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## Community Newsletter

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#### Holy Spirit and our parish

The Easter season is always a time of renewal, strengthening and deepening our relationship with God. In our parish, many events and activities took place during this Sacred Season. Hopefully, connections and relationships were sustained and refreshed within our families and community. My prayer is that we all experience the divine love in a new way. John 3:16-18

#### Pentecost:

This Solemnity completes the Easter Season, with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the apostles, who are the pillars of the church. Also with this Feast we celebrate the birth of the body of Christ. Now equipped with the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit we are encouraged to continue sharing our gifts and talents in witnessing the Risen Lord in our secular world.

#### Mission:

The church fathers will remind us over and over again that... the church has no mission but rather, the church is the mission. We are the mission! Matthew 16:18-20. What is our mission as a parish and as an individual believer? With the daily blessing of the Lord, how can I make Christ present in my life and family? Recommendations have been made on how to be the mission: prayers, scriptures and sacraments will help keep us focussed on the Lord and his church.

#### Future:

Pastoral: Our Parish Pastoral council is committed to ensure that all are involved with the life of our community. The parish offer multiple ministries for all to participate and connect. For more information visit/call the parish office. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide us.

Finance Committee: This leadership group is continually consulting and deliberating our financial position so as to make sure our parish is financially sustainable for the future. They look at our resources and properties to maximise a healthy and practical approach for such, in serving the needs of our parish. We are grateful for their work.

Together let us serve each other with our gifts and talents in making our parish a Joyous Worshipping Community, where life and healing is experienced. The Holy Spirit is our powerful gift and force who leads us all to the presence of God, the Father, through the Son, Our Lord and Saviour. Come Holy Spirit, and renew the face of the Earth.

Shalom Fr Michael



We're just 2 months away from WYD
Adelaide and we can't wait to gather and
celebrate! We're excited to announce that
registrations are NOW OPEN at
www.cathyouthadelaide.org.au/world-youthday so make sure you jump on to grab your
tickets today.



### Our Parish Vision

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

#### **Parish Pastoral Council**

#### **Election of Offices Parish Pastoral Council 2023**

Chair Person: Helen Thompson
Deputy Chair Person: Matthew Perry
Secretary: Glenice Fanning
Assistant Secretary: Ansel D'Souza

#### **Members Of the Parish Pastoral Council**

Fr Michael Kyumu
Rae Campbell
Jim Digance
Vegis Pribadi
Ansel D'Souza
Matthew Perry
Minh Nguyen
Craig Fosdike-Principal

Thanks to Pat & the many parishioners who helped out during Holy Week. It was wonderful to see so many generous people volunteering their time and talents during this time. Thanks to Kevin Liston and Deacon Tim for their



presentations of the Reflection Groups which occurred during the weeks leading up to Easter. The Scripture Reflection Group led by Deacon Tim recommenced on Tuesday 30 May @ 7pm. This follows a way of praying through the Sunday Gospels. We also thank the Rosary group which gave us a weekly opportunity to participate in this wonderful prayer.

We held morning teas after both Masses during Holy Week and again after 9.15am Mass on Easter Sunday. It was warming to see so many people attend these celebrations.

We have welcomed some new people to our parish recently and we hope they feel valued members of our community.

Over the past 2 years our parish has worked extremely hard In developing our 'Living our Mission' Strategic Plan. Our Plan is a living, working plan and will be continuously monitored and updated in 2023.

James Thomson was Ordained into the Priesthood in the Cathedral on Saturday 27 May. James celebrated his Thanksgiving Mass with our community on Sunday 28 May. James's family are faith filled members of our Church Community and we extend our warm wishes to both James and his family on such a joyful event.



#### Regional Diocesan Assembly

At the end of 2022
Assembly in October
last year, it was
announced that
Regional Diocesan
Assemblies will be held
across the Archdiocese



in 2023, with Diocesan Assembly again in 2024. This Regional Assembly will involve a greater number of people at the local level in participation, communion and mission. This Assembly will offer Parishes, Communities and Schools an opportunity to engage in mutual listening, developing responses to shared needs and collaboration for missionary action. The Regional Assembly will discern the following questions:

- What are we being called to do to participate in the mission of God in this time and place.
  - What is our shared reality in this part of the Archdiocese?
  - What are the priorities of each of our local communities?
- What are the commonalities across our regions?
   Differences?
  - What can we work on together?
  - How can we support one another?
- What are the gifts and strengths of our members and communities that can be shared across our region?

We have been partnered with parishes and schools in the Southern Area to participate in this Regional Assembly. Kevin Liston will lead our parish on our journey.

Further information about this Assembly will be available at a later date.

#### **Parish Pastoral Council Chairs and Parish Priests**

The Archdiocese recently held a meeting of Parish Pastoral Chairs and Parish Priests. In this meeting we looked at the role of the PPC which included assisting our Parish Priest in fostering activity; it prayerfully discerns the pastoral needs of our parish and discerns practical ways to cater to these needs. Pastoral Councillors recognise the Spirit -given gifts of each one within our community. This is achieved through active listening to the voices within our community and providing feedback to ensure they have been addressed.

During our May PPC meeting we began our journey of reflection upon our current practices. In small groups we discussed ways that we can improve our journey together as People of God and actively listen to every person in our church. We realise the importance of listening, communicating and providing accurate feedback to our parishioners. We will continue these reflections in our future PPC meetings.

Helen Thompson Chair Person PPC



#### **Easter Celebrations** Palm Sunday

We had good support for our working bee on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April. We managed to cut the Palms for distribution and to decorate the church for our celebrations. We lucked in with the weather and were able to start outside under the porch for our blessing of the Palms.



#### **Holy Thursday**

Our working bee on Wednesday afternoon was very successful in Setting up the Altar of Repose and the church for our services on Holy Thursday and Good Friday.

Holy Thursday was a lovely ceremony with Presentation of the Holy Oils and washing of the feet, and adoration in the Altar of Repose after the Mass. Thank you to Helen Thompson for attending the Chrism Mass in the Cathedral and collecting the oils for our parish. Thank you also to Pat Carlisle to co ordinating the Mass on Holy Thursday.











#### Good Friday

In the morning we walked through the last hours of the life of Jesus with the Stations of the Cross. Thank you to Pete and Cassie for helping to present the Stations with me. Approximately 80 people attended and quite a few tears were shed. Fr Prathap made himself available after the Stations for individual Reconciliations.



Our liturgy at 3pm was a moving experience, with the Passion readings, Adoration of the Cross and Communion. Thank you to Helen Thompson for helping co ordinate this Liturgy.



**Easter Vigil** Thank you to the volunteers who helped dismantle the Altar of Repose and decorate the church, put out candles, holy water, flowers and the Easter fire for the Saturday Vigil. The Vigil Mass has many parts and was a great celebration of the Risen Lord. Thank you to all who helped out.



#### **Easter Sunday**

A simple but joyful celebration of Easter. We welcomed Kaya as she continued her preparations for Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion and her son Kylan for Baptism. We also celebrated the 67<sup>th</sup> Wedding

Anniversary of Molly & Gerry. Congratulations!





<u>James Thomson</u>
On Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May in the Cathedral James Thomson was Ordained to the Priesthood. This was a lovely ceremony, with many of the priests of the Archdiocese attending. You may still be able to watch this ceremony. Access from the Archdiocesan website: www.adelaide.catholic.org.au.





#### **Thanksgiving Mass**

On Sunday 28th May Fr James celebrated his Thanksgiving Mass here at Hallett Cove. It was great to witness him celebrating his first Mass with much support from priests in the Archdiocese and priests from our community. I noticed especially that along with the older priests, there were quite a few younger priests in attendance. It was also encouraging that a priest is assigned to a new priest to guide him through his first celebration of Mass. The recording of this Mass may be viewed from the link on the parish website: www.hcparish.com.au . The parish purchased a Mass for the Sick kit for Fr James and we made him a stole with embroidery on the ends representing the Hallett Cove Beach – may he always remember where he started this journey. We pray for Fr James as he commences his Ministry in his first assignment at Salisbury parish starting on the 11<sup>th</sup> June.









#### Contemplative Scripture Reading: Lectio Divina

Be still and know I am God (Psalm 46.10)

Reading is the sole means by which we slip, involuntarily, often helplessly, into another's skin, another's voice, another's soul (Joyce Carol Oates).

Prayer should accompany the reading of Sacred Scripture, so that a dialogue takes place between God and [the human person]. For we speak to him when we pray; we listen to him when we read the divine oracles' (Catechism of the Catholic Church [CCC], #2653).

Seek in reading and you will find in meditating; knock in mental prayer and it will be opened to you by contemplation (Guido the Carthusian, Scala Paradisi in CCC, #2654).



The Scripture Reflection Group at St Martin de Porres Church has been running continuously for over 5 years. Whether through face-to-face meetings in the church, or via Zoom (especially during COVID-19 restrictions), the group has met fortnightly or weekly—including during the penitential seasons of Advent and Lent. I believe it is time to shift the focus of the Group from a 'bible study' to a contemplation on the personal relationship God offers to each of us through God's Word. For centuries, *lectio divina* ('divine reading') has been practiced and valued within the Church. The following is a brief overview of the process of *lectio divina*. Whether you choose to attend the Group or not, you may find it helpful to practice *lectio divina* on your own or as a couple or family.

#### Silencio (Preparing the mind and heart)

The Group facilitator asks members to quiet their minds and bodies—slow their breathing. Then all present sit with this quietness for a few moments.

An opening prayer is offered to seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit during the session. St Augustine (354-430 AD) often prayed the following: 'Let your Scriptures be my chaste delight. O Lord, perfect me and reveal those pages to me! See, your voice is my joy. Give me what I love. May the inner secrets of your words be laid open to me when I knock. This I beg by our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. These are the treasures I seek in your books. Amen.' Lectio (Reading)

As appropriate, relevant background details may be shared about the reading by the Group facilitator. A reader then slowly and thoughtfully reads the Scripture passage. All present are invited to listen for verbs (conveying action or emotion) and/or nouns (invoking images). A few minutes of silence follows.

Group members then share a word or phrase that attracted their attention. No elaboration is offered on the word or phrase at this point. As well, there is no responding to sharing by Group members.

#### Meditatio (Meditation)

A reader (could be the first reader or a different person) slowly and thoughtfully reads the Scripture passage a second time. How does the word or phrase speak to you in your current situation? What thoughts or feelings are invoked? To which particular person in the text do we most relate? What part of my life is related to this text? A few minutes of silence follows.

Group members then briefly share thoughts or feelings: How is God speaking to you in this word or phrase? There is still no responding to sharing by group members.

#### Oratio (Prayer)

A reader (could be the same reader as before or someone different) slowly and thoughtfully reads the Scripture passage a third time. What action or attitude may God be calling you to—or what gift do you desire from God? A few minutes of silence follows.

Group members then share thoughts and feelings about what God may be calling them to do or asking them to become. Brief responding to sharing by group members is now appropriate.

#### Contemplatio (Rest)

A period of silence to rest in the presence of God—who loves us and who has just spoken through God's Word. In this silence, we listen to what God is saying and contemplate the beauty of God's relationship with us.

#### Actio (Action)

The Word of God transforms our lives (we become a 'new creation'). As the Scripture passage is read multiple times, it allows us to go deeper and deeper into the text. Through *lectio divina*, we give space and time for the Holy Spirit to inspire and guide us. In this way, the life of Jesus continues to speak to our individual situations (whether joyous or challenging). Each time we encounter Jesus anew, we grow as his disciples and are enabled to better witness to his love and mercy in our everyday lives.

A closing prayer is offered to acknowledge God's intimate, faithful and merciful presence in our lives.

#### **Happenings in our Community**

Many things have been happening in our parish since our last community newsletter:





There were a couple of Lenten
Discussion groups in our parish
during Lent. We thank Deacon Tim
and Kevin Liston for leading
interesting and challenging
discussion groups.

Vinnies Lenten collections – a huge amount of items were donated to Vinnies during Lent. They



have been able to restock their shelves in readiness for winter food hampers for those in need. Vinnies are very grateful for your support.

# PROJECT PROJEC

#### **Project Compassion**

The Dos Santos family were our Caritas Ambassadors at Hallett Cove and Brighton. Each weekend they attended and

spoke at Mass in either of the parishes. We thank them for their dedication and enthusiasm. At Hallett Cove we raised over \$2500 for Project Compassion through envelopes and Project Compassion boxes. Receipts have been issued and summaries submitted to Caritas.

#### **Rosary Group**

Our Rosary group now meet fortnightly on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 6.30pm. During Lent and May they met weekly. Pat Carlisle organises the Rosary each week, with reflections, music and prayer. All welcome to join them.

#### **Craft Group**

Our craft group meet each Thursday at 11am in the church foyer. Bring your own craft. They



are a small but very supportive group who meet for a chat and coffee and even do some craft. All are welcome to join them whenever they can.

#### **Anointing of the Sick**

During Lent we started a regular Anointing of the Sick during the 9.30am Mass on the first Friday of each month. We now have Exposition



of the Blessed Sacrament before the Mass on the First Friday of each month from 9.15am. Come for quiet prayer and Adoration before the Mass.

At Brighton there is Anointing of the Sick during the 10am Mass on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month. All welcome.

#### **Regular Supper and Morning Teas**



On the first weekend of every month we now have Wine and Nibbles after the Sat evening Mass, and Morning Tea after the Sunday Mass. Donations of food or wine always welcomed. These have become very popular and a great chance to meet someone new.

#### **Baptisms**

We have been taking bookings for Baptisms for most weekends now.

Baptisms are held at 10.30am

on Sunday mornings but can be arranged during our weekend Masses. At this time we try to have 1 family celebrate at a time (but do double up when families are happy to do so.) Contact Pat in the parish office to book a baptism. Deacon Tim meets with each family before the Baptism, maybe a couple of times when the children are older. These meetings include the meaning of Baptism, what is involved and selecting readings and prayers etc for the Baptism ceremony. As our bookings are increasing Tim needs some assistance with the Baptism preparation. Please contact Tim if you are able to help with this Ministry.

#### **Anglicare Nursing Home Masses**

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of even months, Fr Prathap celebrates Mass in the Nursing home at Trott Park. We thank Linda for visiting the Nursing Home and taking communion regularly, and Linda and Leon for being involved



with the Nursing Home Masses. As COVID restrictions ease we hope to have live music at these Masses.

#### Laudato Si Sunday

On the 21<sup>st</sup> May we celebrated Laudato Si Sunday, where we pray that we will all work to care for our planet. To care for nature and our environment.





#### **ANZAC Day**





Deacon Tim represented our community at the Dawn Service at Hallett Cove this year and Mons Dempsey celebrated Mass for us at midday.





#### **May Mass Counts**

Thank you all for putting tokens in the buckets to be counted at Masses this year. We have an average of 210 people attending our weekend Masses. Up from



2022 with an average of 180 people per weekend. In 2021 we had an average of 210, and in 2019 the average was 220 people per weekend



# Mother's Day – Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May During our Masses, we prayed for all Mothers, we had a Blessing for mothers and a Magnet for Mothers to take.



#### **Marian Procession**

A small number of parishioners attended the Marian Procession on the 21<sup>st</sup> May. They walked with the Brighton parish banner. The weather held out and they thoroughly enjoyed the experience.





#### **Pentecost**

On the weekend of the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> May, we celebrated the Feast of Pentecost, the birthday of the church. Our church was a celebration of Red. We had Prayers of the Faithful and readings in



languages other than English, Thank you to Sony, Brenda, Lily, Joanna, Marion & Renuka for sharing their languages with us. During our Sunday Mass Kaya celebrated Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion. The Holy Spirit was surely present with us for this celebration.





#### **Miraculous Mary Statue**

We have been gifted a lovely Miraculous Mary statue for our church. She has been placed in our prayer corner, and she was blessed during our Saturday evening Mass on the 27<sup>th</sup> May. I was in the church last week on quite a dull day. The church was very dark, but Mary was flooded with light from both sides through the windows. She was "glowing".

Take some time to visit her and say a prayer.

Part of Fr James' Thanksgiving Mass, was a devotion to Mary and placing of flowers near her.







#### Vinnies

Vinnies members get to hear many stories like this one from Joan (name has been changed) Joan was 70 years old when she

became homeless. After her beloved

husband of 50 years died, Joan's eldest daughter stole all of her savings, and transferred the house into her own name.

Then they kicked Joan out of the family home and left her on the street. She was desperate, terrified and completely alone.

But the shocking truth is, older women like Joan are becoming homeless in record numbers.

They're our mothers, grandmothers and aunts. They've cared for others their whole lives, and deserve to enjoy their golden years feeling safe and secure. Instead, they're being forced to sleep rough and fight to survive.

Hallett Cove Vinnies will be launching their Winter Appeal in early June to assist in providing emergency accommodation so that vulnerable older women have a safe place to sleep. Vinnies will also help give nutritious meals and warm clothing to keep them healthy and warm and give the support they need to rebuild their life - and escape homelessness.

Hallett Cove Vinnies really appreciate your continued generous support for our group so that we can provide assistance to the 'Joan's' in our community.

#### Adelaide Day Centre - Moore St

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Adelaide Day Centre are looking for donations of blankets, sleeping bags, raincoats, jumpers, jackets, umbrellas, hats, gloves, scarves and socks. If you can help with any of these items, please place them in the box in the foyer and I will deliver them mid July. Thanks, Pat



#### **KNIGHTS** THE SOUTHERN CROSS (SA) INC.

Brighton - Marion - Hallett Cove - Glenelg Branch

2023 is continuing to be a year to remember. The Plenary Council is progressing, but does it answer the question How would Christ communicate with the seven billion people living on Earth, if he were here today? Are Youth issues being addressed?

We fondly remember the Late Fr. Eddie Welling (a regular attendee at our branch annual dinner) and the Late Fr. John Chambers (who spent some years at the Glenelg parish) who recently passed away. We also remember our recently deceased parishioners in our Masses & Prayers.

The Formation Program took a different direction at our recent branch meetings. The current KSC Formation program is very theological and without a Priest present it was not easy evaluating the sessions. The branch discussed the recent Emmaus Gospel of Luke. It was found to be relevant to the Bros daily activities.

We continue to regularly financially support the five Vinnies conferences in our Branch area. We commend the Hallett Cove Vinnies for their excellent commitment to the disadvantaged in our Parish and neighbouring parish/s.

Our major projects for this year continue to be the Pilgrimage of St Mary McKillop Cross throughout the Diocese (including at St Martin de Porres Church, Hallett Cove) and the Fathering program.

For your diary/s: The KSC Branch Annual Dinner: Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at the Tonsley Hotel. 6.30pm for 7.00pm start. Cost \$53/ person. Tickets from Tony Schar: mob: 0419127491.

Finally, in your 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



Knights Mary MacKillop cross Pilgrimage

This weekend and during next week the MacKillop Cross Pilgrimage will be visiting Hallett Cove. The cross has been made from the floorboards of the First school that Mary MacKillop started. The Knights of the Southern Cross are taking the Cross on a Pilgrimage to many parishes in SA as part of their centenary celebrations.



# Sacraments Confirmation and First Holy Communion

This week the children of our parish and school begin their preparations for these Sacraments. The Archbishop is coming to celebrate Confirmation with us on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm. The children will then celebrate First Holy Communion on the weekend of the 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> August.



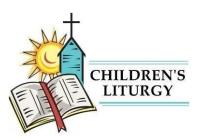
#### Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will begin in September. If your child wishes to celebrate Confirmation and First Holy Communion next year (2024), they will need to join the Reconciliation program this year. Look at for more information and dates coming out in August.



#### **RCIA**

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, with an interest in becoming Catholic at Easter next year, please contact the parish office or talk to one of our priests or Deacon Tim. We look forward to learning with you.



Children's Liturgy

We have a small but dedicated team of Catechists on Sunday mornings to lead Children's Liturgy, but are in need of people to lead Children's Liturgy on Saturday evenings (once a Month) as we are getting more children coming to Mass. Please talk to Pat after Mass.

Pastoral Care Team (Bereavement Team)

We are looking for people willing to walk with families who are grieving. This may involve helping them to prepare for funerals, visiting with families after the loss of a loved one, or helping out with meals etc when needed. If you would like to be part of any of these ministries, please contact Pat in the parish office. We will have a meeting soon to formalise these processes. If you know of someone who needs some extra help, please let the office know.

If we do not know, we cannot help.



#### **Altar Servers**

If your child has celebrated their First Holy Communion and would like to be involved more at Mass, maybe they could consider Altar Serving. Please see Pat or Deacon Tim or one of our priests for more information and we can arrange for training and support.



#### SACRISTAN

#### <u>Sacristans</u>

We are looking for people to become Sacristans for our Masses. We would like to roster people so it does not become an onerous task for 1 person only. We are trying to streamline this role and share tasks with others, we have a checklist to work from so that all is covered. The main duties would be to open up and set up for Mass and clean up and lock up afterwards. Please see Pat on Saturday evenings or talk to Maurice or Bob on Sunday mornings.

#### **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.

# CHILD PROTECTION IS EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS



**Mandatory Notifiers** 

Just a reminder to <u>all</u> 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 hcparish@adam.com.au and send a photo if possible,

Help us all to keep each other safe.

## Vo<u>lunteer Thank you</u>

We gratefully acknowledge all those who volunteer in our parish. You do so many things, lots of them un noticed till they don't happen. Our parish would not survive without your help.

Volunteers do the following:
 Ministers at Mass
Readers, Commentators,
Sacristans, Altar Servers,
Cleaning, Counting,

Parish Councils—Pastoral & Finance Organizing rosary & craft groups Musicians and slide show organisers,

Maintenance Office help Visiting the sick

Bereavement ministry, organizing funerals and much more

Thank you all!

