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Community Newsletter

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From the Mons

Dear Parishioners

Following is a column I wrote for the Brighton Newsletter. I think it is a helpful reflection on the life of Mary. I wrote this on the Feast of the Visitation of Mary.

If we look at Mary's life in the context of the cultural situation of her time, she was a person who was not noticeable by worldly standards. She was a female in a world ruled by men, she was young in a world that valued age, she was poor in a world that saw poverty as God's curse, she was a peasant from a remote country town. Yet the liturgy of today calls her "the greatest of our race". Mary tells Elizabeth "I am the servant of the Lord", and she said "Let it be done unto me according to your word". Mary's response to the request that she be the mother of the Son of God makes her a perfect disciple, a model for all disciples, women and men. Mary is a model for us. Like us, she did not come from a background of prominence, but is the "greatest of our race". From our "ordinary" background we are also called by God to follow his plan for us. Pope Francis reminds us that we are all missionaries who are called to use our own individual gifts, as Mary did, for pastoral ministry, to proclaim the Gospel, to spread the Good News. Mons



Volunteers Brunch

Sunday 25th June was our Volunteers Brunch. Thank you to the PPC for organising this function and especially Tim for all your hard work. We had a different format and time. We would love to hear your feedback about the brunch. We may do a similar thing for the Archbishop's Visitation in November.



Our Parish Vision

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

My Story—Sr Kanistal

In the last part of My Story, I talked about my formation as a Sister and how I took my first vows on 3rd June, 2000.

Then, for two years, I was in charge of the formation of our new students. In the third year, the congregation asked me to do further study, so I moved to a different state to do my Degree for three years. At the end of the third year, My Mother Superior asked me to go to Australia for mission work. I used to love hearing from the people who were missionaries and I always want to do Mission work. Therefore, when I got this call, at first, I found it hard to agree because Australia was so far from my country, but three months later, I built up the courage to say I was happy to go.

In June 2005, I finished my Bachelor of Economics and started preparing to take my final vows (Perpetual Vows). That meant I was happy to give my whole life to serve God. On the 20th August, I took my Final Vows and on 29th August 2005, I left my own Country, India, to come to Australia at the age of 27.

Since 31st August 2005, I have been in Australia. For me, it was a new culture, new people, different food, different circumstances, and a different experience of people of a variety of faiths. The first year I had very hard time understanding the language. I know it's English, but when people used different accents and Aussie slang, I had a very hard time understanding.

In February 2006, I started my Uni studies in Theology for four years. I must confess that I don't like Theology, but guess that when I came here they said I needed to study in order to prepare for work in parishes. It was not easy to accept, but there was no other way I could stay here to work. So, by God's grace I did finish my studies and I graduated at Adelaide Divinity College in 2010. During this period, I was working full time in the Retreat House at the Monastery, Glen Osmond.

Once I finished this study, I asked my sisters if it was ok for me to take a course in Early Childhood. The original plan was to start an Early Learning Centre so with my Sisters' permission I started Certificate III at the Elizabeth TAPE campus as a part time student and I finished in 2011. Then I continued to do a Diploma in Early Childhood from 2012 to 2014, but for a variety of reasons I haven't completed the course. During this time, I was asked to go and work at CBC School as a Chaplain one day a week. I have enjoyed working at CBC since April 2007. The following year I was two days a week and the third year they have asked me to work three days a week, which I have continued until now.

At the end of 2014 I was asked to go to Rome for 6 Months to improve my Italian as well as to attend the General Chapter which was held in March 2015. While I was there I came to know about the advertisement for the

Job at Hallett Cove as Pastoral Associate. I attended the interview via Skype from Rome. After two days, I received news with joy that I got the position in Hallett Cove. On July 8, I started to work as a Pastoral Associate.



In-between these activities there were many crosses happening in my life, but I always tried to put things in perspective and never ever did I forget that God was at the centre of my life. Whenever I experience crosses in my life, I ask God to give me the courage and strength to accept and to bear each cross.

In April this year, I received a call from Mother General asking me to go as a Missionary to Canada! Again, I found the courage to say, "yes, I am happy to go and work in Canada". So, as you all know that If everything works out, I will be leaving for Canada in the middle of August. Once again, a new culture, new people, different food, different circumstances, and different faiths. Also, this is first time I am going a place where I don't know anyone. We have seven or eight sisters currently working in Canada and I am looking forward to meeting the sisters. They have contacted me and told me that in pastoral work, Catechism, assistance to the sick, working with women and day care with children in the Archdiocese of Toronto. I have been looking where at maps to see where there are. It will be interesting and challenging for me and for my mission. Again, I am asking God to take care of me.

More than that I would like to say a big thank you to all of you and the people in my life who I have met over the last 12 Years in this part of the world. I have learned lot of things through School with the children from R to 12 and the Parish and through people I met along the way over the last 12 years. From the bottom of my heart I really say thanks to all of you for your friendship and for all you have done. Love to you all. This is my first Parish to work in, but I have had very good experience of love and care from you all as you accepted me as one of your parish community.

Please keep me in your prayers and I will keep you all in my prayers.

A new part of my life is about to start at the age of forty.

God bless you,

Sr Kanistal Soosai CP

Pastoral Associate

Update from the Parish Social Committee

Committee Update

We would like to thank Joy Saba for her efforts on the Committee over the last few years. Joy has been instrumental in planning many of the events in the past. Joy has decided to step down this year to concentrate on other activities in the Parish.

We warmly welcome two new members, Heather Byrth and Hiacynta Romanska. We are grateful for their time and commitment to date.

If you would like to join the Committee please reach out to one of our Committee members – we'd love to hear from you!

Events

Parish Morning Teas

We are thrilled with the attendance of the Parish morning teas which are held on the first Sunday of the month. It demonstrates that this is a successful way of connecting with each other. We believe that this compliments the cheese and wine nights organised by Pat McKenna for Saturday night parishioners.

Mother's Day Raffle

Thank you to all who supported the Mother's Day Raffle. The lucky winner was Michael Anderson. The raffle raised \$200. Proceeds going to the church. A big thank you to Hallett Cove Chemplus and National Pharmacies Hallett Cove who donated the prizes.

Mother's Day Flowers

The Social Committee donated flowers for ladies who attended Saturday and Sunday Masses to celebrate Mother's Day. We hope the flowers and special messages we enjoyed. The left over flowers were kindly taken by Rae Campbell and donated to a local nursing home.

Parish Lunch

We had a good turnout for the Parish lunch at The Cove Tavern on Sunday, 21 May. A delicious two course meal was served with 36 Parishioners in attendance. A lively group with great conversation and lots of laughs. Thank you to all who came along.

Coming Up

We are aiming to hold a "winter warmers" raffle in the not too distant future. Stay tuned for more details.

Next Parish Lunch

The next Parish lunch will be on Sunday 5 November. We have had suggestions to book a child friendly venue that has entertainment /play equipment to include families in our Parish. We realise the importance of connecting with *everyone* in our parish, so hope that you will support the next event.

Suggestion Box

A reminder that we have a suggestion box located in the foyer of the Church. Please don't hesitate to use this as a way of providing your suggestions or feedback for the Committee.

With thanks

The Parish Social Committee

Rima Haddad,
Mike McPeake,
Rae Campbell,
Heather Byrth,
Hiacynta Romanska,
Helen Telford &
Maree Friday



Car Park Coffee @ St Martin de Porres

Did you ever notice how many families come and go through the church car park as they drop off their children to attend the parish primary school? Early one morning, while stopping by the church for an errand, I was struck by the number of families coming and going before the start of school (7:45 – 9:15 am). *The car park isn't this busy during our weekend Mass times. Only a few faces look familiar. Who are these families, what's their story?*

Pope Francis has been encouraging all of us to go out, to draw near the families living in our midst. He challenges us by asking whether the parish 'really is in contact with the homes and the lives of its people', or whether it's becoming 'a useless structure out of touch with people or a self-absorbed group made up of a chosen few' (*The Joy of the Gospel*, par 28). *Do I think of my parish, a geographic area encompassing several southern suburbs in Adelaide, merely in terms of the weekend worshipping community familiar to me?*

Our parish church has a primary school located within its grounds: what's happening for these families and their children (not to mention their school teachers and staff)—are they not a vital part of the parish too? How are we reaching out to those who, for whatever reason, may not be in regular contact with our weekend Mass communities? *These families are walking within metres of the church, right past the main entrance—many with little real connection to the church.*

Why not provide free take-away coffee, tea, cold water, homemade slice and some fruit to the families filing past the church? Nothing elaborate, just the simple offer of a warm 'Good morning!' and an invitation to share a quick cuppa, maybe a chat. Nothing else to offer or to promote, just an unadorned welcome. *But what if no one stops by? Most mums and dads would be complete strangers to me, and I to them. I don't want to look stupid—yet the desire to reach out is compelling.*



I recruit the parish secretary to assist me for my first attempt to engage with these families (best to have a mix of male and female on hand). It's before 8:00 am and the car park is starting to fill. The urns are ready, and a table holds an array of coffee bags, teas and take-away cups—just like at the shops. Set up takes 10-15 minutes. We're blessed with a lovely morning. *I feel like I'm at a polling station during an election, except I don't have 'how to vote cards' (or sausages) to give out.*

Clearly the children are awake that something's different: perhaps it's the last minute inclusion of balloons taped to our modest tables. It's early morning, and weary bunches of parents, students and toddlers stream by. *People are tentative and quizzical, yet some push past the oddness to accept our offer. 'What's this for?' is oft-repeated, followed by 'What a kind and generous thing to do!'*



Slowly, real people with vivid stories emerge:

- Those who once had a lively connection with the worshipping community.
- People curious about the church. After grabbing their cuppa and slice, a few parents quietly wander towards the open church door behind our tables: without stepping inside, they crane their necks through the doorway to have a quick look.
- RCIA alumni who haven't found a way to regularly journey with the worshipping community.
- Grandparents who carpool and/or cover the school run for busy parents.
- Those with questions and concerns about life.
- Parents too busy to stop—but say 'g'day' nevertheless as they zoom by.

A good start, better than expected. We repeat this exercise fortnightly with various helpers: our pastoral associate and a youth worker assigned to our cluster of parishes, who come along when they're available. The Parish Pastoral Council has committed to a three-month trial. *Now there are families asking where we were last week. Someone from the school administration office offers to promote our next event to the entire school community. A busy dad waves and says, 'Remember me, I spoke to you last time you were here!'*

If you'd like to offer to assist with this trial outreach initiative, please contact Deacon Tim Grauel on 0437 622 262. Thus far, there's no roster for when this event is held—it depends on Tim's discretionary time away from his full-time position with the Diocesan Centre (as well as the weather forecast!)



Weekend Mass Preparation

Think about it....

Have you thought about how much work goes into celebrating our Weekend liturgies?
Many parishioners put much time, effort and expertise into all these preparations

We need

- A church that is clean and maintained and air conditioned and physically prepared for the Mass
- A priest who has prepared a homily and is prepared for the Masses he is about to celebrate
 - Clean & tidy vestments for the priest to wear
- Liturgical themes and decorations including flowers on the altar
- Musicians, who have learnt and practiced hymns and have chosen hymns to suit the theme of the Mass
 - A slideshow with/without music
- A computer and sound system maintained and up to date
 - Lectionary, sacramentary, ritual books to follow
- Chalices, patters and other church vessels – cleaned and safe
 - Altar breads and wines
- People to open up and close up after Masses
- Sacristans to set up the church for Masses, baptisms, funerals etc
 - Welcomers for Masses and sacraments
- Mass ministers – altar servers, readers, commentators, children's Liturgy, Ministers of communion
 - Someone to take up the Offertory
 - Crosses for Ministers
- Rosters need to be prepared for Ministers along with Police clearances
 - Collectors and counters, banking preparation
- Commentary sheets and Prayers of the Faithful
 - Weekly bulletins
- People to prepare families for sacraments
- Someone to record all sacraments etc according to church requirements
 - Morning tea supplies
- Parishioners to attend Mass and be part of our community

For our Mass to happen each week there are a lot of people who give generously of their time and talents.

Perhaps today we might pause and give a prayer of thanks for all those who serve us in our parish.



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

The Vinnies Conference members wish to thank parishioners for their great support with the Peoples Choice Community Lottery. Most of the tickets have now been distributed and we've had a good response with returning the completed lottery books and money.

Sadly, our Winter Appeal this year has not gone quite so well and we seem to be down on your support. For those who have contributed, we thank you sincerely, for those who may have overlooked it, you still have time to make your donation.

Not only do the Vinnies care for those in need within Australia, but we also have our International programs, with the St Vincent de Paul Society in Australia partnered with countries in the Asia-Pacific Region. One of the programs is called Assist a Student - an education program allowing supporters to make a \$70 tax-deductible donation to support a student in a country such as India, Philippines, Indonesia, Thailand, or Myanmar. One of the great features of Assist a Student is that every cent you donate goes to the student to support their education. All administration costs to run the program are kept to a minimum and are absorbed by the Society in Australia and overseas.

Here in Australia we take our education for granted but overseas it's not that easy - Assist a Student support can make the difference to whether a child attends school or not. It provides support for a year to students at primary, secondary and post-secondary levels for their education needs, including course fees, uniforms, and books. It is widely acknowledged that education is one of the most effective ways to overcome the cycle of poverty and by supporting this program you can become part of that pathway out of poverty.

Assist a Student brochures are available on the table near the bookshop and at the bookshop if you are interested in supporting a student. Speak to Conference President Richard Hoskings for further information (mobile 0438 853 343).



ST MARTIN DE PORRES CRAFT GROUP

Although we have not had a stall of late, we are still going strong with both our own, and our charity, projects. We have knitted and sent blankets, scarves, beanies to the Morphett Street Men's Shelter, plus knitted toys, baby blankets, beanie and glove sets to Flinders Medical Centre where these items are sold to raise money for research. FMC is highly regarded for their innovative research and is considered a very worthwhile recipient for our craft volunteer's goods as well as the Men's Shelter.

We still meet at the Church Foyer every Thursday morning – 10.30 to around 1pm. All we ask is a \$2 donation toward our tea & coffee costs.

Come and join us any time

Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea

A huge thank you to the St Martin de Porres Catholic Community for supporting the **Cancer Council's Australia's Biggest Morning Tea** on Monday 5th June.

Thank you for all the delicious donations from the Staff, Parish and School families and a special thank you to the Year 5 Leaders who did a great job encouraging attendance by waving balloons and spruiking in the car-park.

We raised \$392.50 which has been donated on behalf of the SMdPS Catholic Community.



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.

In 2016 \$62,000 was raised.

From 2001 up to the present, the total is almost \$186,000.

As the Australian dollar is worth four times in Peru what it is worth in Australia, much can be achieved.

All this is done on a volunteer basis, with no overhead costs, which means every dollar raised can be sent to where it is most needed.

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 any time and we will forward them on. Thank You.

Click to Pray

The Apostleship of Prayer (Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network) continues to bring innovation into the Church for a new generation. Now [Click To Pray](#) (both on the web and mobile app) invites men and women throughout the world to join in prayer for the intentions of Pope Francis to address the challenges facing humanity.

Click To Pray presents something different each of the 365 days of the year. You can join millions around the world from different cultures and languages in praying for the universal challenges confronting humanity. "Click To Pray invites men and women around the world to accompany Pope Francis in a new digital way, with the hope that the continents unite in prayer for the great challenges of the world and the mission of the Church as expressed in the Pope's intentions," said Fr. Frédéric Fornos, SJ, International Director of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer).

Click to Pray sends users notifications on the World Day of Prayer (first Friday of each month) and proposes a rhythm of prayer three times a day: morning, daytime, and evening. With this release, Pope Francis seeks to promote the spirit of dialogue and interaction, so that each user of Click To Pray can join thousands of people praying for his and their own intentions.

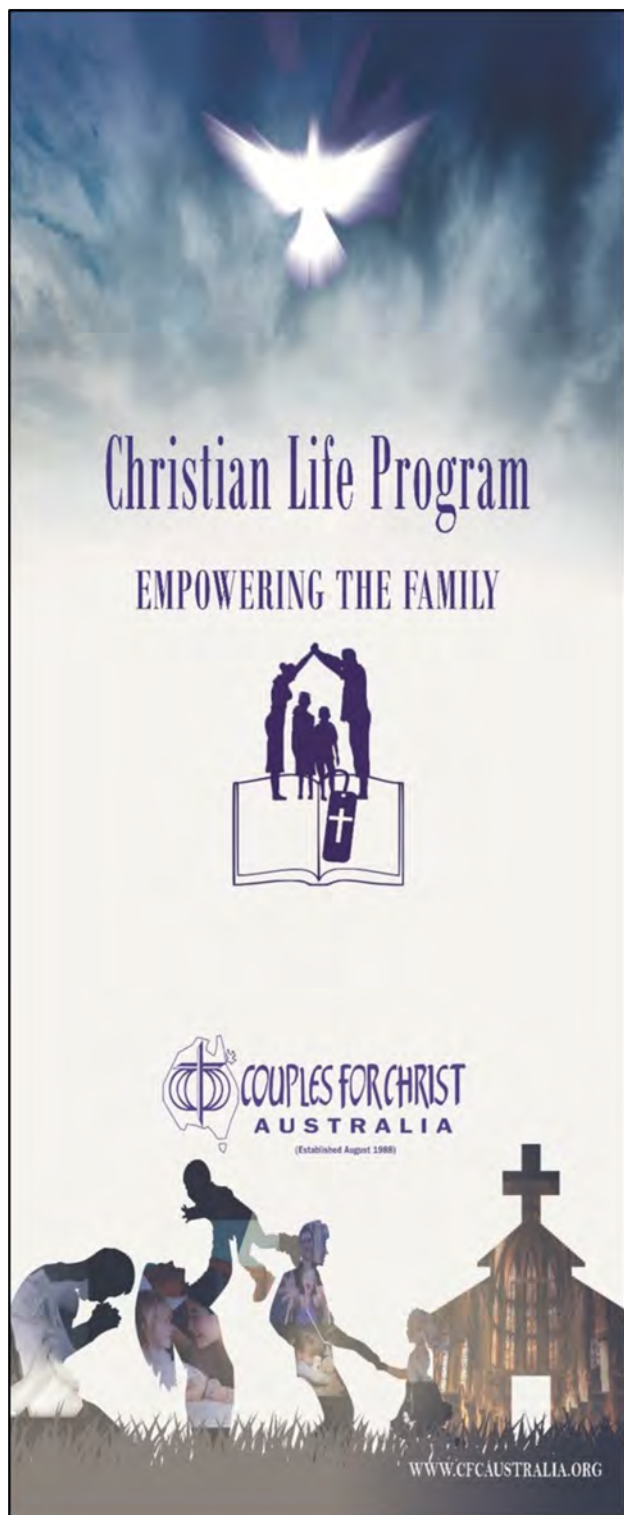
More than 35 million people make up the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network which has national offices around the world to help people everywhere to make a global impact such as the Click to Pray app enables.

About Click to Pray

The motto of the Click To Pray app is "Together, we make each day different." The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer) launched the app globally in March 2016 in English, Spanish, Portuguese and French. Click To Pray encourages users to pray every day for the challenges facing humanity and the mission of the Church, as expressed by the Pope in his monthly prayer intentions. The app reminds users of the World Day of Prayer (first Friday of each month) and proposes a rhythm of prayer three times a day: with Jesus in the morning, during the day, and at night. For more information: <http://www.clicktopray.org>.

About the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer)

The Apostleship of Prayer is the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network which seeks to address the challenges facing humanity and support the mission of the Church, as proposed by the Holy Father in his monthly intentions. The vision of the network is to be apostles in daily life through a spiritual path called "The Way of the Heart," which transforms our way of serving Christ's mission. The Apostleship of Prayer was founded in 1844, is present in over 100 countries, and is made up of over 35 million people, including its youth branch, the Eucharistic Youth Movement. For more information: <http://www.apmej.org>.



We cordially invite you to a series of inspiring talks about living in the Christian faith.

9 Sundays starting
13 August 2017 to
15 October 2017
1:30pm – 4:30pm

St Martin De Porres Parish
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1 Berrima Road, Sheidow Park, SA

This is **FREE** for everyone seeking happiness and a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ.

With Kids Activity and afternoon tea.

Come with your family and friends.

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Community News

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

Deadline is Tuesday 3rd October for availability on the weekend of the 7th/8th October, 2017



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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



'The Knights of the Southern Cross' Brighton Marion Hallett Cove & Glenelg

What's been happening lately at your mens Knights of the Southern Cross group? This group of Catholic men gather once a month. They openly discuss various topics via 'Paddys Corner', General business, or a prepared 'Formation Programme' on our Faith. We put into practice our 'Objects of the Order' or at least attempt to, where practical.

We congratulate Mons Rob Egar on his appointment as the new Knights State Chaplain. Let's all catch up with him at our dinner coming up in July.

Anniversaries We congratulate Bro Anthony Pollard on his celebration of 55 years of Knights membership this May, together with John Milnes 53 years. In June, Kevin Kennedy will amass 35 years and Alan Dwyer 21 years. There is history there.

Our Branch Dinner is this side of the horizon and well in our focus. Thursday 13th July at the Tonsley Hotel is where we gather and it is with the support of members from our local St Vinnies of Glenelg and Hallett Cove plus a table of parishioners from Hallett Cove that make the evening the joy we have been experiencing over the past years.

Bro Peter Kay and Bro Graham Gurry, backed by Bro Tony Schar and Bro Peter Murphy pull this evening together. If you are a parishioner of our local parishes and would like to attend just contact any of your Knights or myself. All telephone calls lead towards us via direct calling or via Catherine at the State Office.

If you were one of the forty people who came along to our last Branch Mixed Meeting. That was the one with the Guest Speaker Peter Salerno. I am putting in an order for a further six of his books. Have you tried any of his tricks as yet? If not how about **'how to deep breath, run the tips of your fingers of one hand down the palm of the other, clap your hands.** Yes, amid the talk of Peter's background, his tough schooling etc, he left us with many basic thoughts on *our health, how to enhance* it and ways to help others. Others like, **Smile, say Gooday.** When we say Gooday to ten people, ten people say Gooday back to us. This is *a healing practice.* Remember the story of the kids in the hospital when he, the clown, visited them, *a healing practice.*

Upcoming events:

Annual Branch Dinner Thursday 13th July 2017 Tonsley Hotel.

Caritas have put out a thank you to our members who supported them in delivering Project Compassion.

ACCU Lottery tickets We have a stock of these booklets available. Remember, all you have to do is to contact Tony Schar, he will fill in the tickets for you and at the same time relieve you of \$20. You are then well on your way to a chance, slim as it may sound, but a chance of winning one of 131 prizes, maybe a NEW CAR!!!!

Our portion of the revenue is channelled out to charity. You may recall a chap of recent times, **Bro Jim Hogan.** Jim interviewed some of our elder members and wrote their story into Knightlife. Well, he is moving to Melbourne to be with his supportive family network. All the best Jim and Trixie. The door is always open to you both.

Pat Hodgson Chairman

Rima's Luncheon

Sunday 22nd October, 2017

1pm in the Hallett Cove Civic Centre
In support of a Southern Area Women's Domestic Violence Shelter

Cost: Gold Coin entry to cover the cost of hiring the venue Plus a shoebox filled with items of toiletries for Women and Children.

In special need are items for children (especially up to Christmas time) eg: small toys and activities, pyjamas etc.

For bookings or more information contact Rima Haddad on 0401 006 459 or Julie at the Trott Park Neighbourhood Centre on 8387 2074



Coming Events in our parish

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

Please come along and be involved:

- Saturday 15th July— Wine & Cheese after Mass
- Sunday 30th July—Farewell for Sr Kanistal Shared Morning tea after Mass
- Sun 6th August—Shared Morning Tea after Mass
- Sat 26th August—Wine & Cheese after Mass
- Sun 3rd Sept—Shared Morning Tea after Mass
- Thurs 14th Sept - First Reconciliation ceremony
- Sat 23rd September -Wine & Cheese after Mass
- Sun 8th October - Shared Morning Tea after Mass
- Sat 14th October -Wine & Cheese after Mass
- Sun 5th Nov—Shared Morning Tea after Mass
- Sun 5th November—Parish Lunch
- Sat 18th Nov—Wine & Cheese after Mass
- Sun 19th November - Archbishop Visitation
- Tues 21st November - Archbishop Visitation
- Sun 26th November - Archbishop Visitation Brunch after Mass
- 2nd/3rd December 1st Sunday of Advent – Blessing of the Cribs
- 2nd/3rd December Christmas Trading Tables
- Wed 6th December - Anointing Mass 12 noon
- Fri 8th December -Community Christmas Carols
- Thurs 14th December - Penitential Liturgy 7pm
- Sun 17th Dec -Shared Morning Tea after Mass
- Monday 25th December -Merry Christmas