



St Martin de Porres

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Community Newsletter

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News from the Pastoral worker.

It seems that the year is flying by despite all the issues with restrictions and complying to all the policies we must enforce to keep our parish community safe.

Thank you all for your efforts. We still need some COVID Marshall's for our Masses and if you have done the training, Pat would love to have your details.

We are preparing for the **Advent** season. If you would like to be involved in our liturgy, Celebration with the children, especially the Christmas Eve Mass or decorating our church, please let me know.

We would also love to have a couple of extra leaders for children's liturgy on Saturday evening. We want to be able to provide children's Liturgy at every Mass and we are so grateful to the Leaders that work with our students.

Thank you!

Memorial Garden:

As you know, the two benches were installed in the garden a month or so ago.

We have placed Fr Hugh's plaque in the garden.

Pete has planted a flowering red gum.

Fr Hugh was known and loved by many as was Fr Tony Papps, our first PP. We are waiting to receive the plaques to go onto the two benches. We are still looking for a suitable table.

We want to have a nice colourful garden please let us know what flowers would be suitable as I am not green fingered despite being Irish!

As usual we will keep you posted on further developments.

Sacraments at St Martin de Porres:

39 children will make their Sacrament of Reconciliation next Tuesday 19th October.

Please keep these families in your prayers. They have worked well at their preparation workshops. Thank you to Ben Ryan for all his guidance.

This year we will join Brighton on the 11th of November for a remembrance Mass at 5pm. As COVID restrictions are still in place, due to numbers, you will need to RSVP once you receive your invitation.



Christmas Carols 2021

This year we are hoping to join the other churches in our area, bringing a wonderful evening of carol singing to the community.

In the past, Pete Smith has done a wonderful job in representing St Martin de Porres. If you have some spare time, we would love to hear from you and no music knowledge needed.

Take care Marion

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Baptisms at Hallett Cove

In the past few months, we have celebrated Baptisms most weekends at Hallett Cove. Deacon Tim personally meets with every family for preparation and planning of the service, then celebrates the Baptism after the Sunday morning Mass (Baptisms can be celebrated within the Mass for families who regularly attend Mass services) There are a couple of photos below of families that have recently celebrated. Please contact Pat in the parish office to find out more or to book a Baptism.



"Rivers do not drink their own water;
trees do not eat their own fruit;
the sun does not shine on itself and flowers
do not spread their fragrance for themselves.
Living for others is a rule of nature.
We are all born to help each other.
No matter how difficult it is....
Life is good when you are happy;
but much better when others are happy
because of you."

-Pope Francis

Our Parish Vision

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



Parish Pastoral Council

Adelaide Diocesan Assembly

Fr Michael, Fr Dominic, Deacon Tim, Marion Ryan Crabb, Ansel Dsouza, Joy Saba and Helen Thompson recently

attended the Adelaide Diocesan Assembly. The Assembly was a time of prayer and discernment for our church. During this event the participants worked in small discussion groups to listen and dialogue with one another around the Discussion Themes. The end result of each group was a set of recommendations for further discernment or action by various groups, communities or people in the Archdiocese of Adelaide.

The Plenary Council was the impetus for the 2021 Diocesan Assembly: it was the place where our Plenary Council Members could listen to the people of our Diocese before representing them at the Plenary Council in October.



Discussion Themes

1. *Inclusion and Healing*
2. *Leadership and Leadership Formation*
3. *Faith Formation and Spiritual Development*
4. *Parish Life and Liturgy*
5. *A Church that Responds to the Cry of the Earth and the Cry of the Poor.*
6. *Outreach and Accompaniment of Children, Families and Young People.*

Highest priorities ranked by participants

Equal Opportunities for Women.

New models for ministry and service.

Church to reach out to community and connection instead of waiting for them to approach the Church.

Financial support for families

Education of the heart-Social teaching.

Family Faith Formation

Explore faith formation for adults and young people.



Adelaide
Diocesan Assembly

Explicit naming of who we want to be as people and as Church

Welcoming and hospitable

Christ Centred

Missionary and Gospel focussed.

Strong public voice for the voiceless that our actions reflect these values.

A sanctuary of belonging.

Outward and Community Focussed.

Synodal at all levels.

Co-responsible, Dialogical and discerning (life and faith).

Invitational and Collaborative.

Servant-like.

Authentic and Inclusive (at all levels and especially in decision making)

Accountable and Transparent.

Inclusive: in liturgy and liturgical richness.

Meaningful and Contemporary.

Culturally diverse.

Each taking up their baptismal role and the importance of laity.

Leadership at the grass roots.

Other News

Our **Strategic Plan** Planning process is well underway. It is designed to help us become a Parish that lives *our Mission*. We have now gathered the thoughts and views of our parishioners and a cross section of community representatives. We thank you all for putting forward your thoughts and reflections. The coordinating group is now working through this information and summarising the key themes and issues put forward to help us build towards our Mission.

We see four broad themes emerging:

Faith, Theology and Spirituality

Liturgy and Worship

Building Community

Supporting People in Need

Once this work is done we will share it with you all, the parishioners, the Parish Pastoral Council and the School to check that we are on the right track.

We will then suggest a series of initiatives that will help us to become a parish that lives what we say we are in all aspects of what we do. Again these proposals will be shared with parishioners, the Parish Pastoral Council and the School.

We congratulate the children in our parish who recently celebrated the **Sacraments** of Confirmation and First Eucharist.



The 2022 Sacramental Program began on Sunday September 12 when the children involved in the Reconciliation program were introduced to the church community. We will keep these children and their families in our prayers as they continue with the program during September and will celebrate the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist in 2022.

Memorial benches have been installed in the garden outside the Church. Work will continue on this site to help make it a reflective place of remembrance.



Helen Thompson
Chair Person PPC

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We are looking at options for plaques to adorn the benches in Memorial. Look out for information and order forms coming soon. Pat



Hallett Cove Vinnies



The St Vincent de Paul Society is a lay Catholic organisation that aspires to live the gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice, hope and joy, and by working to shape a more just and compassionate society. The Society also advocates on several pressing social justice issues such as homelessness, poverty and asylum seekers.

Your Vinnies group has continued to provide services and offer assistance even through COVID restrictions during 2021 through the following ways:

- Continued with phone interviews (normally face to face) and provide food vouchers for use at Foodbank, food parcels, clothing, bedding, kitchenware and paying some utility accounts
- Three of our members have made a 12 month commitment to also assist the Vinnies Noarlunga group with face to face interviews within a COVID safe environment
- Four of our members have made a 12 month commitment to also assist the Vinnies Aberfoyle Park group as they recruit more volunteers
- We support Fred's Van Christies Beach both with monetary support and some food
- Three of our members are now assisting with serving meals and other duties at Fred's Van Christies Beach



- We give monetary support to the Vinnies Refugee & Asylum Seeker Service
- Some members are supporting the Circle of Friends (111) group, who are placing refugee families in homes, help with attaining work etc, through regular donations or attending fundraisers



- A donated second hand car became available to our group for a refugee family and we arranged for servicing & detailing. Some members contributed to cover a year of registration, insurance & roadside assistance

- Through a deceased estate our group collected & delivered furniture and household goods to two refugee families, who were very thankful
- As we don't have any storage facilities for furniture we are sometimes lucky to help one of our companions with donated furniture from some of our generous parishioners who are able to hold it until needed
- All our members have committed to pack & deliver Christmas Hampers within our region then assist in packing hampers for two other southern groups



- We financially support two of our overseas Vinnies groups in India and Indonesia. Both groups operate in very poor areas & the Indonesian group is in a very remote area. Both groups have been hugely impacted by COVID
- We financially support Vinnies Assist a Student Program. The Assist a Student Program provides funding to support the education of a student in one of our Vinnies partner countries for one year. In many Asia Pacific countries, poverty is a barrier to accessing education and other opportunities and therefore excludes individuals from reaching their full potential
- One member has been overseeing the Bookshop for many years with ordering & collecting stock, theming the room to match the Liturgical Season & sourcing Calendars & Christmas cards

Our Vinnies group receives generous support from parishioners (especially through the Vinnies Winter & Christmas Appeals, Lenten donation program and Christmas Giving Tree), St Martin de Porres School community, Hallett Cove Community Children's Centre and Knights of the Southern Cross which allows us to achieve so much. Thank you all so much for your outstanding generosity.

Vinnies Giving Tree

This year the Giving Tree will be put up mid November. We ask that you take a tag from the tree and place this item under the tree before the 14th December, so that Vinnies can pack and deliver hampers before Christmas. Thank you for your support.





THE KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS (SA) INC.

Brighton – Marion – Hallett Cove -
Glenelg Branch

Although life is getting to normal, it is not easy for the older members having to communicate wearing a mask. At least it keeps us healthy. Our Formation Program has been discussion on the Six National Themes from the Plenary Council and the Diocesan gathering. It appears that the Pastoral needs of the current Church were not discussed.

Recently, Fr Dominick Okwadha was our guest speaker at the mixed Branch meeting. Father enlightened the gathering with his journey from Kenya-Spain-USA-to Hallett Cove. This included his childhood & teenage days; education and seminary/s, then ordination.

Upon arrival in SA, several months at Mt Gambier with Fr Dean Marin PP and then to Hallett Cove. Fr Dominick speaks and thinks in many languages and is now trying to master Australian English! We are pleased and honoured that Father is with us and is welcome in our homes.

Quarterly, we have continued our support for now five Vinnies conferences in our parishes. We further supported the Mary Potter Hospice at Calvary re Palliative Care.

We again thank those parishioners who support our 45 Club and keep us in mind with the Knights Bottle Drive. Just a phone call to Tony Schar: mob: 0419127491.

Your support helps us to support the Vinnies and others.

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

Stay Safe and well.

Bro Rod Roach
Chairman



Bunnings Barbeque at Reynella

Sunday 31st October

Come and support our parish and buy a sausage .

Thank you to all who have volunteered to help on the day or to donate items.

Your support is greatly appreciated.



First Collection Renewal 2021 Support of the clergy



The funds we contribute to the first collection each week are the primary means of sustaining our Priests, Deacons and retired Priests in our 55 parishes.

Together with stole offerings – that is, the payments made to clergy for weddings, funerals and baptisms – all funds are paid into the Diocesan Presbytery Fund.

This fund provides our priests' stipends, medical benefits, motor vehicles and continuing education. The fund also provides support for our retired and sick priests and the Priests & Deacons working in the Archdiocese.

In the month of October we will be highlighting the importance of adequately supporting our Diocesan clergy. Our clergy rely totally on the first collection for their material needs and sustenance. Their workload is increasing and in our fast growing secular society demand for the services provided by the Catholic Church and its clergy has never been greater – for example health care, education, counselling and welfare services. Our Priests and Deacons are at the heart of the effective delivery of these services and have been for many generations through their dedicated and generous ministry.

Remember, you can now donate to the first Collection via the 'Giving' section on the Find a Mass App. Thank you for your generosity and for your care for the wellbeing of our Priests and Deacons.

Significant Anniversaries celebrations

This year we celebrated in our parish, those who celebrate a significant wedding anniversary this year. 4 couples were recognised with a blessing and a certificate from the Archdiocese. (Normally this occurs with a celebration in the Cathedral with people and priests from the Archdiocese. It was nice to celebrate at a local level.)

Congratulations to Terry and Glenice Fanning—55 years

Mark & Libby Thompson—40 years



Jim & Brenda Digance—35 years

Pete & Pat McKenna—35 years.

Congratulations also to George and Shirley Hanna celebrating their 55th Wedding Anniversary on the 15th October.

The Fifth Plenary Council in Australia

First General Assembly | Sun 3 Oct – Sun 10 Oct 21

A Deacon's Diary

I thought I'd learn about the Plenary Council of the Catholic Church in Australia through Catholic and secular media reports. A month prior to the start of the Council, however, the General Secretary of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC) asked if I would assist its Secretariat to produce an accurate and enduring record of Council proceedings. Quite unexpectedly, I had become a proverbial 'fly on the wall' to the Council's proceedings.

Monday 4 October 2021

Had an early start and a late finish on this historic first Plenary Session. While attentive to rich proceedings unfolding, I scrambled during break times to assemble a vivid, sensible record and confirm numerous details. Not everything goes to plan, understandably. It reminded me of the Easter Vigil liturgy: lots of practical instructions behind the scenes surround meaningful liturgy; lots of people with different roles silently working together to support the congregation's worship. It comes together only by the grace of God! I was utterly exhausted in the end but had a sense that Council members were more serenely aware of God's grace than our human inadequacies.

Tuesday 5 October – Wednesday 6 October 2021

What a gracious gift, the Plenary Council! Delayed by a year due to COVID-19 restrictions, it has finally started. Not face to face, as all would have preferred, but virtually online. The longstanding impulse to gather trumps all impediments. Despite occasional glitches (technology and prayer don't always mix), Council members appear captive to the Holy Spirit. Reflective sharing, respectful listening, prayerful discernment. Some predictable views were expressed, yes—but liberally interspersed with fresh, surprising perspectives.

Thursday 7 October 2021

A special Plenary Session dealt with the clergy sexual abuse crisis and those who feel marginalised by Church teachings. Several profound disclosures by members occurred: of being abused, of being let down by the Church's response to abuse. A somber tone. Holy ground, honoured by heartfelt listening. While I recorded proceedings, I was inescapably touched by the gravity of hurt and betrayal. How many the tears our Lord sheds with us.



Regarding the role of Deacons

Council members were invited to submit brief statements, or interventions, during plenary sessions. Two interventions drew specific attention to the diaconate: Deacon Collin Nunis (Melkite Eparchy of Australia) and Major Gavin Keating (Military Ordinariate):

Collin was able to speak to his written submission, asserting in 3 minutes that the diaconate is 'new wine' in the service of a mission-driven and structured Church, overflowing with much creative potential. What could diaconal ministry look like if it was more strategically aligned with the missional needs of an outward-facing Church?

Gavin's written intervention noted that the diaconate lies at the intersection of many of the issues raised by Council members: the relationship between the laity and the ordained; between the secular and spiritual; between married and family life and religious lives. In particular, he noted it was a 'missed opportunity' that no deacon from the Latin Rite had been called to serve as a Member of the Council.

The Second Assembly of the Plenary Council commences in early July 2022. Between now and then, much work needs to be done to humbly discern specific proposals for reform and renewal. Please keep the Council's ongoing processes in your prayers. Through the Spirit, none of us are called to be mere 'flies on the wall' in the Church. Rather, we're drawn together as active participants—witnessing to the life of Christ in a world that God loves.

Deacon Tim Grauel



EULOGY FOR MAIRE DOCHERTY

1st June 1930 – 30th June 2021

I, Maire, was born to Michael and Margaret Docherty on June 1st, 1930 at home in our tenement house in Dumbarton Road, Overnewton, Glasgow. At just 4lbs, I was very small. I was followed in the family by James 1931, Michael 1933, Margaret 1936, Sheila 1940 and Anne 1945.

My childhood was a happy one, despite from when I was 9 until 15, World War II being in progress. Because of it's shipyards and heavy industry, Glasgow was a prime target for the Germans. From the shelter near our tenement, we could see enemy planes in the distance flying up over the River Clyde.

We lived very close to the Kelvingrove art galleries where my friends and I loved to play. The staff knew us and would tell us about the wonderful art and artefacts. We used to try to get locked in the gallery overnight, but never succeeded!

I enjoyed my school days and had a number of very interesting teachers. I enjoyed high school, but had to leave early as I had to find employment to help family finances.

My teenage years were very interesting as my church was a very active one and everyone was involved. I belonged to the dramatic club and the parish youth club of which I became a leader at 16. The club grew dramatically when we introduced the Duke of Edinburgh Awards (despite some resistance from the parish authorities – because it was perceived to be “a protestant organisation”!) I was a founder member of the Girls YCW for Western Scotland (it had been long established in Edinburgh and the east). I became organiser and also joint co-ordinator organising the International Pilgrimage to Rome in the 1950s, I was also appointed Secretary of the Diocesan Council of the Glasgow Archdiocese and remained secretary for 17 years. I was also a founder member of the Scottish Lay Apostolate Council and was one of two official representatives of the Glasgow Archdiocese to the Vatican Lay Council following Vatican II. My life was filled with involvement in the Church. It was very interesting and I met so many interesting people from all over the world.

With the YCW, Maire went annually to Lourdes, taking young people with disabilities, and as YCW leader she attended many European conferences including in Germany and Spain.

Seminarians from Scotland, many of whom Maire had known in school, youth groups and YCW, would spend some or all of their seminary years in Rome and Maire often went to visit them. They loved her and her friends coming because they had an excuse to visit all sorts of places they were otherwise not allowed to – on pretext of keeping the girls safe and showing them around.

Maire became a qualified social worker, working with the poor of Glasgow, particularly young mothers, teaching them housekeeping, parenting, budgeting and other life and social skills.

Maire had a life-long interest in politics and was a member of the Labour Party here in Australia.

A truly inspirational member of the St Martin de Porres parish community from the moment she and Andrew moved into Freya Avenue. Maire was deeply involved in all aspects of parish life, including liturgy, bible study, social events, multi-cultural events and BECs.

Maire set up and led a Lenten Study Group using a program called 'God Is Near' - GIN for short. Lent came and went, they never finished the booklet, but they continued to meet weekly for ten years – growing in faith and community.

She cared passionately about the Hallett Cove community. She used to co-ordinate our welcoming committee; when a new family filled out a new parishioners form, it would go to Maire who would make contact, go to visit and introduce them to someone who would show them around and look out for them as they settled in to the community and the parish.

Maire retired early from her social work career with the Department of Human Services, suffering a breakdown which took her a couple of years to recover from. She enjoyed her retirement though. Being thoroughly involved with Andrew and his studies for his Master's and Doctorate as his research assistant, typist, support staff and devoted wife. On his Masters' graduation day, Andrew's supervisor gave Maire a certificate for being a miracle worker and assistant extraordinaire! She also acted as his support team in his ultra-marathon running, no easy task!

After Andrew died, Maire's health deteriorated, she had emergency surgery to replace a heart valve, a pace maker inserted and later replaced, diabetes, chronic insomnia and several other health issues. Maire was supported by her Aged Care Package administered by ACH and especially appreciated Scott, her physio who used to take her for walks in the conservation park, her cleaner Kathryn and her gardener/handyman John who all became

friends. We are grateful to Japara Nursing Home at Oaklands Park who cared so well for her during her respite care with them over the last 3 months of her life.



May she rest in peace.

Advent 2021

1st Sunday of Advent—Blessing of the cribs

Bring along your Nativity scene or part of it to be blessed during Mass on the weekend of the 27th and 28th November.



Blessing of the Crib

Vinnies Giving Tree

Take a tag from the tree and return it to the parish before the 15th December to be included in the Christmas Hampers

Advent Donations—see attached flyer

Reconciliation

After the midday Mass on Fridays and the 10am Mass on Saturday mornings

Penitential Liturgy followed by Individual Reconciliation

Brighton: Wednesday 15th December, 10am
Hallett Cove: Tuesday 21st December, 7pm



Anointing of the Sick Mass

Brighton: Saturday 18th December
Hallett Cove: Wednesday 1st December, 12 noon

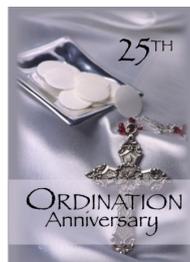
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Fr Michael's 25th Anniversary of Ordination

On the 18th January, 2022, Fr Michael will celebrate 25 years of Priestly Ordination.

He will be celebrating the midday Mass (Tuesday) at Brighton on his Anniversary, and we will help him celebrate the weekend after at Hallett Cove. Look out for more information in the coming newsletters

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Christmas 2021

Christmas Masses

Friday 24th December
7pm Family Vigil Mass

10pm Vigil Mass

Saturday 25th December
Mass 9.30am

If COVID restrictions still apply, we will have restricted numbers for these Masses—a ticket system may be in place, watch out for further developments

Please note there will be NO Sat night Vigil Mass for **Sunday 26th December**—one Mass only on Sunday morning at 9.15am

The Wednesday 12 noon Mass will be cancelled on Wednesday 29th December.

New Years Eve

There will be our normal Friday Masses on Friday 31st December, ie 9.30am at Hallett Cove and 12 noon at Brighton.

New Years Day

Mass at 10am at Brighton.

Normal Mass times for the weekend of the **1st/2nd January**, ie 6pm Sat & 9.15am on Sunday

Please see sheets in the foyer for volunteering for ministries for these Masses (will be up early December)



Christmas Office Closure

The Parish office will be closed from 27th December to reopen on Tuesday 4th January.

CRY OF THE EARTH CRY OF THE POOR

This years [Social Justice Statement](#) encourages each one of us, to listen with an open heart to the Cry of the Poor and those most affected by poverty, so that we can begin to make a difference in their lives and thereby a difference to our earth.

This year we can do this by helping out those less fortunate by donating items that we will pass on to the Vinnies Refugees Association. Each week there will be different item that we will ask for. All items must be new, unused and clean.



Please bring any items on the week specified and place in the box in the foyer

20th/21st November:

Rice / Lentils

27th/28th November:

Dried Fruit and Nuts

4th & 5th December:

Children's Books and Games

11th & 12th December:

\$10 gift vouchers for Coles, Woolworths,

Big W or Kmart



If you have any other items that may be suitable for the refugees, we will gladly take and pass on for you. Please leave them in the box in the foyer or drop them into the Parish Office at Hallett Cove

