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Community Newsletter

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The past few months have been very busy ones for our Parish, with many events and activities happening. Have a look at some of our photos in this newsletter.

JESUS is
the Reason
for the
Season.

In this very busy time leading up to Christmas, take some time out to pray and reflect on the real meaning of Christmas.

On the last page of this newsletter you will find the times of

Masses for Christmas and the Penitential liturgy. All welcome.

Mons Ian Dempsey

Advent is upon us and we begin the new liturgical year. In our daily joys, struggles, Pope Francis continually reminds us of the Joy of the Gospel. It is important to remember in our turbulent world Jesus' encouragement to all He met, especially the marginalised and outcasts, of the peace and joy which comes from the Gospel. As usual we finish the year on a high with the end of year school



Masses and graduations. There are a number of celebrations of thanks to all who have supported the parish in so many ways. I thank each and every one of you for your continued presence and loyalty as each of you in your own way contribute to parish life.

I am mindful of the contribution of the school to our parish life and the dedication of the wonderful teachers and staff.

Many thanks to you all for your contribution to another active, interesting and pastorally caring year.

Mons Ian

Fr Peter

celebrated his 70th Birthday on the 1st of November, with a party in the school hall.

Thank you to everyone who donated money for his gift. We gave him a cheque for \$325 to go towards his holiday travels.

Thank you also to all who brought a plate and shared in his celebration. He certainly looked like he had a good time.



The **Parish Finance Committee** wish to pass on their thanks to the Fun and Fundraising Team for their efforts at community building and raising much needed funds for our parish this year. Your work is muchly appreciated. Our thanks also to the craft group, which has brought many people to our church regularly (not all Catholics either) and made them part of our community whilst raising funds for the parish.

Community News

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

Deadline is Sunday 22nd February, for availability on the weekend of the 1st March, 2015

Our Parish Vision

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

Anne Ryan—Pastoral Associate

I have just returned from a months break overseas and I was pleased to see that while I was away the Parish had a very successful time socially

as well as financially. The Quiz Night was a great success, making just under \$2,000 each for the Parish and the school. It has always been a wish of mine that we come together more often as school and parish for combined events and it was great to see both the school committee and our fund raising committee working so well together. I am hoping we can make this an annual event. The Bunnings BBQ was another wonderful fund raiser, again making almost \$2,000 for our parish, and a wonderful opportunity for people to work as a team. Thank you again for all those who helped in any way.

It was great to have our Volunteers BBQ on 23rd November to thank all our volunteers who work tirelessly for the Parish in so many ways. I would like to thank Pat and Pete McKenna and our Pastoral Council who helped to organise and run the day and a special thank you to Bruce Selth who helped to cook our BBQ.

I would like to thank Maria Eerden, (Pat's mum) who helped to make all those wonderful salads. The choice was amazing. I hope all those that came enjoyed the day and realised how valued they are to our community.

I know it is always good to go away to appreciate what a wonderful country we live in and just how blessed we are. I hope we can keep that in mind as we

approach Christmas and reach out to those who are less fortunate than ourselves. Vinnies have put tags on our Christmas tree for people to take and buy a gift to help with their food and gift parcels that will be distributed before Christmas.

I had many high lights while I was away, and to single out a few is hard, but I loved the opportunity to sit in a boat in the Sea of Galilee and pray in the silence for several minutes before continuing our journey. To have Mass at many of the Holy Places including the Tomb of

the Resurrection and the Rock of Calvary at 6am before the crowds would arrive in the Holy Sepulchre. To join in a Maronite Mass in Jerusalem with our tour guide with a congregation that

spoke different languages but all joining in together for the final hymn the "Ave Maria" which we all knew and there wasn't a dry eye in this little church as we lifted the roof off. It proved what a universal church we are. I visited many churches and I lit many candles as I prayed for you all while I was away.

I wish you a wonderful happy and holy Christmas for you and your family

God bless
Anne Ryan



Multi Cultural Lunch

As we went to print for our last Parish News Letter, we held a Multi Cultural Lunch on 31st August in the School Hall. We may have been small in number, but those that came enjoyed a wonderful afternoon of great food, drink and entertainment.

The food was amazing as we tried different tastes from the many foods from all around the world and many were asking for different the recipes. It was wonderful to see those who had gone to the trouble of dressing up for the occasion. They certainly added colour to our day. For entertainment people got to know each other better by doing a "get to know you" Bingo, where people had to find a person that could say yes to a question they had on their sheet. We did other quizzes, and some showed off of their play dough skills in another "guess what this is" game. The children were kept busy with other games and we were treated with some Australian songs and the playing of the didgeridoo by John Duncan. It was a great day to get together and celebrate the different lands of our birth. We hope more can join us next year.

Anne



Bus Day Trip to Angaston

On Tuesday 28th October, our 57 seat coach left Hallett Cove for a wonderful day to Angaston. We had to get a few outsiders to fill the coach, fortunately after a little persuasion our friends from the parish made the effort worthwhile. For morning tea, we stopped at St Kilda (we carried our own), then drove to Wolf Blass' Winery for tasting or buying near Nuriootpa. We rang ahead to our hotel in Angaston with our meal orders, so the service there was fantastic. Everyone enjoyed their meals. Our next stop Tanunda, where we had an hour to browse the main street, and especially Wohlers Emporium—what a great experience. The whole shop was unusual and like a world of it's own. Unfortunately we caught the heavy traffic on the way home, arriving a little later than planned. However all things considered everyone had a great day.

Thank you to David & Mary Schutze for organising our bus trip.
Great Job



An Update from the Parish Pastoral Council

Your Parish Pastoral Council (in communion with our pastor, Mons Ian Dempsey) strives to provide wise oversight of the parish. Besides 'week to week' pastoral concerns, it's imperative that your Council prayerfully participates in high-level planning for the future of the parish itself.

Our parish flourishes amidst a general environment of disengaged families and young people; serious finance and property questions; new possibilities for addressing pressing questions of faith; fresh methods of ministerial formation and ongoing faith development; changing parish structures and boundaries; ageing parishioners; priests nearing retirement; re-imagined ways of caring for people of all ages and backgrounds—going beyond "comfort zones to reach the 'peripheries' in need of the light of the Gospel" (Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*).

Discerning the Path

With this in mind, Archbishop Philip Wilson recently promoted a diocesan-wide consultation, *'Discerning the Path: Pastoral Renewal in the Archdiocese of Adelaide'*. The Archbishop asked Fr David Couturier OFM, Cap to assist the diocese with this consultation because Fr Couturier has been credited with successful parish planning interventions in Boston and New York USA.

After meeting with clergy, religious and a variety of groups, agencies, schools and committees throughout the diocese, Fr Couturier met in September 2014 with parish pastoral and finance leadership teams to seek their input. Hallett Cove was well represented. The general consensus was that the consultation experience was encouraging: plenty of healthy benefits, as well as challenges, were identified.

A follow-up forum to consider recommendations arising from Fr Couturier's consultation, *'Pastoral Renewal in the Archdiocese of Adelaide'*, was held in November 2014. Once again, parish pastoral and finance leadership teams were invited to provide feedback; Hallett Cove representatives were again in attendance. Feedback was robust and reflective, within an overall tenor of support for diocesan renewal.

Someone commented recently that our times are characterised by three things: a sense of urgency, the feeling that high stakes are involved, and the experience of uncertainty. The challenge facing all of us is to graciously (courageously!) welcome this 'new normal': a triple sense of urgency, high stakes and uncertainty. We can only do so constructively if we remain mindful that our Lord unfailingly accompanies us.

Pastoral Planning for New Directions

In the face of this 'new normal' for the Church, what does 'pastoral planning' mean? It means strategic thinking: an ordered process of reflection and decision-making (always imploring the guidance of the Spirit), which helps communities understand and remain true to their mission. It means assigning and apportioning roles properly, and allocating resources judiciously—all in ways that stay true to the fundamental mission of the Church.

The following are high-level recommendations (in order of priority), which were put to priests, deacons, religious and parish pastoral/finance councils by Fr Couturier:

Pastoral Plan: especially developed for the diocese (this was an overarching recommendation—each of the following recommendations simply build on this initial step)

Building Communion: especially between the Archbishop and his priests and deacons

Clergy Care: particularly in light of impending retirements of priest and deacons, servicing existing parishes within the diocese may become more burdensome

Vocations Promotion: exploring creative means to promote ministerial vocations

Theological Formation: establishing ongoing means of providing essential theological formation for all within the diocese (i.e. from priests to laity)



Most recently, the Parish Pastoral Council also evaluated a *'Strategic Planning Review 2015-17'*, conducted by your Parish Finance Council. This Review considered options for the financial viability of the Parish over the next three years, with the aim of maintaining an appropriate level of pastoral and sacramental activities.

A Crucial Year Ahead!

What does all of the above mean? It means that 2015 will be a crucial year in terms of pastoral planning—for the Adelaide diocese and for the Hallett Cove Catholic Community. May we each prayerfully share these challenges and opportunities for renewal with our Lord!

Would you like to make a specific contribution to the *'New Directions'* renewal process? Please feel free to contact the parish office via email: hcp parish@adam.com.au or speak to a Parish Pastoral Council member directly. Your Council will keep you informed of further developments!

Merry
Christmas

The Environmental Pride of Australia

Rae Campbell believes that dreams are sent by God to show us what we can achieve with persistence and hard work. She began to rescue animals from the age of three, while living in the Adelaide hills, and at the age of twelve completed a project on koalas, which began a lifelong quest to learn and better the life of these iconic creatures. In 1962 she married Warren Campbell, and together they



raised six children, plus they fostered several others along the way, all of whom were raised around possums, kangaroos, native birds and various pets. Rae was a staunch worker for the church and for the children's schools wherever they lived, from the little town of Wilmington where they were foremost in starting the local caravan park and helped begin the town's popular Rodeo, to Rae teaching at St Joseph's church at Kingswood, Queen of Angels Church at Torrensville and finally they settled in Trott Park, where they became part of the local church community, even before the St. Martin de Porres Parish church was built.

Although many animals and birds passed through the Campbell household, koalas were the pinnacle of Rae's rescue ambitions, and when she was appointed as the first Koala Co-ordinator for Fauna Rescue of South Australia, she threw herself into the task, training others and continually rescuing and nursing koalas herself. Rae and Warren saw that this state needed a hospital to treat koalas that could be rehabilitated and released, and Rae was determined that the youth of today who will be the carers of tomorrow, should be educated in the needs and husbandry of koalas and other conic wildlife. Together the Campbells dreamed and planned a future facility for the purpose of treatment, education and research into the dreadful diseases which wipe out our koala population.

They travelled up the East Coast of Australia to visit Rescue Facilities and the vets and volunteer co-ordinators, noting how things were done, as Rae said that there was no purpose in re-inventing the wheel. On returning to Adelaide they did their sums and thought of selling their home to set a hospital up, but then God intervened and Warren lost his six year battle with cancer. Although devastated by her loss, Rae continued to look after her precious koalas, nursing them back to health and release, despite suffering severe health problems requiring surgery herself.

Dr Phil Hutt, Rae's vet and a like minded wildlife lover decided to come on this wonderful journey, and together they founded the Adelaide Koala & Wildlife Hospital, the first of its kind in this state, centrally situated at 282 Anzac Highway, Plympton. It is a not for profit charitable facility, with no Government funding, and since being officially opened by the Governor of S A on February 17th, this volunteer driven hospital has treated in excess of 500 patients, with many success stories to its credit. The hospital has a brilliant Education Centre and has programs for children of all ages, carers and vet students, as well as members of the public, young and old alike.

They are also participating in research into koala diseases, with the Adelaide University's Veterinary School, situated at Roseworthy. Many of the University's students are now able to have hands on experience thanks to the hospital. Rae still goes out on Educational talks and works tirelessly daily, on a voluntary basis to raise funds to run the hospital.

There is no doubt that this lady has packed much into her seventy years, and there is no doubt either, that she will continue her busy life packed with valuable gifts to the community until she is taken to her assured place in Heaven.

Although her life is spent doing deeds for our precious wildlife, and not for any rewards, Rae Campbell is certainly deserving of the recently bestowed honour as The Environmental Pride of Australia recipient for this state and has now been selected to participate in the National awards which Channel 10 will show on December 11th.

We congratulate Rae on her award and wish her well for the Pride of Australia awards.

St Vincent de Paul Conference Hallett Cove

As the recently elected President of our parish's Vinnies Conference I wish to acknowledge the good work of my predecessor, Margaret Wade, who is



currently having a well deserved break from the Society after having been a committed member since we formed over 20 years ago. I extend a heartfelt thank you to Margaret.

I wish to also acknowledge the six new Conference members who have joined in the past few months in response to our call for new volunteers. I am sure that with their support, combined with that of the continuing "old hands", we have a strong Conference which will be able to continue our good works in the local area.

Of course we could not do this without the ongoing support of you, our fellow parishioners, to whom I say a big thank you. On behalf of our Conference, I wish everyone a joyful Christmas.

Richard Hoskings
Conference President

Empty can and bottle collection continues by the Knights of the Southern Cross. Much of the proceeds go to St Vincent de Paul Conferences of Glenelg, Brighton, Marion and Hallett Cove. Hutt St Centre, Mary Potter Hospice and many more receive our/your support.

Your collectors are:
Kevin Kennedy – Ph 8294 4142 Somerton
Peter Murphy – Ph 8295 3871 Glenelg
Pat Hodgson – Ph 8298 2059 Brighton
Tony Schar – Ph 8322 0566 Hallett Cove
Thanks for your support and Happy Christmas and New Year to all.

Regards Pat Hodgson Chairman.
Knights of the Southern Cross– Brighton, Marion, Hallett Cove and Glenelg.

Q&A: More on Tim's Journey to the Permanent Diaconate

Your prayers and warm messages of support as I journey towards the permanent diaconate are very much appreciated. By way of thanks, here's a brief update regarding some of my experiences thus far:

What's happened lately around your preparation to become a permanent deacon?

Reading theological books and articles, in discussion with a priest-theologian, Fr Denis Edwards, has been thoroughly enlightening (happy to share reading details if you're interested!) This part of my journey is now formally running its course. Formation for holy orders, among other things, is intended to deepen essential dimensions of ministerial life—dimensions that must be sustained post-ordination. So I anticipate reading a lot! Why not join me on this journey (along with many others) by prayerfully reading Pope Francis' encyclical, *Joy of the Gospel* (available from Pauline Books, Amazon, even online via the Vatican website)?

Equally, I have been pleasantly surprised by an introduction to canon law graciously imparted by retired canon lawyer, Sr Anna Spaccatore. The church we know and love is shaped by numerous measures (i.e. 'canons') of loving, prudent behaviours, each of which ensures that peace, justice and faith govern our relations with God and one another. To prove that my diaconal studies are not just dry, rigorous affairs: Sr Anna and I celebrated our final, formal session mulling canon law over a long lunch at *Pizza e Mozzarella* on Pirie Street!

Every 5-6 weeks, I receive spiritual direction from a respected church leader. These hour-long dialogues help to ensure that areas of spiritual growth and challenge are mutually discerned. Topics for reflection often include my recent experience of prayer, grace and meaningful relationships; how Jesus 'speaks' to me through the Gospel; areas of uncertainty, pain and darkness; and generally where I sense God may be leading me through my personal, family, work and Church roles. Quite simply, if I'm not energised by a living relationship with our Lord, then I have nothing of true value to give to others.



What 'next steps' await you on this journey?

An upcoming, formal stage in my diaconal journey is a ceremony, conducted by the Archbishop during a Mass at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, to officially set me aside as a lector (i.e. reader) and acolyte (i.e. liturgical attendant) in service to the Church. While a date has not yet been set, I imagine that this will occur early next year. One might describe this stage as a progressive formation for the diaconate. 'Candidates for ordination as deacons...are to receive the ministries of reader and acolyte and are to exercise them for a suitable time, in order to be better disposed for the future service of the word and of the altar' (Pope Paul VI, 1972).

During 2015, I plan to meet with diocesan priests to acquire specific liturgical formation associated with the diaconate, as well as sound homiletic training. Join with Mons Ian in praying that my homilies may be scintillating, or at least mercifully short!

Trading Tables -29th & 30th November

Thank you to everyone who supported our Trading Tables last weekend. We raised nearly \$1300 for our parish. A huge Thank you to the craft group who made lots of jams, chutneys, baked goods as well as craft items.



QUIZ NIGHT.

What a great night was had by all who attended !!
The night combined church / school effort for fundraising and fellowship.

Special congratulations should go to the girls from St. Martin de Porres P&F, who combined with our small group, to provide expertise and willingness to contribute.

The night achieved a great result financially and also a feeling of sharing and togetherness.



BUNNINGS BARBEQUE.

It is important for Parishioners to realise what a wonderful job they did in helping in any way towards this barbeque. It is an annual event, held by our parish, which brings in a very worthwhile amount of money.

It was amazing to see the number of people who contributed to this event by providing goods eg drinks onions sauce oil serviettes and many other things, or by giving their time with selling on the day.

Our fundraising efforts are a credit to you, our parishioners, because without your generosity we could not achieve anything.

I would like to congratulate the " Craft Group " for their contribution during the year. They have worked away quietly and have donated generously to the Church . They meet regularly and I'm sure they gain much from their " fellowship " .

ANNE BOOTS Fundraising rep on council and "go between " for the fabulous people who have formed the Fundraisers for 2014

JOY SABA, HELEN TELFORD and MAREE FRIDAY



We thank the Fundraising Group for their hard work this year and congratulate them on their efforts on our behalf. If you would like to be involved in planning or running and activity next year, or have an idea we could try, please contact Pat/Anne in the office or one of the Fundraising team.



Bus Trip

Murray River in Victoria & Canberra

Our 15th (and last one) tour, is a 12 day wonderful experience. 2 nights in Echuca, Albury, Shepparton, 3 in Canberra and the 1st and last night in Mildura.

We have a brand new coach, with 2 exits (which is a bonus). Our accommodations are 4* or 4 1/2 *, and evening meals will be at clubs (instead of where we are staying, often not up to par).

A good number of our regular travelers are again booked, but as these tours were originally started for St Martin de Porres parish we would love to have more from the parish enjoy our last trip. Come and have fun for 12 days, great value for money. Cheers David Schutze



Please contact David on 8322 5393 for more information or to book a seat.

POLICE CHECKS

It is a requirement of the Archdiocese of Adelaide that all persons performing specific functions within any Catholic organization have completed a police check through the Catholic Archdiocese of

Adelaide Police Check Unit—this means all volunteers need a current police clearance.

The Hallett Cove Catholic Community has an obligation to ensure that all volunteers no matter their role have a current clearance and to not include volunteers on rosters if they are unable to fulfill the obligations.

If you do not have a clearance, or if your clearance has expired please contact the Parish Office on 8322 1158 as soon as possible to renew. An audit on volunteers will be conducted by the Archdiocese, so it is important to keep our records as up-to-date as possible.



If you have any comments about this newsletter, please direct them to Pat at hcp@parish@adam.com.au

Volunteers BBQ

Sunday 23rd November



What a lovely day.
Thank you to all who helped set up, cook and clean up and a special thanks to Maria for the wonderful salads.

Blessing of the Cribs

29th/30th November



Come Celebrate Christmas with us



*Hallett Cove Catholic Community
1 Berrima Rd, Sheidow Park*

Reconciliation

Penitential Service followed by individual
Reconciliation

Wednesday 17th December 7pm

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve– 24th December

7pm Family Mass

10pm Mass

Christmas Day– 25th December

9.15am Mass

