



St Martin de Porres

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Community Newsletter

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From Our Pastoral Associate

In 2003 Mons Dempsey appointed me to work here in the Hallett Cove Catholic Community as their first 'non-nun' Pastoral Associate. I had already loved and worked in the community for 20 years as Secretary at St Martin de Porres School. It was quite daunting to try to follow in the footsteps of Sr Catherine Wowles, Sr Margaret Kenny, Sr Geraldine Stringer and Sr Teresa Brooks – all of whom I admired. Libby Thompson was Parish Secretary when I started, followed by Pat McKenna, and Marion Ryan was Pastoral Assistant working with me for a while. When I left to work with the Diocesan Pastoral Resource Team in the city in 2007, Anne Ryan took over as PA here and remained for 7 years – it's a lovely follow-on to have her son Ben as Religious Education Co-ordinator at St Martin de Porres School now! Since then I have ministered with the Kangaroo Island Catholic community for 5 years (4 days per fortnight fly-in-fly-out) and the Plympton Parish (partly concurrent with KIs) 8 years. I retired in February this year, only to be invited by Fr Michael to come back to minister here, 2 days per week, in my home parish, and started officially on June 5th! I love being with you all in this parish – it's a real home-coming for me!

Welcome Marion

Another 'home-coming' is about to happen – when Marion Ryan-Crabb starts work here next week as Parish Pastoral Assistant (2 days per week). Marion is studying in the Ministry Formation Program at the Adelaide Campus of the Australian Catholic University. (Co-incidentally, the Director of the Ministry Formation Program there is Margaret Speechley – former Principal here at St Martin de Porres)!

Marion worked for 17 years as an Education Support Officer (ESO) at St Martin de Porres School, then for about a year here in the parish before moving on to work with the Union for employees of non-government schools, and is now ready to return to serve in this dear community. I'll let her fill in other details in the next Parish Newsletter.



Congratulations Bernadette.

The above co-incidence brings me to another happy celebration; on Sunday 4th August, one of our long-time parishioners Bernadette Kerr was Commissioned during 9:15am Mass. In recognition that Bernadette had very successfully completed her 'Ministry Formation with Graduate Studies' at ACU, Margaret Speechley came to acknowledge Bernadette's achievement, present her with her certificate and officially commission her to minister in the Archdiocese. Margaret led the congregation in praying over Bernadette and we all celebrated by joining Bernadette and her family over cake and morning tea. Bernadette is currently working as a Hospital Chaplain at the QEH.

Bernadette Kerr (cntr front) and her family, with Fr Michael Kyumu (back)



Our Parish Vision

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

The Sacramental Journey of our Young People

The 2018-19 Sacramental journey of the young people of our Parish will culminate next Saturday evening 24th August, when 26 candidates receive Holy Communion for the first time at 6pm Mass. They celebrated their first Reconciliation in Term 4 last year, and Confirmation at 7pm on June 26th this year. It was special for us that Monsignor Dempsey was given official dispensation to confer the Sacrament since we currently have no Archbishop. The next group to undertake this very special part of their life-long faith journey will begin shortly – enrolments for 1st Reconciliation preparation close at the end of this week and the pre-requisite Parent Information Meeting will be held here in the Church at 7pm on Wednesday 23rd August and the candidates will be presented to the community at Masses on the weekend of September 3rd. You will notice sheets about each candidate around the walls of the church in coming weeks – we ask you to write your name on one/some of them and remember them in your prayers throughout their preparation journey. It would be lovely if you could join the celebrations as they reach each of the milestones in this journey of initiation into the church and our community.

Parish Pastoral Council

At the August PPC meeting, an inspirational young man from our community gave a considered, articulate presentation on the future of our parish and church community and his suggestions for how we might become more inclusive and welcoming of young people. Joel Pinson is just 13 years old and the PPC members were enormously impressed by his maturity, his wisdom and his passion. Some of his 15 suggestions included:

- At some Sunday Masses there are only 3 or 4 young people. Have monthly Youth Mass.
- Maybe get the School choir to sing at a monthly youth Mass and kids could take all the lay ministry roles.
- 'Build a bridge' between school and parish, so kids don't think graduation from Parish School equates with graduation from Parish.
 - Sometimes have kid-friendly homilies
- Make the music more aligned to the praise and worship music the children learn at school.

The PPC will consider and work to implement some of his suggestions soon and perhaps set up a committee to work with Joel on realizing some of the more involved ones over time.

What an amazing young man (with a wonderful family).

Enough from me for now!

'May little drops of God's peace and joy fall gently through your day.'

(Paraphrased from a South Australian poet whose book I read many years ago and can't remember title or author's name!)

God bless.
Julie (Staszyc)

Coming events

First Holy Communion Celebration

Saturday 24th August 6pm Mass.

Refugee & Migrant Sunday

24th & 25th August

Wear something from your Country of Origin and bring a plate of food to share for supper or Morning tea—Food from your country of origin

Reconciliation Parent Meeting

Wednesday 4th September 7pm

Mons' 50th Anniversary of Ordination

Sunday September 8th, 1.30pm at Brighton

Volunteers Briefing for Child Protection

Tuesday 24th September 7pm

Social Justice Sunday

Sunday 29th September

Swap Mass (Sat—Sun)

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Saturday 19th October

Reconciliation Ceremony

Wed 23rd October, 7pm

Retirement Farewell Morning Tea for Fr Peter

Sunday 27th October (9.15am Mass)

Sunday 3rd November—St Martin de Porres Feast Day.

Anniversaries Mass followed by Parish Picnic

Swap Mass

What is it??

One of the comments from the Parish Assembly was that we have 2 different communities at Hallett Cove. Those that attend the Saturday night Mass and those that attend on Sunday mornings and only a few people that attend both services.

We do know many of the parishioners that attend the other service.

The Swap Mass on the 29th September is an invitation to those attending on Saturday nights to come along to Mass on the Sunday morning—to be involved in Ministries including Music and for us all to get to know one another. Morning tea will follow the Mass.

On Saturday 19th October, we will invite all Sunday parishioners to come along to Mass on the Saturday night, to be involved in music and ministries, with wine and cheese to follow the Mass.

Be involved, come along and meet someone new.

Help us build our community!!!!

What does Deacon Tim do?

Parishioners often ask me or my wife, Carrie, what I do as a deacon. In this article, I share how I'm blessed to be a deacon in the service of others.

Though not employed by the Hallett Cove parish—I assist the parish in various ways (like a volunteer). Since February 2016 (shortly after my ordination in December 2015), I've been employed full-time by the Archdiocese of Adelaide in several roles. There's an important distinction between a deacon and a parish priest, who, under the oversight of his bishop, serves the parish community first and foremost. A deacon, however, is ordained to assist his bishop throughout the diocese; his work is not necessarily parish-based. In fact, most of my liturgical duties as a deacon actually occur during occasional midday Masses at St Francis Xavier Cathedral (near my office in the Archdiocese) or wherever I'm asked to assist the Archbishop and/or his leadership team at Masses or events throughout the diocese.

Deacon for the Office of Renewing Parishes

Substantively, my role in the Archdiocese is to lead the Office for Renewing Parishes, a small team supporting the renewal activities of parishes. With the Archbishop and his leadership team, I participate in the pastoral visitation of parishes from Mt Gambier to Clare, with scores of metropolitan parishes in between. Episcopal visitation of parishes occurs every 5 years or so. With nearly 60 parishes in the diocese, approximately 12 parish pastoral visitations occur each year. In our diocese, visitations incorporate two weeks: an initial weekend to announce the visitation at each Mass centre/time; a full day/night at the parish during the following week to appreciate its diversity of gifts and outreach; and a concluding Sunday Mass (often followed by a shared parish lunch and open forum Q&A session). Nearly 50% of my weekends may be taken up with parish pastoral visitations around the diocese. While I love this work, it does take me away from the Hallett Cove parish. Since June, our visitation team has been affected by staff leave and retirements—so I've been far less available to attend Mass in the parish. I hope this situation moderates later this year.

Coordinator for Catholic Life Initiatives

Another role that I hold in the Archdiocese is to provide support to the Archbishop around controversial 'life issues'—abortion, euthanasia and same sex marriage being recent debates. My job is to monitor the media as well as state, federal and international legislative positions regarding these issues so that the Archbishop is able to offer informed and timely pastoral comment to the church and the wider community. At times this role can consume all my energies but not usually.



National Coordinator of the Permanent Diaconate

In addition to my roles with the Archdiocese, in August 2018 I was appointed by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC) to serve as the National Coordinator of the Permanent Diaconate in Australia. This is a paid, part-time position designed to support the bishops in their oversight of nearly 200 permanent deacons in Australia. The role involves promoting the permanent diaconate (the fastest growing ministerial vocation worldwide) and encouraging sound initial and ongoing formation of deacons. In the last month, I addressed clergy in Parramatta and in Sale dioceses to clarify the role of *diakonia* in the life of the church and in our world. Through this role, I also support clergy life and ministry issues, several of which involve key recommendations from the recent Royal Commission (i.e. regular supervision, annual appraisals, strategic mentoring and a seismic shift towards transparent accountability and greater collaboration with laity). Working for the ACBC requires some short-stay interstate travel about once a month.

I'm always creatively juggling these work responsibilities in an attempt to do justice to each one. Nevertheless, I deeply value time at home with Carrie too! We entered into the Sacrament of Matrimony 35 years ago, well before I received the Sacrament of Holy Orders! Carrie and I are blessed to have two adult children. They live in Melbourne and we try to connect with them as often as possible.

Deacon at St Martin de Porres Catholic Community

As work commitments to the Archdiocese and ACBC allow, I relish assisting the Hallett Cove parish in several ways (at no cost to the parish). St Martin de Porres is my church home, the community that so warmly welcomed me and my family when I was received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil of 2006.

I often celebrate **child baptisms** for the parish and am involved in preparing nearly all families who seek baptism for their children. I prefer to visit families in their homes, especially convenient for those with young children. My pastoral intent goes beyond the immediate need for baptism preparation: this meeting is a friendly, face-to-face way of connecting the parish with dozens of young families in our community.

Since my own reception into the church 13 years ago, each year I've supported our local cluster of parishes (ie. Hallett Cove, Brighton, St Ann's) as they offer the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**. This is one of most rewarding (though at times daunting) aspects of my ministry.

I wish everyone could witness God's Spirit beautifully nurturing the faith of those wishing to be baptised or received into the Catholic Church.

What does Deacon Tim do? Cont:

Many parishioners have expressed an interest in developing a deeper understanding of Scripture, which is why I began offering a fortnightly **Scripture Reflection Group** in May 2018. On alternate Wednesday evenings (7-8 pm), we gather to prayerfully prepare for the Sunday proclamation of the Gospel. About 10-12 parishioners regularly participate; it's inspiring to listen to the Word and then to discern its ever-fresh liveliness together.

It's always a privilege to give **homilies** when I'm invited by the Parish Priest (or visiting supply priests). I strive to link the Gospel with everyday life, though this is sometimes tough to do (you've noticed, no doubt!) I've valued your kind encouragements along the way as I've wrestled to name the grace of God at work among us.

My full-time work usually precludes me from officiating at **funerals or committals**, although I've managed to assist at a few. I've been blessed to be involved in a small number of **wedding ceremonies**. How precious to prepare couples for lifelong love together, as well as assist them in planning a beautiful celebration!

When I'm able, I **visit the sick and home bound—often distributing Holy Communion**. If you know anyone who needs pastoral care and special attention, please contact the parish office (or me, or anyone in the parish leadership team) with details.

Every few weeks or so, I offer free tea, coffee and a chat to families who drop off their children at St Martin de Porres School in the morning. I call this informal interaction '**Car Park Coffee**'. It's amazing how many meaningful discussions unfold. Most of all, a parish connection with many families and their children who are not regular Mass-goers is established. God truly delights in these families—so please pray for them!

I've been **cleaning the church** in a small team for many years and am grateful to have a relatively young, healthy body able to do most anything required so that our church building shines as a place of worship.

Parish leadership team meetings occur once a month, which I attend as often as possible.

Once a month, I volunteer at **Fred's Van (Christies Beach)**. Usually, I do the cooking for 40+ people (I only cook for two on the weekends!) It's inspiring to work alongside others in the wider community who genuinely want to reach out to individuals and families who struggle.

Every 2-3 months, I link up with the **Hallett Cove Ministers Association**, comprised of ministers from the local Uniting, Anglican, Lutheran, Baptist and Pentecostal churches. We work together to support ecumenical prayer services, the ANZAC Day dawn service at Hallett Cove Beach and a family-focussed Christmas carols evening.

I serve as **Minute Secretary of the Southern Deanery**, which meets monthly. Mons Ian Dempsey (now happily retired!) has continued on as Dean of the Southern Deanery. Our Deanery comprises the parishes of Glenelg, Plympton, Brighton, Hallett Cove, Aberfoyle Park, Morphett Vale, St Ann's, Noarlunga/Seaford, Willunga/Kangaroo Island, Victor Harbor/Goolwa (and the religious and retired clergy living within the Deanery).

When I'm available, I provide **liturgical assistance at weekend Masses** at Hallett Cove to whomever is priest celebrant. This is probably the most visible way that I'm seen in the parish—fitting since the Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith. However, the role of deacon primarily involves a ministry that is not visible. It's about bringing the fire of God's love from the altar of sacrifice out to the streets. It doesn't draw attention to itself: a good servant is not noticed. My role as deacon, therefore, is really about quietly assisting all the faithful to discern that this beautiful, surprising life of service is the vocation that we all share through baptism: *diakonia*—to serve others from the wellspring of Christ's unlimited service to us.



Reflection Group

What does the Bible mean to you?

Some have imagined that Sacred Scripture can be summarised as follows:

B - lessed
I - ntimacy
B - egets
L - ife
E - verlasting

Come along to discover that through an intimate relationship with the God of love we find everlasting life.

The Scripture Reflection group meet fortnightly in the church from 7pm. The focus of each meeting will be on the Sunday Gospel.

All welcome.

OWLS

Older, Wiser, Livelier, Souls
Come along to midday Mass every Wednesday then stay for a shared lunch and reflection on the Sunday gospel.

All welcome.



Parish Assembly

Our Parish Assembly was held on Sunday 2nd June after the 9.15am Mass.

A small but enthusiastic group of parishioners shared their views and hopes for the direction of our parish. All notes were given to the Parish Pastoral Council and a number of suggestions were acted upon quickly and you will see others coming up. If you have any suggestions for our parish future, please contact a Parish Pastoral Council member.



Rejoice and Be Glad: On Holiness in Today's World (Gaudete et exsultate)

This short course was facilitated by Julie Trinidad in June. Over 3 weeks we had approx. 30 people attend each session. It was a chance to examine holiness in each one of us and to look for holiness in all those around us and in the happenings each day.

What does holiness mean to you??

**Peace, Joy, Serenity, Acceptance,
Diligence, Patience, Persistence,
Prayer, Love???????**



We have 2 courses facilitated by Fr Michael Trainor coming up in October—at Glenelg and at Brighton. See notices in this newsletter for dates and more information. Highly recommended.

Hallett Cove Vinnies

In the Fleurieu Region, which includes the Hallett Cove Vinnies, there are 6 Vinnies groups. In the past 3 months alone over 700 households have been supported.



Your generosity through the Vinnies Winter Appeal and purchasing tickets in the People's Choice Community Lottery will help provide vital assistance to the households we visit in Hallett Cove, Sheidow Park, Trott Park, O'Halloran Hill & Lonsdale.

Recently we received cards to distribute when on our visits which had been crafted by the Year 3 & 4 students at Hallett Cove R-12 School. These cards included beautiful messages of being loved, being thought of & "you're not forgotten".

The Hallett Cove Vinnies wish to sincerely thank you for allowing us, through your on-going generous donations, to journey with those we visit. We are also kindly supported by St Martin de Porres School and the Knights of the Southern Cross.

Anniversaries Mass

Sunday, September 22, 2019 at 2pm in St Patrick's Church, Adelaide. If you are celebrating a marriage anniversary of 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 50 and 60 or more years this year and would like to attend the Anniversary Mass, please contact the parish office 82967292 or email brightonparish@adam.com.au with your names, year of anniversary and address before the 25th August, 2019

50th Anniversary

Monsignor Ian Dempsey cordially invites parishioners to his 50th anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood at a Thanksgiving Eucharist Celebration on Sunday 8th September 2019 at 1.30pm in St. Joseph's Church, Brighton.

Following Mass you are invited to afternoon tea in the Brighton Parish Activity Centre.

Craft Group

The craft group meet on Thursday afternoons from 1pm in the church foyer.

Bring along your craft and share a cuppa and ideas in a warm and caring environment.



Cuppa & Craft

Child Safe Environments Briefing for Volunteers

As you may be aware, all volunteers in our Archdiocese are mandated notifiers under the South Australian Child Protection Legislation. To ensure we hear the voices of children and have the necessary skills to identify and respond appropriately, we invite any volunteers who have not yet participated in Child Safe Environments training or an equivalent course to attend a 90 minute Volunteer Briefing session facilitated by the Archdiocesan Child Protection Unit. Please note that these briefings (or an equivalent course) are a compulsory requirement for anyone wishing to be a Eucharistic Minister.

Volunteer Briefings will be held on:

Tuesday 20th August, 6.30pm-8pm in the Parish Hall at Morphett Vale

Tuesday 24th September, 7pm in the Hallett Cove Church

Thursday 7th November 7pm –8.30pm at Aberfoyle Park

Note: If you have attended a Child Safe Environments or RAN training within the past 3 years you do not need to attend a Volunteer Briefing

Please contact the Child Protection Unit to book into this session, either via email at childprotection@adelaide.catholic.org.au or by phone on 8210 8159

Thank you for agreeing to help us provide care and safety for our children and young people.



Winter Showdown Warmers

We thank everyone who wore a scarf and donated to our Winter Showdown Warmers Collection. Look at how many socks, beanies, gloves and scarves we collected. These were donated to Catherine House, Hutt St, Moore St and Vinnies Shelters. They were very grateful.

Hallett Cove Parish Prayer Days

We would like to introduce a monthly Prayer Day at Hallett Cove.

The morning session will begin with a cuppa at 9.30am, followed by a prayer discussion focussed on a different style of prayer each month. A Rosary would follow and then lunch at noon. The church would be open during the afternoon for quiet prayer. The evening session will begin at 5pm with the Prayer discussion, Rosary and Mass at 7pm, followed by supper.

You are invited to join us for the morning and/or evening session. The Prayer Discussion will be the same for both. The church will remain open for quiet prayer for the afternoon.

Our First Day will be
Tuesday September 10th.
Prayer Style : Lectio Divina

Further monthly days:
Tuesday 8th October -Praying the Rosary
Tuesday 12th November—Centering Prayer



Engaging the Gospel

Wednesdays from 10am -11.30am
30th October,
6th November,
13th November

In the Brighton Activity Centre, 24 Strathmore Tce, Brighton

Every Sunday we listen to a passage from one of the Gospels. But what are the Gospels? What do they tell us about Jesus and how can we learn from the Gospels in our own discipleship? Through these sessions we shall appreciate the way early Jesus followers sought to live out their discipleship in a way that was authentic, courageous and eternal. We will come away from each session with a renewed spirit of encouragement revealed to us through the story of Jesus that the Gospel proclaims.

Facilitator: Fr Michael Trainor

RSVP by 22nd October to Brighton Parish office on 8296 7292 or email brightonparish@adam.com.au

This course is free for all participants

The same Course on the Gospel of Matthew will be held at Glenelg on Tuesday evenings 15th, 22nd & 29th October from 7—8.30pm. Presented by Fr Michael Trainor. Free for all participants.

17 High St, Glenelg



Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide – Screening & Verification Authority.

There have been some changes to the current screening regulations. From 1 July, 2019 if you're a regular volunteer at your Catholic Parish or Catholic School, you must, by law, have a valid child-related check. It's about helping to create a safer environment for them. A current DHS/DCSI child-related employment clearance will remain valid until it expires.

A copy of the Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide Screening and Verification Authority – Working with Children Guidelines effective 1 September 2019 and Screening Policy - Working with children checks - is available for perusal in the church foyer.

What does this mean for the Hallett Cove Catholic Community?

All volunteers are required to have a check – this now includes those over 80 years of age and volunteers over 14 years. If you do not have a current clearance please contact the parish office to lodge an application. All persons (*new and existing*) will be precluded from ministry, employment, contracting or volunteer roles within the Church if they are not willing to obtain a Working with Children Check. Checks will now be valid for a 5 year period. The Teachers Registration Board requires teachers to renew their teacher registration every 3 years.

Teachers are now required to obtain a separate Working with Children Check to support their TRB registration process. In the event that a registration lapses the teacher is not permitted to teach in a Catholic school. Teachers will need to show their Working with Children Check to the parish before volunteering.

The Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide takes seriously its duty of care for those who entrust themselves to it and to ensure the health, safety and welfare of all participants in programs and activities across the Archdiocese. The Archdiocese recognises and encourages the significant role that the Church community plays in the provision of an environment that nurtures the well-being of children, young people and those who are vulnerable through age, disability or crisis.

Please contact the parish office on 8296 7292 if you have any queries or to lodge a Police Check application. For our parish volunteers there is no cost to you.

You will need to provide 100 points of ID, with at least one form of ID containing a photograph.

See Pat after the Sat 6pm Mass



Appeal feeds a hunger



Fred's Van Christies Beach volunteers Mary Dittmar and Regina Dalle-mule at work in the kitchen. PICTURE: AAP/KERYN STEVENS

Tireless volunteers help the south, one sausage at a time

CHRISTIES BEACH

Nadja Fleet

There are many ways to cook sausages on a shoestring budget.

And the chances are Mary Dittmar knows all of them.

The head volunteer at Fred's Van at Christies Beach has worked for the organisation for 16 years and says she has learnt to cook tasty and nutritious meals even when the budget is tight.

"It is quite interesting trying to create a meal out of sausages," Ms Dittmar says.

"I can do sausages a million ways.

"We're on too tight a budget (to buy beef)."

Fred's Van, a St Vincent de Paul Society initiative based at the Wardli Youth Centre, provides a warm, sit-down meal twice a week to people who are experiencing or are at risk of homelessness in Adelaide's south.

The site is one of 10 Fred's Van locations across the state. The charity, which started more than 20 years ago, served 41,000 meals last year – up from just over 25,000 in 2013.

They're on the edge of the society and what we are is like a lifeline for people who need the support.

Mary Dittmar

Last year alone, the Christies Beach service and its 18 volunteers dished up 3348 meals. Of those, 647 went to children.

"People down the southern area are really doing it tough," Ms Dittmar says.

"They're on the edge of the society and what we are is like a lifeline for people who need

the support for a hot evening meal."

Fred's Van is more than just a food service – it also provides companionship and helps prevent loneliness.

Ms Dittmar says she has made many friends while volunteering.

"Sometimes I could be the only person (the clients) have spoken to all day," she says.

"It's just a very caring service, I find."

Fred's Van relies mainly on proceeds from Vinnies' op shops and fundraising events, such as the annual CEO Sleep-out. Ms Dittmar says the service is "vital".

"If you are really struggling financially and you got kids to support, you got your services to pay for, you got your electricity, you got your gas, you got your water, you got your rates, there wouldn't be enough for food," she says.

"That's why we have Fred's Van and that's why the clients come."



Food relief charities can apply for Feed SA Appeal grants of up to \$50,000 to boost their capacity and help more people in crisis. There are three types of grants up for grabs:

■ **Major projects** – a maximum of \$50,000 for big items such as vans, forklifts, cool rooms and walk-in freezers.

■ **Grassroots grants** – up to \$25,000 for kitchen equipment such as fridges, freezers and ovens. A maximum of \$10,000 from this grant may be used to purchase staple foods.

■ **Rural grants** – grants of up to \$50,000 for charities in regional areas, which can use the grants for major projects items, kitchen equipment or food.

Details: feedappeal.org.au/
feedsa or phone
1300 421 041 to donate.

Volunteer Opportunities - English Teachers, Youth Workers & Youth Ministers



The Cagliero Project is an initiative of the Australia-Pacific Province of the Salesians of Don Bosco, providing overseas volunteer experiences for Australians who wish to work with disadvantaged young people.

We are seeking enthusiastic volunteers for January 2020 departure. Our volunteers placements run for 6-12 months and are centered around working with young people in educational settings. We have multiple volunteers opportunities throughout Cambodia, Samoa, Timor Leste and the Solomon Islands.

We aim to utilise the skills and talents of our volunteers in order to provide the best possible contribution to the host community. Our aim is not to 'help' but to walk in solidarity with young people and for volunteer and host to have a mutual learning experience. We are also present in host communities to be role models - people that young people can aspire to be.

Cagliero volunteers commit themselves to working in the 'Salesian way'. This means that young people are the central focus in all work. The Salesian way also means approaching life in a joyful way with a loving heart. The experience as a Cagliero volunteer is not about the volunteer, but is focused on the people we go to serve. However, serving as a Cagliero volunteer will probably be the most rewarding thing you ever do!

For more information, or to send us an inquiry, follow this link: <http://cagliero.org.au/>

Applications close October 15th, 2019

Catholic Charities month

Next month (September) is Catholic Charities month, a time when South Australian Catholics are asked to support a charity that has been making a difference in the local community since 1941. Charity is at the heart of 'Living Catholic' and Catholic Charities is the umbrella organisation that supports the following agencies working with the most vulnerable in South Australia:

- Hutt St Centre
- Catherine House
- SA Catholic Deaf Association
- Aboriginal Catholic Ministry
- Our Lady of La Vang & St Patrick's Special Schools
- Mercy House of Welcome
- Centacare Catholic Family Services
- Calvary Ain Karim

Please support the Catholic Charities Appeal – pick up a brochure from parishes in September or make a donation today to Catholic Charities Appeal, Reply Paid 912, Adelaide SA 5001.

For more information please call Annie O'Neill, Manager Catholic Charities on 08 8210 8157 or visit Catholic Charities pages to make a donation www.adelaide.catholic.org.au/charity-and-giving/catholic-charities/about-catholic-charities-



A little giving goes a long way.

FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS PILGRIMAGE
June 8-June 18 2019

It was with great excitement that we landed in Amman, Jordan.

I could see the A3 white paper with both our full names printed on it held by a big burly heavily bearded man.

Next I remember joining the other pilgrims praying the rosary. We were kept at the Jordan and Israeli border for something like 5 hours.

Despite the first hurdle we managed to continue on our journey onwards to Bethlehem, Nazareth, to Tiberias on the shores of Lake Galilee, Haifa, then on to Jerusalem. Each day we followed Jesus' footsteps was filled with Biblical, Historical and Spiritual events guided by Fr. Dominik Karnas and travel guide, Murad. Each day wasn't only special and different from the one before but very rewarding. I saw this quote before entering one of the visited churches-"If you enter here as a tourist, you would exit as a pilgrim. If you enter here as pilgrim you would exit as a holier one". I'd like to think we were either, even though we went as pilgrims.

We had lots of highlights but two stand out; our renewal of wedding vows in Cana (where Jim got lost) and a Private Mass held in the center of Lake Galilee on a traditional sailing vessel. The waters were so calm and clear.

With only 19 pilgrims this made a great opportunity to get to know each other but still leaving enough room for 'alone time'. We shared laughter, joy, sadness and tears (and meals) but no doubt deeply strengthened our faith.

It has been a great and undoubtedly rewarding trip.

Jim and Brenda Digance

On arrival in Amman we were met by Father Dominik and the rest of our group, apart from Brenda and Jim. We then headed to the Dead Sea, and after booking in straight to the sea for a float in the sea. After a good breakfast on the bus, out with the rosary beads and down to Bethany Beyond the Jordan to the baptismal site.

There are so many special moment on the trip, I think the the highlights for Heather and i were the renewing of our Wedding Vows along with 5 other couples in the Church at Cana, by Father Dominik, and having Mass on the boat on the Sea of Galilee, with time for reflection with total silence.

Also the visit to The Cenacle Room on Mount Zion that saw two events, being The Last Supper and the coming of the Holy Spirit to the Apostle's.

The Last day and up early to follow the steps of Jesus carrying the Cross.

This was the most important and most moving trips we have ever done, and I would say to anyone if you only do one trip, do this.

God Bless.
 Bob and Heather Byrth.



East Timor Seminarian Sponsorship Programme – 2019.

Brighton, Hallett Cove, Glenelg and St Ann's Parishes.

This year we have committed to sponsoring 39 seminarians over 3 seminaries. The East Timor Committee thank you for the financial support you have given to the programme over the years and we invite you to continue your generous support for the seminarians and their families in East Timor to enable them to make a difference in their communities.

See below the letter from Carlos about how he his doing due to our sponsorship.

Dear benefactors, first of all I would like to wish a Happy Easter to everyone in Adelaide.

For me it's an honor to meet you again dear benefactors, through this letter after long time since our stayed in Adelaide with my friend Filipe in 2012, where we visited different parishes in Adelaide, to say our profound gratefulness to all kindness people who have shared their love with us seminarians in East Timor, supporting us financially for our school fee, so that we can reach our dream to be priest in the future.

Dears, as one of seminarian who have received your financial support during my studies in major seminary of St. Peter and St. Paul Fatima, Dili Timor. I would like to thank you all for your kindness and generosity of me and now for some other seminarians those you are supporting now for their staying and studying in the seminary. Personally, I still remember those days when I was there (Adelaide) in 2012 where I met you all, I was talking with you and seeing your spirit and generosity to support seminarians. During one month there with Mons. Ian Dempsey, I learnt how to be a gratitude person for the possibility that I've received from your kindness. I always remember all the good people I've met there.

Now I'm studying here in Rome, in the seminary of Propaganda Fide, in the heart of Rome, near Vatican. I have finished my bachelor degree last year and now I'm doing another three years of study for Theological Bible study. It's my fourth year in Rome, so, I need your prayer so that I could finished this study in time and will get my ordination after my studies. In this seminary, we are seminarians from all over the world, majority from Africa and Asia, it's about 67 nations gathering here to receive a profound formation for their future priesthood life. As one of the seminarians form East Timor representing my country, I'm very happy and bring with me a big responsibility to be a good seminarian. I aware that, your kindness has brought me here in Rome, to study, to be well formatted humanly and spiritually, to learn new culture and to be more awakening about worlds progress and also difficulties.

So, dears, I just want to encourage you all to continue support our seminarians in East Timor your kindness will help them to conquer their dreams and they will be quality priests for the Church and quality people for Timor Lester. Seeing your generosity and kindness that you show to us seminarians I can say it is "the sense of the Church" (sense ecclesial) which we help each other, reach our hand to help the people in need, and be kind with our charity life, this is what the risen Christ want form us all. Let me saying "the boy you help today will be a man tomorrow". The one who helps support other's life to have a better future will be a happy man seeing whom he is supporting become a quality person for his country and his Church.

Finally, on behalf of the seminarians in East Timor who received support from you, I would like to say our profound gratefulness for your kindness and generosity, we will always remember you all in our daily prayer. The peace and the love of our Christ be with you all. And personally when I visit St. Peters and St. Paul thombs, here in Rome I will remember you all in my prayer.

Kind Regard

Carlos Miguel Pereira Roben

(Seminarian of Pontificio Collegio Urbano 'de Propaganda Fide' Roma)

