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Community Newsletter

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Dear Parishioners,

I joined St Francis Xavier Seminary as a 17yr old in 1961. Here I am in 2018, approaching 75yrs old, preparing for retirement from active parish life.

This will be my final letter to you as Parish Priest.

My priestly life has been one of giftedness and challenges. I would think your lives have been, and are, similar. God looks after us in ways mostly unknown to us. 'The God of Surprises'.

My biggest surprise was in God calling me to the priesthood. Not something I was thinking of at 16! The request by Archbishop Gleeson for me to become a Navy Chaplain was the next surprise. This was followed on my return to the Archdiocese by Archbishop Faulkner asking me to be the Vicar General.

The request to become the Parish Priest of Hallett Cove was also a surprise! I know now that in all these 'surprises', 'callings' God was guiding me into new ministries to serve Him and His people. I have been abundantly blessed in all these ministries, each having its own special pastoral needs.

Being Parish Priest of Hallett Cove has been a gift. Parish life is all about community and service. You, the parishioners of Hallett Cove, have been a wonderful multi-cultural family to be with. In our Church of today, with many challenges, your strong faith and commitment to your parish is a real life expression of God being with us, and the Holy Spirit guiding us.

Sincerest thanks to all who make our parish so special. The Parish Team, Committees, Groups, especially the many volunteers, St Martin's School. I know you will welcome Fr Michael and continue to be a vibrant community.

Oremus pro invicem. (Let us pray for each other)

Mons Ian
Parish Priest



From our Pastoral Associate

Many things have been happening at Hallett Cove since our last Community Newsletter. Our parish and children from St. Martin de Porres School were conferred Confirmation by Mons Ian on the 29th May. It was a wonderful occasion and it was extra special having Mons confer the Confirmation. On the 8th July the children then made their First Holy Communion. This year we had about 26 children receive these Sacraments.

We are now in the process of having interviews with children and parents who will be preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please keep these children in your prayers and you will notice in the next coming weeks the children will have posters in the church named "Please pray for Me" and it would be good if parishioners could put their names on the poster to assure the children of prayers for them whilst they are preparing.

We celebrated Mother's Day and our mothers received a fridge magnet. Pat McKenna our Secretary was responsible for this lovely gesture. We endeavour to remember our mothers and fathers each year with a small memento.

Our Visitation which was held between the 9th – 17th June was a great achievement by the Parish leadership team and parishioners who contributed to the Multi cultural brunch. The visitation team were impressed with the community spirit shown by our parishioners and it was a wonderful celebration.

This week we had three students from St. Martin de Porres School who were baptised in the church in front of their class peers. Two students were in year 4 and a student from reception. This is a true testament to the school who instructs them in the faith and the students themselves for articulating that they wish to become Catholic and their parents as well.

God bless
Clare Thewlis

Our Parish Vision

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

What's the Parish Pastoral Council been up to?

Deacon Tim Grauel, Chairperson | August 2018

Your Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) has been supporting Mons Ian Dempsey in his pastoral ministry as Parish Priest by pro-actively listening to parishioners to ensure that their voices are heard, respected and responded to as appropriate:

- **Parish Pastoral Visitation (PPV)** was originally planned to be an episcopal visit led by Archbishop Philip Wilson and his leadership team to the Hallett Cove Catholic Community in November 2017. When Archbishop Wilson continued to be unable to participate due to his legal situation, the PPV was held in June 2018, jointly-led by members of his leadership team: Fr Philip Marshall (Administrator Delegate), Ms Heather Carey (Chancellor); Ms Teresa Lynch (Director of Leadership & Ministry); and Ms Jill Gallio (Manager of Catholic Communities Office)
- **An 'appreciative response' to the PPV from the Archbishop's leadership team** is pending. The informal 'buzz' from the Archbishop's leadership team was encouraging: both parish and parish school communities were viewed most favourably. Nearly all ministries within the parish and parish school had an opportunity to showcase the ways in which they give expression to the Gospel within the wider parish and local community. Many thanks to those who answered the call to become involved in this engagement process
- **Mons Ian Dempsey's retirement begins after the weekend of Saturday 8 September/ Sunday 9 September.** Various 'farewell' activities at St Martin de Porres School and during our weekend Masses are planned. Please be sure to farewell Mons Ian in your own special way and continue to journey with him in prayer as he embarks on a well-earned change of pace. No doubt, Mons Ian will continue to offer support to the Archdiocese as a senior active priest.
- **Fr Michael Kyumu welcomed as new Parish Priest on the weekend of Saturday 15 September/Sunday 16 September (Hallett Cove Parish).** Fr Michael is currently Parish Priest at Blackwood Parish. Fr Michael's surname is properly pronounced as 'Chew-moo'. If in doubt, always safe to refer to him simply as 'Fr Michael'!
- **Listening for the best way forward.** Your PPC and Parish Priest are discerning the best way to respond to the recent situation impacting our (now former) Archbishop, Philip Wilson. How do we encourage open, healthy dialogue among the People of God? What is the future that the Spirit is leading us toward—and how do we constructively move forward towards that future? Your voice very much counts—please let us know!

Scripture Reflection Group – Ordinary Time at Hallett Cove

Deacon Tim Grauel | August 2018

We need to become communities that listen deeply to the Word of God. Our focus on the biblical text in our Sunday gatherings will need to spring from the way our parishes are places of the Word and of prayer during the week

Eight Gospel Characteristics of a Healthy, Vibrant, Renewing Parish *Gospel Characteristic #3*

'I wish I could learn more about the Scriptures', is an oft-repeated petition from parishioners. For many, the Bible is a devotional, decorative book perhaps politely tucked away at home. Rarely is it a lively, familiar, daily companion in our lives. 'Bible study' can conjure fears of an arduous academic exercise. What if it wasn't so daunting? The Scriptures are heard and briefly reflected upon during each Mass. Many parishioners own a Sunday Missal containing the readings proclaimed every Sunday. These realities prompted the question: 'Would a Scripture Reflection Group encourage deeper appreciation of the Scriptures proclaimed each Sunday?'

This was the simple rationale behind starting a Scripture Reflection Group at Hallett Cove Parish. Modelled on recent Lenten and Advent reflection groups held in the parish, an 'Ordinary Time' reflection group began meeting in May 2018. Led by Deacon Tim Grauel, the meetings are held on Tuesday evenings, fortnightly, for 1 hour in St Martin de Porres church (7:00 – 8:00 pm). Around 8 people have gathered for each meeting (new attendees are always welcomed). 12 meetings have been scheduled between mid-May and late-November (i.e. Ordinary time—from Pentecost until Advent begins). No one is expected to commit to attending all meetings (i.e. 'come when you're able').

Parishioners appear to come for a variety of reasons:

- Learn more about Christ
- Deepen personal faith
- Pray with Scripture
- Better understand Catholic Christianity
- Learn to live faith in daily life
- Fellowship in a small group

Finding out more about the Gospel isn't hard—it's happening right now in your parish! Why not consider joining with others in the journey towards greater understanding—and giving beautiful expression to the Gospel of Jesus Christ in our everyday lives?





The Vinnies Conference thanks all parishioners for your excellent support with our Winter Appeal this year – we received the highest amount ever. In addition to the money received from parishioners, the St Martin de Porres School donated about 12 big cartons of food as well as some blankets and clothes. This great response allows us to continue supporting those in need in our area. We thank you sincerely for your contributions.

We also wish to thank parishioners for their support with the Peoples Choice Community Lottery. Most of the tickets have now been distributed and we've had a good response with returning the completed lottery books and money.

The Society is now promoting one of its international programs, Assist a Student. This is an education program allowing donors to make a one-off \$70 tax-deductible donation to support a student in a country such as India, Philippines, Indonesia, Thailand, or Myanmar. These countries are partnered with the St Vincent de Paul Society in Australia. A great feature of Assist a Student is that every cent you donate goes to the student to support their education. All administration costs to run the program are kept to a minimum and are absorbed by the Society in Australia and overseas.

Australians take their education for granted but overseas it can be difficult. Assist a Student support may make the difference to whether a child attends school or not. It provides support for a year to students at primary, secondary and post-secondary levels for their education needs, including course fees, uniforms, and books. It is widely acknowledged that education is one of the most effective ways to overcome the cycle of poverty and by supporting this program you can become part of that pathway out of poverty.

Assist a Student brochures are available on the table near the bookshop and at the bookshop if you are interested in supporting a student. Contact Conference President Richard Hoskings for further information (mobile 0438 853 343).

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On Sunday 8th July, 26 of our parish & school children celebrated their First Holy Communion. We congratulate them and look forward to their future involvement in the parish.



**KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS
Hallett Cove, Brighton, Marion and Glenelg**

We have held the second of our four Daytime Meetings scheduled for this year. Eleven and fourteen members attended. Here we welcomed a potential member to cap off our fourth session of the Formation Programme.

Our Branch Annual Dinner was held at the Tonsley Hotel. We welcomed our State Chaplain Mons Rob Egar along with Mons Dempsey and Fr Peter Sheedy. Members from St Vincent de Paul from both Hallett Cove and Glenelg boosted our numbers along with members and wives from our State Council. Special apology from Mons. Bob Rice through illness. *His bottle of wine should be on its way. Problem is he will probably have to share, as Mons Dempsey has offered to take it to him.*

Presentation of Cheques to St Vinnies Conferences of Glenelg and Hallett Cove were offered at the dinner. Total value, \$440 which was the proceeds from the door at our No.2 Crazy Whist Fun Night.

Bro Tony Schar and myself represented your Branch at Hallett Cove last month. Fr Philip Marshall and Teresa Lynch Director of ministry and Leadership of our Archdiocese invited us to speak with them re the activity of the Knights of The Southern Cross in this parish, our positives and our challenges. In a relaxed atmosphere we spoke of our Branch, our history, now including discussion on youth and our future, in seeking new memberships and goals. This was part of the Pastoral Visitation promoted by Archbishop Philip Wilson.

Talking about getting ready for Crazy Whist Night No 3. It is on our calendar for Wednesday evening October 3rd 7:30pm. Branch Secretary, Peter Kay, has booked the hall at High Street Glenelg for this one. Preparations for this event are in the process of getting underway. We will be looking at getting our numbers up to 100. We were not far off the 100 for last game.

Game nights 4 & 5 at Hallett Cove and Marion will follow, all going well. Try and get along to the Glenelg night and get the feel of the fun night that is heading your way. Remember all proceeds go to the Vinnies Conferences.

Pat Hodgson Chairman

Community News

Articles, items of interest, special occasions etc. (subject to approval) are being accepted now for the next edition.

Deadline is Tuesday 30th October for availability on the weekend of the 3rd/4th November, 2018

Parish Visitation

We thank all those involved in our Parish Visitation from the 9th—17th July this year

Here are some photos from the week.



Coming Events in our parish
Here are some of the things coming up in our parish this year.

Please come along and be involved:

- **25th/26th August—Refugee And Migrant Sunday.** Shared supper/ morning tea after Masses—bring a plate of food from your heritage to share.
- **Sunday 2nd September—Mons farewell** morning tea after 9.15am Mass
- **Sunday 16th September—Welcome Fr Michael** morning tea after 9.15am Mass
- **Sunday 14th October—Bunnings BBQ** at Marion

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Berrima Buddies Family Group enjoying a card afternoon in the church foyer, for our July gathering.



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