



St Martin de Porres

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Community Newsletter

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What has been happening in our parish.

The past couple of months have been very busy in our parish.

We have celebrated Confirmations for 48 children and First Holy Communion for 45 children.

We have celebrated 10 baptisms.

We had 8 couples receive a special Blessing for Significant Anniversaries.

We have walked with 2 families as they farewelled loved ones at Funeral services.

We celebrated Fathers Day

We acknowledged Safeguarding Sunday, and celebrate the fact that we are a parish that everyone is able to feel safe when they are involved.

We have worked through a Parish renewal, by updating census, ministry and Planned Giving opportunities.

The PPC have worked through the Diocesan Assembly feedback and prepared responses for the Archdiocese, with help from parishioners.

We have celebrated Migrant & Refugee Sunday— we have people from many different countries making up our community.

We have 22 children preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation later this month.

And James Thomson from our parish was Ordained a Deacon.

All of these things on top of our regular Sunday celebrations and parish meetings.

Thank you all for your support to keep our parish engaging, positive and alive.



Liturgy Room

Over the past couple of months I have been cleaning out and trying to organise the liturgy room behind the Altar.

The room was completely emptied, cleaned and scrubbed and repainted. The curtain was washed and repaired, and storage shelves purchased. I have washed and repaired, photographed and am now cataloguing our banners. I have found approx. 40 banners (some of which I had never seen before). I am trying to use the banners when appropriate, so you will have seen banners more often around the church. If you know, who has made any of the banners or the history behind them, please let me know. I have already had quite a few comments about the banners being out in the church and the foyer and am starting to learn some of the history of them.

I have also washed and hemmed numerous bolts of fabric.

I have found some things that had been presumed lost (Tablecloths for example).

I will be labelling all boxes and trying to organise all things appropriate to each season.

I am really pleased with how it is looking so far and hope that it will make things easier to find and access for the future. (So sorry I did not take a picture before I started).

Pat McKenna



Our Parish Vision

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

Parish Pastoral Council

Living our Mission-Strategic Plan 2022-2025

Over the past 2 years our parish has worked extremely hard to develop our Strategic Plan. This plan is now completed and will be presented to the community very soon.

The plan was formulated through the process of renewal and reflection undertaken by our Parishioners, School Community and PPC with input from the wider Hallett Cove community..

St Martin de Porres Parish is a Catholic Community enriched by and centred on the Eucharist, empowered to bring the Good News to all. Our Community agreed upon 3 very important themes of Ministry, Community and Liturgy.

This is a living plan and will be continuously updated as progress is made on the initiatives.

The Diocesan Assembly

2021 Diocesan Assembly Feedback was discussed in small groups in July & August this year. After consultation with the Parish Pastoral Council members, the parishioners, members of the school staff and the Hallett Cove community, we completed our feedback on the 2021 recommendations. Our top 3

Recommendations for our community and our top 3 Recommendations for the Archdiocese have been sent to the Archdiocese in readiness for the 2022 Assembly.

Top 3 Recommendations for our Community

1. Parish and Schools are encouraged to explore and investigate the opportunities "Being Church Together" document to enable us to continue to grow in being a Church Community together.
2. Make our churches places of celebration that are attractive to others be involved, be active, be proud, be hospitable - build connection and belonging.
3. Provide opportunities and resources for family faith formation, faith sharing and spiritual conversation in parishes and other ecclesial and school communities (e.g. Alpha, Neocatechumenal way, using media in contemporary ways)

Top 3 Recommendations for the Archdiocese:

1. Development and implementation of more inclusive liturgy practices. Inclusive liturgy recognising the richness. Mandating Acknowledgement of Country
2. Take every opportunity not to be gender driven in all ministries/roles within the Church. Time to address celibacy
3. Sharing resources between parishes and schools about engaging young people in church, especially 11 - 17 year olds

The Diocesan Assembly has enriched and complemented our Parish themes of Ministry, Community and Liturgy. The Parish theme of Ministry has much in common with the Diocesan theme of a Church that listens and responds to the Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor as well as Faith Formation and Spiritual Development.

The Parish theme of Community has much in common with the Diocesan themes of Inclusion, and Healing, Leadership and Leadership Formation and Outreach and accompaniment of children, families and young people.

The Parish theme of Liturgy has much in common with the Diocesan theme of Parish Life and Liturgy.

The renewal and reflection undertaken by our Parishioners, School Community and PPC with input from the wider Hallett Cove community has shaped our responses to the Diocesan Strategic Actions process. Members of our PPC are looking forward to attending the 2022 Assembly on Friday 21 October and Saturday 22 October. We look forward to sharing this information with the parish community on our return.

Searching for Parish Engagement Survey (SPES)

Our parish is involved in a special project in collaboration with Catholic Education Office and our neighbouring Catholic Schools, in conjunction with Leuven Catholic University in Belgium.

This project will relate closely to one of our Parish strategies from 'Living our Mission' document. This strategy is a focus on families and how as a Parish we can develop engagement and connection and recognize the importance of our Catholic School in this.

This project involves taking part in an online survey about parish and school identity and is known as Searching for Parish Engagement Survey (SPES). Every parishioner over 15 years old will be invited to complete this online survey indicating your views about parish life and your hopes for the future. Your views are extremely important in how you think our parish is going and what plans can be made for the future. The questions will focus on different aspects than what we have collected previously. You are asked to give 40 minutes of your time to complete the survey. All surveys are completely anonymous and your honest responses are welcomed.

School communities will also be completing these surveys. When we receive the results of these surveys we will have the opportunity to share the results of both school and parish..

We thank our parishioners being involved in this survey.



To participate please follow these 6 easy steps:

1. Access the surveys at www.ecsi.site/au/user/
2. Enter the case-sensitive password Ghj654 and click login.
3. If you're a new user: Click the **New user button**.
If you wish to continue a previous session: Enter your User-ID and Password.
4. Enter your parish's *Survey Access Code* - m35UGS - so that your input will be linked to your parish.
5. You are now logged in. Displayed on the screen is your unique User-ID and Password (case-sensitive).
Save this information (write, print, or email it) if you need to **access the website later**.
6. From this point forward, please follow the on-screen instructions to complete the surveys.

If you experience any difficulties, please contact Pat in the office.

PPC Report continued:

Stewardship Program

As a community we are responsible for supporting the St Martin de Porres Parish. This includes spiritual, community and financial support. During September we asked parishioners to consider supporting our community financially, committing to a Ministry or joining one of our groups to help build community. If you are already involved, we thank you for your ongoing support.

The parish has been unsuccessful in finding a replacement for the Parish Worker. The PPC is supporting our parish on a voluntary basis on a number of key initiatives within the parish. This includes important events such as Easter, Christmas, the Sacramental programs and important feast days. We will also seek support from the St Martin de Porres School, Fr Michael, Fr Prathap and the wider community to support our parish journey. The aim is to draw on the skills & energy that each of us has to help our parish to share the load and reap the collaborative rewards.

Thanks for your support.

Helen Thompson
Chair Person PPC

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Parish Renewal Programme

Thank you to all who supported our recent parish renewal.

Census Forms

We received 83 responses to our census forms (27 online and 55 on paper).

Some interesting facts to note:

- Only 12 families with children at home.
- 48 fully retired households
- 5 new families (not previously on our records)
- 3 major changes to our records ie address etc

Ministry Forms

Only 18 forms were completed, but on renewing the Ministry rosters I received many updates for Ministries.

New ministries

- We have about 4 new people to join our reading roster once trained and police checked.
- We have 1 new family to join the cleaning roster
- We have 4 people interested in our Bereavement ministry
- We have a couple of new people interested in Visiting the sick.

We have also had a couple of people interested in other ministries—you will be contacted shortly.

Planned Giving

The new Planned Giving envelopes were ready on the 10th September. Our total number of envelopes was down to 44. Thank you to those who have moved to direct debit/ credit card giving.

We know that everyone's time is limited and money is tight especially at the moment, so we thank you for your attention to our parish in any way.



THE KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS (SA) INC.

Brighton – Marion – Hallett Cove - Glenelg Branch

The Brighton/Marion/Hallett Cove/Glenelg Branch is now back to its normal meeting days on the first Wednesday of each month.

The Annual Branch Dinner was held at Tonsley Hotel on 14th July 2022 and was well attended. Our clergy was also well represented.

State Council has announced that Fr Leon Czechowicz has been appointed as the new State Chaplain and thanked Mons Rob Egar for his many years of dedicated service to the Knights.

The last two branch general meetings have been particularly interesting with a wine tasting fund raiser organised by Ali Kerr of Wine Direct and



a superb talk by Emeritus Professor Henry D'Assumpcao, an old Sacred Heart

College classmate of Branch Chairman Rod Roach.

With regard to the wine-tasting fund raiser, for those who are interested please see the Parish weekly bulletin for details on how to order. Every dozen bottles purchased receives a donation from 'Wine Direct'. So please support this fund raiser.

Professor D'Assumpcao's talk was titled: Great and Powerful Friends - a brilliant perspective on Australia's position geographically and economically in the world, but more particularly in the Southeast Asia and South Pacific Regions.

One important perspective focussed on the rise of China as a super power and the need for Australia to cope with the changing power plays in the region. It called for continued development of our

defence technologies and good economic management, whilst maintaining a constructive dialogue with nations in the region. Professor D'Assumpcao was, amongst his many other

eminent positions, Chief Scientist at the Weapons Research Establishment (now DSTO) here in SA so his talk was quite scholarly but, in an expert way, brilliantly tailored to suit his present audience.

The talk stimulated a lively question and answer session.

At the meeting, the following office-bearers were elected for the year 2022-2023:

Chairman; Rod Roach
Vice-Chairman; Peter Kay
Secretary; Graham Workman
Treasurer & Minutes Secretary; Tony Schar
Membership; Pat Hodgson
Members; Bob Byrth and Gary Amott



Hallett Cove Vinnies

The Hallett Cove Vinnies group sincerely thank everyone who made donations to the Vinnies Winter Appeal. We also received significant support from the St Martin de Porres School community with cash & food donations and the Knights of the Southern Cross.

Your Vinnies group has continued to provide services and offer assistance during 2022 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
- Two of our members have made another 12 month commitment to also assist the Vinnies Noarlunga group with face to face interviews
- Four of our members have made a further 12 month commitment to also assist the Vinnies Aberfoyle Park group
- We support Fred's Van Christies Beach both with monetary support and some food
- Five of our members assist 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
- 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.

Thank you all so much for your wonderful generosity.

Anniversaries Blessing

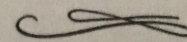
On the weekend of the 17th and 18th September we had 8 couples receive a blessing during Masses as they are celebrating significant wedding anniversaries this year. Congratulations to the following couples

Shirley & Les Drury – 60 years
Pat & Lionel Pugsley – 60 years
Michael & Jasmine Thompson – 50 years
Mila & Herminio Bernaldo – 50 years
Robert & Mary Dittmar – 50 years
Rod & Violet Porter – 40 years
Matthew & Sharon Aitken – 35 years
Teresa & Gary Pascoe – 35 years



Prayer of Thanksgiving on Marriage

A prayer to pray together



Gracious and loving God,
we thank you as we celebrate our married life.
We thank you for being with us along the journey.
We thank you for keeping us close and faithful.
We ask forgiveness for the times that
we have failed each other
and hurt one another by word or deed.
We ask you to bless us today and always
and to continue to watch over us,
our family and our home.

Let us remember always the strength of our love
as we exchanged rings on our wedding day.

May our love grow ever deeper
and may we always enjoy your
peace and blessing in our lives.

We make our prayer through
Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Confirmation and First Holy Communion

We have recently completed the preparation and ceremonies for Confirmation and First Holy Communion in our parish. Without a Pastoral worker, this process was made a little trickier. A huge thank you to Ben Ryan, APRIM at St Martin de Porres school for leading all the parent meetings and preparation sessions (twice a week) and playing music for the Confirmation ceremony and two of the First Holy Communion Masses. Fr Michael Confirmed 45 children at our ceremony in July. 3 Children were unable to make this ceremony due to COVID, so they were confirmed during our First Holy Communion Masses.

Standing behind Fr Michael for the Confirmation rite was a stand out for me. I was close enough to see and hear the children when they were being confirmed. The joy and confidence and eagerness with their responses were a joy to witness. I was also amazed at Fr Michael's knowledge of the Saints, and some of the children picked some really unusual saints. Fr Michael had something to say to each child about their saint.

The First Holy Communions of these children were spread over 3 weekends at our usual Saturday and Sunday Masses in August and September. They were joyous celebrations and we hope to see a lot of them at Mass again.

We have a new group of children preparing for Reconciliation at the moment, approx. 22. They will celebrate this Sacrament in October with Confirmation and First Holy Communion next year.



Congratulations

We congratulate Deacon James Thomson on his Ordination to the diaconate on Saturday 3rd September by Archbishop Patrick O'Regan. We wish him well for his remaining studies. He will be Ordained to the Priesthood next year.



ADELAIDE INTERNATIONAL
ROSE AND GARDEN EXPO 2022
 ADELAIDE CONVENTION CENTRE 28-30 OCT

The Adelaide International Rose and Garden Expo at the Adelaide Convention Centre

Friday 28 Oct (4pm - 9pm),
 Saturday 29 (9am - 5pm) Official Opening at 1.30pm
 Sunday 30 Oct (9am - 5pm)

- This sensational new horticultural event will feature:
- National Rose Show - including the Australian Rose Championships
 - Spectacular floral displays - including Floral Fashion Parade
 - Professional / Trade exhibitors
 - Guest Speakers – hourly lecture program featuring celebrities, international, national and local garden experts who will share their knowledge
 - Amateur Garden Clubs including Rose Society of SA
 - Support from Nursery & Garden Industry South Australia
 - Children's Activities – free children's activities Sat 29 and Sun 30 October 10am - 5pm, conducted by Nature Play SA with staff and materials provided
 - Coincides with City of Adelaide's "Flower Days" 28 and 29 October
 - Catering by Adelaide Convention Centre
 - Major sponsors include: Felco, Peats, Green Adelaide, Botanic Gardens, SALIFE, FIVEaa, Garden Grove, SA Tourism Commission & others

PRICE

From \$ 20.00 to \$ 20.00

Children under 14 years Free

To purchase tickets to attend the Adelaide International Rose and Garden Expo. Simply scan the barcode



Just a few thoughts!



1. *If God had a refrigerator, your picture would be on it.*
2. *If He had a wallet, your photo would be in it.*
3. *He sends you flowers every spring and a sunrise every morning.*
4. *Whenever you want to talk, He'll listen.*
5. *He could live anywhere in the universe, and He chose your heart.*
6. *What about the Christmas gift He sent you in Bethlehem, not to mention that Friday at Calvary.*

Face it, He's crazy about you.

Memorial Mass

On **Thursday 10th November at 5.30pm** we will have a Mass in the Columbarium at Brighton to celebrate all those who have passed in the last 12 months, or those whose ashes have been placed in the Columbarium during this time. This Mass will be followed by light refreshments in the Activity centre. If you have lost a loved one this year and would like to come to the Mass, please contact the Brighton parish office on 8296 7292 or email info@brightonparish.com.au and provide the Name of your departed family member, so that we can have a candle for them, along with the number of people attending for catering purposes.

Mass for the Unborn Child
Saturday 15th October 10am

Join us for Mass at Brighton to commemorate those babies lost through miscarriage, stillbirth or abortion along with children lost to accidents or illnesses. Any queries to the parish office on 8296 7292.



November is Remembrance Month

Tuesday 1st November—All Saints Day

Masses:

Brighton at 12 noon
 Hallett Cove at 6.30pm

Wednesday 2nd November—All Souls Day

Masses:

Brighton 12 noon
 Hallett Cove 12 noon & 6.30pm

Thursday 3rd November—St Martin de Porres Feast day

Mass at Hallett Cove 12 noon

We have a Remembrance Folder for November.

You will be asked to write the names of your deceased family members and friends in the folder on the day of their Anniversary. This folder will be brought forward at all Masses in November for all to be included in our prayers.

