all who were able to get along and share the afternoon.

Knights meet with other members at 'The Mens Shed' and after Mass. Each time we meet we add to each others health. Remember the endorphins that run through our body when we smile, when we say 'goodday.'

Ran into an old Knight recently, he was from the Riverland, LOXTON. If you have fruit trees in your back yard you would love to swap notes with this knowledgeable chap. He passed on a few tips to take note of. This may be a good topic for 'Paddys Corner' during the year. Start making notes now.

HOW DO YOU LOOK AFTER YOUR FRUIT TREES? THE DOES AND DONT'S OF PRUNING FRUIT TREES.

Our branch supported the Conferences of St Vincent de Paul in Glenelg, Brighton Marion and Hallett Cove to the tune of \$1326 in December for in the main Christmas Hampers.

\$100 to each of the four Conferences.....

PLUS.....\$150 to each towards Hampers.....

PLUS.. A further \$163 to Marion and \$163 Glenelg Conferences from our Crazy Whist Fun Night.

Good effort.

Please remember in our prayers the repose of the souls of two of our long standing members. Bro Frank Holland a 65 year member and bro Brian Gill a 22 year member.

Pat Hodgson Branch Chairman

PPC & PFC Christmas Gathering



On the Saturday before Christmas Joy Saba joined a combined churches choir to sing Christmas Carols at Westfield Marion. Apparently this is the 10th year the choir has been invited to perform. Several entertainers and groups perform Christmas carols and music near entrances to the shopping centre in the lead up to Christmas but this choir is one of a few invited to perform inside.



It was truly a privilege and a very humbling experience to be part of this ministry – bringing the the true meaning of Christmas to the minds and hearts of the community in a very gentle and humble way. People heard the carol singing and came to have a look, linger and sometimes to join in. We performed a 20 minute set of Christmas carols three times during the day. Channel 7 put vision on the evening news. Who knows how many hearts were touched by such a simple act of service. If you would like to join the combined choir next year look out for notices in the newsletter, or contact Joy Saba. I'm sure I will be doing it again this year!





Holy Week, Easter Services

EASTER CEREMONIES

Holy Thursday

Feast of the Lord's Supper: 7.30pm

Good Friday

Stations of the Cross: 10.00am

**Commemoration of the Lord's
Passion: 3.00pm**

Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil Mass: 7.30pm

Easter Sunday

Mass 9.15am

