



St Martin de Porres

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Community Newsletter

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Dear parishioners

So far this year has been a blessing to us all!

On March 18th, I celebrated together with parishioners, my family and friends from other parishes my 25th Anniversary of Ordination. We were privileged to have among us three Bishops.

It was truly a joyous celebration. Connections were made and thousands of pictures taken. As the saying goes “Where Catholics gather there’s always laughter and red wine!”



Also at the end of June we again celebrated the farewell for Jenny McCabe & Clare Thewlis as they retired from the Brighton Parish. A wonderful and community spirited celebration. Both have left a mark in our Parish. Wisdom is acknowledging that life is about relationship, sharing and worshipping God.



Among the mentioned celebrations and events manifest in a clear way the identity and Mission of our parish. A place of building relationships and celebrating God’s presence. Thank you for being part of our community.

To continue building such relationships, the PPC over the last 3 years has been working hard in developing a Parish Strategic Plan and initiating its implementation in various levels, including focussing on young families and youth.

However, one of the challenges Hallett Cove parish faces is that we don’t currently have a Pastoral worker. This role is crucial for developing connections between the school and parish community. The vacancy has been advertised for a while now. We are readvertising. In case you are interested or you know someone who may be interested, please get them to contact the office. Our Parish has created opportunities and space for all to engaged and participate in the life of St. Martin’s de Porres community. Come and find your space.

Thank you all for being involved in bringing life to our Parish.

God bless you. Fr Michael



Our Parish Vision

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

Parish Pastoral Council

Marion Ryan- Crabb has resigned her position as our Parish Worker. Marion will be greatly missed by the Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish. We hope that Marion can now relax and find some much needed time for herself and her family.

Father Michael recently celebrated his 25th Anniversary of Ordination in a Mass with Archbishop Patrick O'Regan and his parishioners in the Brighton Catholic Church. We congratulate Fr Michael and wish him all the very best for his future.

Easter ceremonies were very successful. Thanks to Pat & Pete McKenna for their hard work in the preparation of these ceremonies and thanks to those people who helped out in many other ways.

Congratulations to Emma Mariu & Denice Allen who received the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil.

St Vincent de Paul collected many donations of food and clothing. Vinnies are now dropping parcels off to those people in need. Thanks to those parishioners who have given to this appeal. Thanks to Kevin Liston & Deacon Tim for their Lenten Reflections Groups. They were very successful and received some very positive feedback.



Deacon Tim is now doing an Easter Reflection group on Zoom re 'Walking inside the Sunday Readings' on Tuesdays at 7pm

The Easter Crosses were beautifully decorated. It was an experience that brought our community closer together and the crosses will now be enjoyed in our homes

Over the past 2 years our parish has worked extremely hard to develop our Strategic Plan. A draft copy of "Living our Mission" Plan is on display in the church foyer. This plan would not have been possible without the work of Brian Spencer, Kevin Liston, the Parish Pastoral Council members and you, the parishioner. Your input has been wonderful and has resulted in our Catholic Community agreeing upon 3 very important aspects to help make our church a faith filled community. These include Ministry, Community and Liturgy. We know that this work

does not happen overnight, but we can already see some exciting things happening in our community. In the area of Ministry Kevin Liston has conducted a number of workshops during Lent which encouraged us to reflect upon the Words in the Gospels leading up to the celebration of Easter. Deacon Tim conducted a virtual program during Lent which was also very successful. The rosary group every Thursday night has shown us different ways to pray this wonderful prayer.

In Community the regular gatherings after the weekend masses have recommenced after the COVID pandemic. Regular gatherings are in our future plans.

Members of the PPC are welcoming you to the weekend Masses and are available for questions, concerns and chats before and after mass. Although COVID has made it difficult in Liturgy we are currently working with the school to increase the involvement of the children in our church in meaningful ways. Ben Ryan (APRIM) recently helped children to write 'Prayers of the Faithful' prayers during our Pentecost Mass. Recently the parishioners celebrated the week day mass with the children in the school hall. A stronger relationship between our parish and the school is a very important part of our future plans.

Very soon our completed 'Living our Mission' document will be presented to the community. However, once completed this Plan will be a working document.

On behalf of Fr Michael, Fr Prathap and the Parish Pastoral Council we thank everyone for your feedback and ideas that you have presented over the past 2 years.

2022 Diocesan Assembly

The Diocesan Assembly was held in October 2021. This Assembly brought Parishes, Schools and Catholic Communities together. Several members of our Parish Pastoral Council attended this 3 day event. The participants reflected upon many recommendations which were developed in discussion groups in light of the contexts of their own communities, ministries and agencies.

2022 Diocesan Assembly will be held again in October this year. Before the 2022 Assembly we are invited to consider a wide range of recommendations. We feel that you have already provided substantial feedback through our Parish Strategic Planning process which will allow the PPC to provide a response to the Diocese.

However, a list of recommendations will be available after the weekend Masses 9/10 July. Please read these recommendations and/or provide feedback.

We will hold discussion groups for interested people after Masses in the foyer on 16/17 July. If you are unable to attend the discussion groups please take the time to fill in your answers and return your work to the box in the foyer by 23/24 July.

Thanks you for your time and participation.

Helen Thompson
Chair Person PPC



St Martin de Porres Parish Finance Council

As a parish keeping an eye on our finances is both wise and necessary – a drop in numbers at regular Saturday and Sunday masses is always going to have a negative impact on our planned giving program. This year we have also had unexpected costs due to essential maintenance. This means that we have spent more than we have received and will need to keep a close eye on the finances over the next few months.

In 2022 we need to look at a Stewardship Renewal. Stewardship is not a one-time act of giving, but rather a way of life that encompasses our weekly envelope contribution, exploring our gifts and the generous sharing of our time and talents within our community – the finance council will continue to working with the Parish Council to find a suitable time to implement this renewal.

You would be aware that Jenny has recently retired, and is no longer able to provide the daily financial transactional support needed. We have accepted an offer from the archdiocese who are now providing an outsourcing for a number of parishes at no cost. In essence the Archdiocese will now manage Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable & Monthly reports.

On a positive note, both spires were cleaned, descaled and painted ready for our Easter services, sensor lights have been added to the porch which improves both security and provides extra light when walking across the carpark. All of the hydraulic doors have now been serviced and are operating safely. Thank you to the wide range of volunteers who have washed windows, cleaned the church and maintained the gardens both at the Church and at the Parish House - without your help many tasks just won't get done.

As pointed out in the last finance report – we are running at a \$8,500 deficit.

Income is down by about \$6,500
Expenses are up but we needed to repair the doors, lighting to improve security and the costs associate with the vandalism incident.

Salaries will be lower until we fill the current vacancy which will help in the short term.

Kind Regards
Pete

Farewell Marion

Marion Crabb ended her resignation and finished working in the parish on the 4th April.

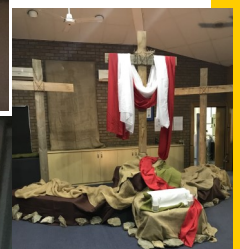
We thank her for her work in the parish especially with Children's Liturgy, Sacraments and visiting the sick.



At this time we do not have anyone interested in taking on this role in the parish. It will be readvertised—If you know of anyone who may be interested, get them to email the parish on hcp parish@adam.com.au for a role description.

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Thank you to everyone who played a role in our Easter celebrations this year. See some of our photos below:





THE KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS (SA) INC.

Brighton – Marion – Hallett Cove -
Glenelg Branch

It appears Covid and now the Flu will be with us for some time. SA Health Dept statistics show no signs of decreases. Wearing a mask is still a necessity for some.

The Formation Program was substituted for a discussion on the Plenary Council. Timely, as we had members of Brighton Antioch at the May meeting. Although we note that there were many diverse submissions, some even contrary to the current teachings of the Church. 'Love Thy Neighbour' was important today and was a teaching of Christ.

Recently, the Knights of Southern Cross (SA) Inc celebrated the 100 years of Knights in South Australia. Various functions and Masses were held and celebrated with a Book launch. 'A Bold Story Well Proven' 100 Years of the Knights of the Southern Cross in South Australia. Should you wish to purchase the book, please contact Tony Schar: mob: 0419127491. Cost \$40 per book.

The greatest achievement of the Knights in that 100 years was the establishment of Southern Cross Homes which is now Southern Cross Care (SA, NT & VIC) Inc.

Today Southern Cross Care supports over 9000 people in a number of settings to various degrees. The facilities include 38 Retirement Living Villages and 17 Residential Care Homes.

In addition, Southern Cross Care provide Community and Wellness and Home Care services.

Your regular financial support (ie: 45 Club & bottle/can drives) is much appreciated and helps us to support the five Vinnies conferences in our parishes and others (eg: Mary Potter Hospice).

The Annual Branch Dinner will be on 14th July 2022 at the Tonsley Hotel. Cost \$50 per person. Tickets from Tony Schar (Mob: 0419127491).

The Dinner is the only function where the five parishes and Vinnies conferences and Clergy get together during the year. As the Tonsley Hotel is to be bull-dozed for the new tunnels on South Road, hopefully, we can find a venue for 2023 and onwards.

We remember in our Masses and prayers the recently deceased and for those who are sick in our Parish/s.

Congratulations

happy 90 birthday



Congratulations to Maurice Ralph on the occasion of his 90th Birthday on the 12th June.

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Somebody Loves You Teddies

Would you be able to knit a teddy. These simple teddies are distributed to those who are doing it tough, including flood victims in Lismore. The teddies are about 10cm tall and a simple pattern knitted in one piece, perfect size for pocket, pencil case or under a pillow.

If you or someone you know would like to knit a few, the pattern is available from the church foyer, or contact the parish office for a copy to be emailed to you. Completed teddies may be left in the basket on the bench in the foyer..

Thank you.

PS: Joy Saba sends her thanks for the teddies knitted already. So far 65 have gone to the Lismore State MP for distribution and 70 to Our Lady Help of Christians and Woodburn Schools in Lismore. Woodburn School was completely destroyed by the floods. Some teddies might find their way into hands of Catholic School Chaplains in Adelaide too.

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A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia: In 2021 alone, 565,000 religious books were produced and distributed with the help of ACN. Often in poor countries, the child's Bible is the first book that children receive in their own language and frequently it is the only picture book that the little ones can get hold of in their entire lives. Can you help us continue this important work in distributing religious books throughout the world? Visit www.aidtochurch.org/bibles

Deacon Tim Grauel

'Awake my soul... I will awake the dawn' (Psalm 57.8)

How do you begin your day—right at the start when conscious awareness dawns? Those moments certainly passed long ago today as you read this article, overtaken by the busyness of life.

However, pause now to reflect on how you typically enter into the grace and light of a new day.

Many of us follow an unconscious routine, stumbling through early morning brain-fog to make a cup of coffee or tea, catch up on the news, scroll through emails or social media posts. It could be 5:45am, or 8am, when our neurones, sensitivities, and tendons begin to fire. Imperceptibly the day unfolds: feeding the dog or cat, going for a walk, preparing breakfast, taking the children or grandchildren to school, driving to work—whatever the next obligation.

These very first thoughts, feelings, and actions affect us throughout the day—whether we acknowledged them or not. How many of yesterday's worries, doubts, pains rush in? Is our new day, in fact, 'new'—or is there a dull, recurring sameness to the day?

As a teenager, I was taken by the buoyant beat and lyrics of Carole King's 1971 song, Beautiful:

You've got to get up every morning
With a smile in your face
And show the world all the love in your heart

It did not take long for me to realise that, some days, I did not even want to get out of bed. Over the years, I realised that what gets me out of bed is not about how I am feeling—it is not about what I decide about the day, but what I receive and discover. This new day is a gift, a gift given by God.

When I first discovered the Scriptures during my university studies, a passage from the Old Testament Book of Lamentations changed the way I think about the dawn: 'The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, the Lord's mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness' (Lamentations 3.22-23). God's presence is new every morning, what a gift—perfect and complete! The grace of starting the day with God's thoughts and feelings had a wonderful effect on my own thoughts and feelings. Truly, God's Word 'is a lamp unto my feet' (Psalm 119.105).



Many have found solace in beginning the day with a brief prayer of thanksgiving: 'Thank you, Lord, for this new day of life (or: of love, of grace)'. Blessing ourselves with the sign of the cross can be a powerful, bodily action that remind us of the true light of a new day: in God's light we see true light (Psalm 36.9). When we become mindful afresh that 'I am a child of God, beloved by God our Father'—we are consoled by the meaning and purpose of our baptism.

The very first prayer in the Divine Office (a set of psalms and prayers prayed morning and evening by clergy, religious and other interested believers), reminds us that praising our Maker and Redeemer is itself God's gift, a moment of grace: 'Lord, open my lips—and my mouth shall proclaim your praise'.

My morning ritual often leads to quiet meditation and scripture reading. From this time I like taking one sparkling phrase and let it linger as a mantra throughout the day, much like a rough gemstone is tumbled repeatedly until it produces a smooth, attractive gem. Here a just a few of my memorised favourites: 'in you, O Lord, all find their home'; 'where sin abounds, grace abounds all the more'; 'in your will is our peace'. What are yours? How might your day change by bring them to mind and heart?

Every new day is a God-given gift—don't let it go unwrapped. While it is normal and natural for the dawn to awaken us, why not enter into the grace of 'awaking the dawn' with moments of gratitude for the many tender mercies of God, new every morning?

Deacon Tim Grauel

When you
PRAY,
God listens.

When you
LISTEN,
God talks.

When you
BELIEVE,
God works.





In the six months to December 2021 - Vinnies have recorded a 25% increase in demand for assistance for emergency funds to help people access food and pay rent compared to the same period in 2020.

Across the State Vinnies are seeing a deepening homelessness crisis due to a severe shortage of affordable housing and an extremely competitive real estate market which is making fewer properties available to those who really need them. Whole families are living in temporary accommodation including in cars and tents because they have nowhere else to go.

As a Vinnies organisation we have been able to achieve the following in this same period:

Safe and secure accommodation for 251 men, 300 women, 225 children and 80 pets

13,326 hot meals to people experiencing homelessness or disadvantage

Financial and material support for 20,127 people struggling to meet the basic cost of living

Financial, material, education and advocacy support for 3,192 refugees and asylum seekers

Hallett Cove Vinnies really appreciate your continued generous support for our group.

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Africa Food Crisis Appeal

After three years of poor rainfall, some of the worst locust plagues seen in decades, and ongoing conflict, displacement and the impacts of COVID-19, millions of people are facing hunger and even starvation across the Horn of Africa. According to the recently released

Global Report on Food Crises, nearly 193 million people are in need of urgent assistance, an increase of nearly 40 million since 2020. Caritas Australia has launched the Africa Food Crisis Appeal to provide urgently needed humanitarian aid to countries in the Horn of Africa, including Ethiopia, Somalia and Eritrea. Through partners on the ground, donations to Caritas Australia's Africa Food Crisis appeal will go towards food distributions, support for children impacted by malnutrition, clean drinking water, cash transfers to households at risk of poverty, hygiene supplies as well as seeds and household items for families that have been displaced by conflict. Donations can be made at: <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/africa-food-crisis/>

"THANKYOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL SUPPORT

FAITH has helped me cope with a diagnosis of prostate cancer since July last year. Not just my faith in God but that of my dear wife Mila, and specifically yours dear reader, whether we know each other personally or not: everybody who comes to mass at St. Martin de Porres, Hallett Cove, simply because you are there, sharing our common belief in God and his mercy through the life, death and resurrection of his only begotten son Jesus Christ.

THANKYOU one and all, and a special heartfelt "Thankyou" to the many friends in our community who have personally, kindly and repeatedly supported both Mila and me, as we have travelled the path of distress and treatment over the last twelve months, not only with your sincere personal warmth but also with the generosity of your prayers.

YOUR PRAYERS and ours, I firmly believe have helped in at least 2 dimensions: firstly by strengthening my capacity to deal with the suffering both physical and emotional that is part of serious disease and secondly to seek the blessing of our Lord upon the efforts of my physician and the efficacy of his treatment and medication.

In summary, I thank God and his mercy for my own faith and especially for your demonstration of faith and prayers. May God richly bless all of your prayer intentions, whether for us or otherwise.

From Mila and Rick Grimshaw"



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Worldwide Marriage Encounter – Australia Virtual Weekend “A weekend of discovery... a lifetime of love”

Worldwide Marriage Encounter invites couples, priests and religious for a virtual marriage encounter weekend to enrich and revitalise your sacrament of service. It allows you to grow in your relationship with your spouse or community.

Details are as follows:

WHAT: Virtual weekend via Zoom

WHEN: August 19 – August 21, 2022

TIME: commencing at 7pm on Friday – concluding at 4pm Sunday

Booking – Visit us: <https://www.wwme.org.au>.

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wwmcentral@gmail.com. Visit us: <https://www.wwme.org.au> - for testimonies and update

FAMILY: DISCOVERING COUPLINESS -<https://www.shalomworld.org/show/family-discovering-coupleness>.

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