



St Martin de Porres

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Community Newsletter

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What has been happening in our parish.

Since our last newsletter our parish life has been very busy, some of things we have celebrated:

- Adult reception into the Catholic church



- Adult Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion



- Significant Anniversary Blessings x 3



- Christmas

Beautiful liturgies and a great gospel re enactment with the children during our family Mass



- Australia Day—lamingtons to share after the Mass

- Ash Wednesday



- Fr Michael has been able to travel back to Kenya to spend time with his family. Since his return, he has hit the ground running with Lent and Easter preparations and school Masses etc.

- I will be on leave from the 13th March—27th March. For any urgent matters, contact the Brighton parish office on 8296 7292. Thanks Pat

Cleaning the church—fulfilling an early calling

Your first job—do you recall what it was? I certainly do. At around 13 years of age, I began working alongside my mother cleaning apartment units. *Over 50 years later, I'm still cleaning—no longer apartment units but my own house—and, each month, St Martin de Porres Church.*

My step-father and mother struggled to rent a modest three-bedroom unit within a sprawling 450-unit apartment complex (featuring a mini golf course, two tennis courts and a large swimming pool) near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Having befriended the manager of the apartment complex, my mother offered to help with the

never-ending task of cleaning units (after units had been vacated and before new tenants moved in). Our family didn't have a lot of money, so my mother's bargain was that I would, along with my two younger brothers, help her clean units during the summer to defray the cost of the swimming pool fees. With our help, she could clean more units per week than usual. *Clean units from early morning during the school holidays, spend the afternoon in the cool, sparkling pool during the hot, humid summer—yes!*



My mother was a hard worker—and a tough taskmaster. As her eldest, I was expected to do a very good job vacuuming carpets and cleaning ceiling tiles. I didn't mind the vacuuming (or her exacting inspections!), but cleaning the ceiling tiles—and repositioning them in the kitchen and bathroom areas of units, was especially challenging. Ceiling tiles in the early 1970s were hard to clean and even more temperamental to reposition.



When Carrie and I, and our two children, relocated from Brisbane to Hallett Cove in late 2004, we began attending Mass at St Martin de Porres Church (I was later received into the Church in March 2006). Immediately, I noticed that our church's internal ceiling featured ceiling tiles similar to those that I had encountered in those Pennsylvania apartment units so many years ago. *I truly love our church—but I try not to look up during Mass!*

I've been cleaning the church as part of a small crew of 2-3 parishioners for several years. Because I'm relatively young, fit and healthy, I don't mind vacuuming and other cleaning tasks. It usually takes about an hour for our crew to clean the church. Best of all, we don't clean the ceiling tiles!

We've often heard appeals for volunteers to be rostered to assist with various ministries that serve our parish community. Reading, counting collections, cleaning, etc. What might you be able to contribute, mindful that to assist the community is not a 'forever commitment'. Our contribution to the gathered community is an expression of our baptismal vocation. Even cleaning! Consider contributing what you can for a time. *We celebrate Mass not as passive spectators but as active participants in the life of the Church.*

Deacon Tim Grauel

Our Parish Vision

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

Parish Pastoral Council

Father Michael has returned from his holiday we hope he had an enjoyable and relaxing time. The Parish Pastoral Council Elections will take place in the March meeting. Any parishioner who has any questions or would like to become a member of the PPC please speak to a current member of our Council. Meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday each month @7pm in the church foyer.

It has been a very busy and productive time for the Parish Pastoral Council. Our members attended the 2022 Diocesan Assembly at Nazareth College in October. It was a very informative and enjoyable gathering where valuable networking occurred between Catholic Schools and parishes. At the close of this Assembly it was announced that Regional Assemblies will be held across the Archdiocese in 2023. Members of the PPC will join the online information sessions for details regarding the purpose, planning and support of the Regional Assemblies. We look forward to sharing information about this event later this year.

Thanks to parishioners who participated in *Searching Parish Engagement Survey (SPES)*. We are looking forward to receiving the results from Leuven University. Our *Strategic Plan* launch was very successful at both masses on 5 & 6 November. These celebrations were followed with food and refreshments. A framed copy of our plan is now on display in the church foyer. We thank all the parishioners and members of the Hallett Cove Community for their valuable input in the writing of our Strategic Plan. We also thanked Brian Spencer for his help and guidance in the development of our Plan. It is wonderful to see the 3 areas of our Plan is already a working document.

Ministry : Kevin Liston held a number of workshops during Advent which explored the Gospel and other accounts for a contemporary understanding of the Christmas story. This experience deepened our relationship with Jesus and our spiritual vision. Deacon Tim conducted an Advent Scripture Reflection to allow God to deepen our embrace of the "heart of a disciple". Fr Prahap lead Advent discussion groups in the Brighton Parish. The Rosary group continued every Thursday night during Advent showing us different ways to pray this wonderful prayer. This Rosary group will continue on Thursdays fortnightly @6.30 and Deacon Tim will continue conducting Scripture Reflection group meetings fortnightly @7pm in the church. As the Lenten season approaches Kevin Liston will be presenting an experience based on a contemporary understanding of the Easter Story. Synodality is a Church word for inclusive leadership, listening to the sense of faith of the faithful, a rejection of autocratic and patriarchal decision making. The Church around the world has entered the Continental Stage of Synod of Bishops on Synodality. Kevin Liston and some of our parishioners worked on our church's responses to the Document for the Continental Stage (DCS) questions. More information will be given at a later date.

Community: the regular gatherings after the weekend masses have successfully recommenced after the COVID pandemic. Vinnies did a wonderful job supporting the Giving Tree and Christmas Appeal. Thanks to the many generous people who donated food and clothing and their time to this appeal. Christmas hampers of food, toys & gift cards were packed and delivered at Christmas We celebrated and thanked all Volunteers who help our Parish to be a rich and spirit filled community. Members of the PPC are welcoming our parishioners to the weekend Masses and are available for questions, concerns and chats before and after mass..

Liturgy: Hallett Cove Community Carols were very successful on Friday 9 December. St Martin de Porres school had 2 groups of children participating in Carol singing. Thanks to those people who helped out. Many children participated in the Christmas Eve Vigil Mass. Thanks to all people who helped out with this as well. Australia Day was celebrated with masses at Brighton & Hallett Cove. Many Baptisms have occurred over the last few months.

On behalf of Parish Pastoral Council we wish you and your families a very happy and fulfilling 2023.

Thanks
Helen Thompson
Chair Person PPC

Easter Lily

Tradition states that the Easter Lily originated in the Garden of Eden from the teardrops of Eve, that spread when she and Adam were cast out of the garden. These were believed to be tears of repentance.

Historians and Bible scholars say that the lily has always been highly regarded in the Christian Church. Jesus even references the flowers in Luke 12:27, stating "Consider the lilies, how they grow. They toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you that Solomon in all of his glory, was not arrayed like one of these." Legend has it that, after Our Lord's death and resurrection, lilies were found growing in the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus is said to have prayed before his crucifixion. It is believed that they sprung up from a drop of sweat from his brow when His head was bent in prayer.

In Easter celebrations, the lily represents Christ's resurrection, and thus new birth and new life. These delicate white blooms can be viewed as pure, innocent and untainted by the world

The flower itself is used in various ways to tell the resurrection story. The bulb is buried in the ground; as a representation of Christ's tomb.

The trumpet shaped flowers also announce life after death, since bulbed flowers often regrow year after year, according to the religious source All About Jesus

And the trumpet shape signifies the angel Gabriel's trumpet call..



Rosary Ruminations

We come to journey through Lent and an opportunity to reflect upon who Jesus is and what role he may or may not play in our daily lives. The HCP Rosary Group gatherings offers a place of solace and silence in a tranquil and respectful environment with an opportunity away from the busyness of everyday pressures to spend a moment in contemplation and prayer. Ordinary folk of the Parish who take time to reflect upon and contemplate Our Lord in stillness and to 'come away with me ... to a quiet place and rest for a while' (Mark 6:31).

Pope John Paul II called the Rosary a Christocentric prayer. A prayer that takes us on a journey of the life of Christ that calls us ever deeper into a renewed relationship of God's presence and promise in our own lives. It is important to quote John Paul II in his entirety to capture his profound respect for the Rosary and its place in our journey of faith: *'Christ is the supreme Teacher, the revealer and the one revealed. It is not just a question of learning what he taught but of "learning him". In this regard could we have any better teacher than Mary? From the divine standpoint, the Spirit is the interior teacher who leads us to the full truth of Christ (cf. Jn 14:26; 15:26; 16:13). But among creatures no one knows Christ better than Mary; no one can introduce us to a profound knowledge of his mystery better than his Mother.'*

Pope Benedict XVI describes the Rosary as a school of contemplation and silence. He states that *'at first glance, it could seem a prayer that accumulates words, therefore difficult to reconcile with the silence that is rightly recommended for meditation and contemplation. In fact, this cadent repetition of the Hail Mary does not disturb inner silence but indeed both demands and nourishes it... Thus, in reciting the Hail Mary, we must be careful that our voices do not "cover" the voice of God who always speaks through the silence like the "still small voice" of a gentle breeze (1 Kgs 19: 12).'*



Pope Francis in his 2023 Lenten Message, says *'the Gospel of the Transfiguration is proclaimed every year on the Second Sunday of Lent. During this liturgical season, the Lord takes us with him to a place apart. While our ordinary commitments compel us to remain in our usual places and our often repetitive and sometimes boring routines, during Lent we are invited to ascend "a high mountain" in the company of Jesus and to live a particular experience of spiritual discipline – asceticism – as God's holy people'. Indeed, the discipline of finding a place of prayer, apart from the busyness of life, in the presence of God.*



Lent offers a perfect opportunity to begin anew and take time to reflect upon God's presence in our lives. The Rosary provides an opportunity to slow down, meditate upon and contemplate Christ's story through history, the unfolding of God's salvific plan for us all. We trust that the Rosary Group experience, that heads formally into its fourth year, can offer you a quiet time of being with God, in community.

Our renewed approach to the Rosary in our local HCP Rosary Group enhances our awareness of the insights expressed through Papal commentary in one significant manner. We use only professionally produced audio or visual prayer guides and not any specific person/s from within the Rosary Group. In other words the recitation of the Rosary is through professional recording's with beautiful musical or visual backdrops. It provides the opportunity for each of us to be still, listen, contemplate or respond in whatever ways the Spirit moves us on any given day. We minimise the distraction of counting or of losing our way in the process. We come together as community sharing in and witness to God's benevolence and merciful love. It is therefore a perfect opportunity of *being* with God rather than the *do-ing* of prayer.

As indicated with the photos, we also have regular shared suppers after Rosary as often as possible. We attempt to combine the great Marian Feasts of the Assumption (15 Aug), Our Lady of the Rosary (7 Oct) and Immaculate Conception (8 Dec) with the Rosary Group gatherings wherever possible. Speak to any of the Rosarians or contact me for further details. Regular updates for routine times in the Parish Bulletin (1st and 3rd Thursday, usually), and special Liturgical Seasons (Advent, Lent, October are weekly on Thursday) from 6.30 pm. Notice Board and foyer contain lists for Feb-May.

Blessings of Lent,
Pat Carlisle (0405397667)

Apostolic Letter, paragraph 14, Rosarium Virginis Mariae (16 Oct 2002).

² Meditation on the Recitation of the Holy Rosary (Pontifical Shrine of Pompeii, 19 Oct 2008).



Parish Finance Council

I am pleased to report that in 2022 we managed to spend less than our income – the books are currently with the auditor and I will ensure that the final figures are made available as soon as possible.

As we look towards 2023 the following budget has been approved by Fr Michael, the Parish Finance Council and the Parish Council. We are aiming for a small surplus this year – which can only be attained where we continue to fund key events within the parish on an add needs basis, such as Easter, Christmas & the Sacrament programs in lieu of a more permanent Pastoral Worker.

I also would like to acknowledge our Parish School

– St Martin de Porres as it continues to support us financially which helps immensely. There are many ways to financially contribute to our Parish, use any of the boxes in the foyer for both cash & planned giving envelopes at Mass. The archdiocese has an app and a website where you can do all of this electronically <https://adelaide.goodgiving.com.au/qr/parish/web> -

just select "Hallett Cove" as your parish. Or speak with the Parish Office and join our planned giving program for envelopes or a direct debit form.

Pete McKenna (PFC Chairperson)

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Vinnies Christmas Hampers

The Hallett Cove Vinnies group sincerely thank everyone that supported us with donations of cash, gift cards, food & toys for our Christmas Hampers through our Christmas Appeal & the Christmas Giving Tree. We received tremendous support from our parishioners, St Martin de Porres School community, Knights of the Southern Cross and Healthsave Pharmacy Hallett Cove.

The Hallett Cove Vinnies group, besides preparing & delivering their own hampers, assisted Noarlunga & Willunga in preparing Christmas Hampers of food & toys. Over 400 Christmas Hampers were packed and toy bags prepared for over 260 children.

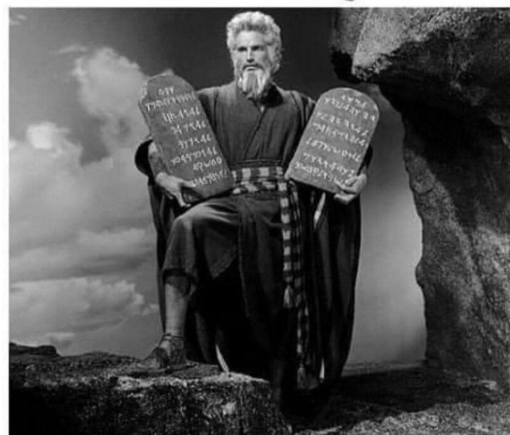
It's an emotional time delivering Christmas Hampers and witnessing the joy and the tears on the faces of our companions who ask us to thank the generous people who made the hampers possible. For many children the toys and gift cards we provide (on your behalf) are the only presents they receive.



Hallett Cove Budget 2023

INCOME	2022	2023
Planned Giving	\$61,000	\$54,900
Unpledged Collection	\$14,500	\$13,050
Donations	\$2,000	\$1,800
Interest	\$150	\$135
External sundries	\$4,500	\$4,050
Func/Fund	\$3,000	\$3,000
SMDP School	\$7,000	\$7,000
TOTAL	\$92,150	\$83,935
EXPENDITURE		
Staff Wages	\$41,000	\$23,612
Repairs & Maint	\$3,000	\$3,000
SMDP School	\$7,000	\$7,000
Amenities sa water	\$1,200	\$1,320
Electricity	\$300	\$330
Gas	\$850	\$935
ESL	\$300	\$330
Council Rates	\$1,600	\$1,760
Renovation & Equip	\$1,000	\$3,000
Insurance	\$11,000	\$12,100
Office expenses	\$4,500	\$4,950
Phones/IT	\$800	\$880
Worship & Parish Ednc	\$3,500	\$3,850
Coresp & car	\$12,173	\$13,390
Plan Giving Expenses	\$1,500	\$1,650
Func/Fund	\$1,000	\$1,100
TOTAL	\$90,723	\$79,208
Income	\$92,150	\$83,935
Expenditure	\$90,723	\$79,208
Surplus/Deficit	\$1,427	\$4,727

So technically Moses was the first man to download files from the cloud using a tablet.





THE KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS (SA) INC.

Brighton – Marion – Hallett Cove - Glenelg Branch

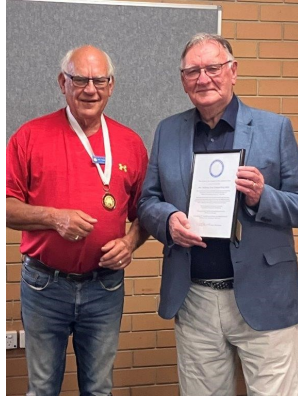
2023 is starting to be a year to remember. We remember Emeritus Pope Benedict XV1, Cardinal George Pell and Fr. Peter Fountain who recently passed away. We also remember our recently deceased parishioners in our Masses & Prayers.

The Formation Program was a discussion on our role in the Synodal Church: Communion, Participation & Mission. Proclaiming Christ to the world; listening and encounter. The Knights Object No: 2 is To Foster the Christian Way of Life. At this time the Essendon AFL CEO was sacked for being a Christian. Action was taken. The Formation program for 2023 is Read Reflect and Review the Gospel, Encyclicals and Lives of the Saints.

Your regular financial support of our projects is much appreciated and helps us to support the five Vinnies conferences in our parishes. Since October 2022, \$1750 was donated to the Vinnies conferences towards Christmas Hampers etc. We commend the Hallett Cove Vinnies for the excellent commitment to the disadvantaged in our Parish and neighbouring parish/s.



Two of the Branches Bro Knights celebrated 60 years of service to the Knights. Bros Ross Bryant and Anthony Pollard were presented with 60 Year Certificates and responded by detailing how they joined the Knights; the journey and the great friendships made over those years.



Two major projects for 2023 will be the Pilgrimage of St Mary McKillop Cross throughout the Diocese and the Fathering program.

Finally, in our Masses and prayers, think of those who are sick and suffering in our Parish/s and provide help and comfort if required.

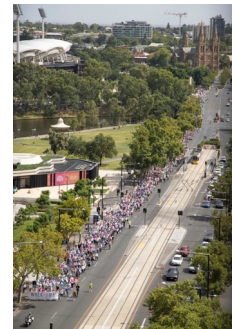
Stay Safe and well and Free of Covid.

Bro Rod Roach
Chairman

4500 WALKED FOR LIFE IN 2023!

Thankyou to everyone who came out to make this years Walk for Life an outstanding success!

To our 200+ strong volunteer army, your dedication in support of bringing the message of life, hope and help is unprecedented,
THANK YOU



St Martin de Porres School

What's been happening around our school

2023 has got off to a cracking start. We feel very blessed to have started 2023 with no Covid interruptions. It feels strange to think only 12 months ago we had a staggered start with some children starting the year working from home.

We have had over 510 students commence the year with us across 20 classes so there is always a lot going on.

Our newly appointed student leaders have hit the ground running with school leaders, Michael Scrivener and Asha Fitzgerald, hosting our school assemblies every fortnight, and being very involved in the life of the school.

Our 6 mission leaders and 2 school leaders attended the official Project Compassion launch with the Archbishop Patrick O'Regan and Premier Peter Malinuskous on the 21 Feb at Mercedes College and have also been planning some social justice initiatives with the support of our new Youth Minister Hannah Smailes.

Our House leaders are busy preparing for the largest sporting event of the year when they lead the 4 house Teams, Mackillop, Francis, Martin and Domonic on Sports day on Friday 31 March. Sports day will be held at Bowker Street Oval in Somerton Park.

Staff Commissioning Mass.
The staff of Sour school were officially commissioned and blessed by Fr Michael at the Sunday Parish Mass on 19 Feb. Staff and our student choir were involved on the music for the celebration and led the readings and prayers. Mass was followed with a community BBQ on the school grounds which welcomed all families back for the start of the year.

Project Compassion Launch
Our 2 school leaders, and 6 Mission Leaders attended the Caritas Project Compassion Launch at Mercedes College on Tues 21 Feb. The students met Archbishop Pat and Premier Peter Malinauskas, and listened to Caritas Ambassadors explain the vital work that is enabled by Project Compassion.



Deacon **James Thomson** will be Ordained to the Priesthood on Saturday 27th May in the Cathedral at 10am.

He will be celebrating his First Mass here at Hallett Cove on Sunday 28th May at 2pm. All are welcome to join us and support him as he celebrates his Thanksgiving Mass.

Parish Returns 2022

Every January, I need to report to the Archdiocese the numbers of Sacraments celebrated in our parish in the previous year. Here are the stats for Hallett Cove in 2022

- **Baptisms 33**
16 of those were children aged between 1 and 7 years of age, 10 were over 7 years old
- **First Holy Communions 53**
- **Confirmations 52**
- **Marriages 0**
- **Funerals 6**



What do these figures say about life today and the Catholic faith?

- Less children are being baptised in the first year of life
 - Less weddings are church/catholic weddings
- Less people are celebrating a Catholic funeral in the church

Something to ponder!!!

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Did you hear the one about...



A couple who had been married for forty years were entertaining friends at a dinner party when the conversation turned to marriage counselling. "We'll never need that," said the wife confidently. "George and I have a great relationship. You see, it's all a question of education." "How do you mean?" asked one of the friends. "Well, she continued. "At university, George did a communications course and I studied drama. So, he communicates really well and I act like I'm listening."

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Lenten Donations

During Lent we are looking for Donations for the homeless and those in need. All donations will go straight to the Vinnies conference in our parish to assist with their food hampers. Thank you for your support.

We are looking for donations of:



25th /26th February: Long life Milk

4th / 5th March: Canned Foods

eg Meat/ Fish/ Fruit/

Vegetables/Soup



11th/12th March:

Pasta / Pasta Sauce

18th/19th March:

Laundry Products



eg Washing Powder

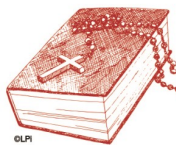


25th/26th March: Breakfast Cereal

1st/2nd April: Tea/ Coffee/ Biscuits



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Anointing of the Sick

Due to the uptake of Anointing with the World Day of the Sick, we are planning to have Anointing of the Sick every month. This will take place on the first Friday of each month at the 9.30am Mass at Hallett Cove and on the 1st Saturday of each month at the 10am Mass at Brighton. All welcome to attend.

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Children's Liturgy on Saturday evenings

We would like to recommence Children's Liturgy at our Saturday evening Masses, but we cannot do it without help. If you would like to be part of a roster to run our Children's liturgy, please talk to Pat. Resources are available and training and support will be offered.



Easter Services at Hallett Cove

Holy Thursday 6th April
Mass 7.30pm

Good Friday – 7th April
Stations of the Cross 10am followed by
Individual Reconciliation

Liturgy 3pm

Easter Vigil –
Saturday 8th April
Mass 7.30pm

Easter Sunday -9th April
Mass 9.15am

Sheets are up in the foyer to volunteer for any of these services—there are many roles to fill - Readers, Ministers of communion, foot washes, offertory procession, dressing the altar etc. Please take a look at write your name where you may be able to help. I am also looking for someone to co-ordinate each Mass—to make sure everything on the day runs well and that all roles are covered. Please write your name on a Mass if you can help out and I will send a copy of the liturgy to you in advance.

Thanks so much
Pat

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Happy Easter

Wishing all our parishioners and families a very Blessed and Happy Easter.
From the Hallett Cove Catholic Community Team

Fr Michael, Fr Prathap, Deacon Tim & Pat



Child Safe Parish

Our parish is a child friendly environment

You have the right to:

FEEL SAFE You have the right to be safe and to tell someone if you aren't feeling safe.

FEEL HAPPY Our parish is a place where we want you to feel joyful. **FEEL RESPECTED** You are an important and valued part of our community.

FEEL LISTENED TO We want to hear what you have to say.



Mandatory Notifiers

Just a reminder to all that as a Volunteers in our parish that you are a "Mandated Notifier", which means that when you undertake your role as a parish volunteer, if you come across any indicators, suspicions or information that suggest a child may be in danger of physical, mental or sexual abuse, you are legally obligated to report this to the Child Abuse Report Line (CARL) on **13 14 78**.

Failure to report is an offence under the Children and Young people (Safety) Act, 2017, and currently carries a maximum penalty of \$10,000. This is an individual fine, not an organizational one.

If you become aware of any situation or are unsure of how to deal with it, please talk to Pat (Child Safe Contact Person for the Parish) or the Child Protection Unit of the Adelaide Catholic Archdiocese on 8210 8140 or email childprotection@adelaide.catholic.org.au

We require all those who Volunteer in our parish to undertake Child Protection training, so that they are aware of their obligations. If you have not received this training in the past 3 years, there are copies of the "Mandatory Notification Training Resource – In a Nutshell" available in the foyer.

Please take a copy and return the back page, signed to the parish office.

Thank you.



WHS

Please be aware when working in or visiting the parish of your environment. You are obliged to keep yourself safe, ie do not attempt anything beyond your capabilities or knowledge.

If you notice anything that may cause a hazard or a dangerous situation, please let Pat know, so that something can be done.

Likewise for any maintenance issues. Contact me at hcp@adam.com.au and send a photo if possible,

Help us all to keep each other safe.

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IRISH PHILOSOPHY

**There are only two things to worry about
Either you are well or you are sick.**

**If you are well,
there is nothing to worry about,**

**But if you are sick,
there are two things to worry about.
Either you will get well or you will die.**

**If you get well,
there is nothing to worry about.**

**But if you die,
there are two things to worry about.
Either you will go to heaven or to hell.**

**If you go to heaven,
there is nothing to worry about.**

**But if you go to hell, you'll be too busy
shaking hands with your friends,
you won't have time to worry!**

SO WHY WORRY?

