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Community Newsletter

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From the Mons

Advent is from the Latin word meaning 'coming'. It is a time to reflect and prepare. This brought me to think about not only preparing for this Christmas, but the other changes taking place that we need to be prepared for.

After our recent Diocesan Spring Gathering there has been feed back in the parish regarding its positive outcomes. As we have all been reminded, we need to be prepared for determining the future changes of the Archdiocese. The Parish Pastoral Council will be giving more feedback to the parish in the New Year.

The forward plans for Marymount College and St Teresa's have also been recently announced as we look at the future of local schools. There are no proposed changes for St Martin de Porres School.

With my retirement in 2018, and Fr Peter's one year later, this will affect our parishes and change them from our present status. The Vicar General tells me I shall be replaced with another parish priest but it is too soon to know if there will be a replacement for Fr Peter. We need to start preparing for change here.

With the lesser number, and ageing of the clergy, we priests are not able to respond to the needs of all parishioners at all times as we would wish, and which was so in the past. Funerals, weddings, baptisms, nursing home visits, hospital calls all need to be arranged as far ahead as possible. With short notice requests, eg funerals, we do our best to be available at the time and date requested.

Although we are busy, priests are never too busy to respond to your personal needs. We have as a priority the pastoral care of our parishioners. Please do not hesitate to contact us when you want our help.

In light of the many changes taking place now, and will continue into the future, we can perhaps use this Advent as a time to prepare for Jesus coming to us this Christmas, and prayerfully discern what we need to prepare for in the years ahead. The Holy Spirit is with us and will guide us.

With every blessing for the Christmas Season,
Mons Ian

From Sr Kanistal

My Story (continued)

At the start of the Novitiate I had six companions, but at the end we were only four. On 3rd June, 2000 I received my first profession.

These vows are only for one year.

For the next three years, I renewed my vows annually before the 3rd of June. It is also a first commitment to God and saying

that I have come to do your will and accept me. At this ceremony, we could invite only three people from our family. My family were disappointed because they were not able to come. Not only that, it is almost 9 hours by train. I invited my parents and my Sister in Law. Three days later we were sent to home for fifteen days' holiday. In that time my family invited all my friends and the relatives to join this occasion to our own village to give thanks through Mass.

When returned to the community I was appointed as accountant for the community as well as being put in charge of the 22 two candidates who had come for experience to know and study about our congregation. I did this for two years then my congregation asked to me to move to another state to do my Bachelor degree. I chose commerce because it would help me to do the Accounts. I was sent with two of my sisters and we three sisters went to state called Trichy. It is known as the hottest place in Tamil Nadu. I continued as the accountant there too. I was there for three years. In this three-year period, I learned many things like doing

by myself and dealing many other house problems. I visited some of the high-level people and made new friends and visited many other places which I hadn't visited before. I enjoyed this time with my two other sisters. Two years later one more sister arrived to live with us. Every day we would go to the university and coming back in the evening to do work at the community.



Our Parish Vision

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

And in the evening we tutored about 20 to 25 children. At the end my final year my delegate Superior phoned me to go and see her. I said I can't because it is Friday and the following Monday I have an exam, so I can't travel. But my Delegate superior said bring your books with you. You can take a train Friday night arrive Saturday morning and leave have a talk and go back Sunday night so that you can arrive for the exam on Monday morning.

Not only that while you are travelling you can have your studies. I couldn't say no to her so I prepared myself and went to Kerala to see my Superior. While I was traveling, my mind was wondering why she called me? What did she want to talk about? And what is going to happen to me?

I arrived on Saturday morning she asked me to freshen up. I took some rest then I came to visit her. She took my hand and walked towards to the Chapel. I was worried why she was doing this. At the end, we reached the Chapel she held my hand in front of the Altar and she said I am going to ask you something, please do not say No. Within that second my mind clicked and I thought that she was going to send me somewhere. I said just tell me sister let me see whether I can say Yes or No? So she said could you please go to Australia to be part of the community there In Adelaide. I looked at her and said please give me time to think. I love to help, but not at the moment. She asked why and I said I want finish my bachelor.

So, in 2005, April I applied for the passport which I received within three months with some difficulties. Then my sisters who were in Adelaide helped me to apply for a visa. while they processed my visa, I was preparing for my Final Vows. It is called Perpetual Vows. It means I am offering myself totally until the end of my life.

On 20th August, 2005 I made my final commitment then went home for three days. I left India a few days later and arrived on 30th August in Australia. Not only that, this was the first time I had been out of the Country.

Hopefully the next one will be the last one.
To be continued.....

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Staff Dinner

We celebrated our staff Christmas Dinner on Friday 25th November with the Parish teams of Brighton & Hallett Cove and their partners. Here are some pictures.



From Fr Peter

Christmas is a time of prime importance in our Faith life. Yet it is a time when we can be so distracted by the business of the time that it is easy to miss the time to stops and remind ourselves what all the business is about. In fact the business is about nothing!

The deep meaning of this one day of our year is about simplicity, poverty, humility and an amazing love. It is our remembering of the way our God proved how much he loves and cares about us. The unsurpassed Christmas Present is the one we receive from our Father God.

Christmas is about the birth of the one human being who has changed the world and each of our lives forever. Of course it is a family time....a time for the whole family of humanity and the earth on which we live.

We are among a very small number of Australians who know the real meaning of Christmas...about only five percent of our population.

May our celebration be blessed in our welcoming Jesus once again into the world of our hearts and minds, our families and loved ones.

May you all enjoy the peace and hope of this blessed day.

Fr. Peter.

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**Congratulations on significant
Wedding Anniversaries**

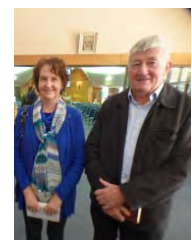
**Anne & Bob Boots
50 years
10th September**



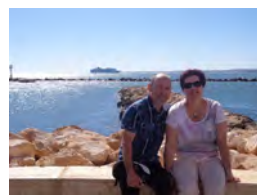
**George & Shirley Hanna
50 years
15th October**



**Terry & Glenice Fanning
40 years
22nd October**



**Pete & Pat McKenna
30 years
1st November**



Looking for a 'with-it' PPC

Is your Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) 'with-it'—by which I mean, 'current, sharp and smart'?

Meeting monthly, and largely out of the awareness of most parishioners, the PPC, at its best, strives to assist our Parish Priest with matters relating to the healthy pastoral oversight and strategic mission of the parish. You could call this a 'missional mode': a healthy parish does more than merely exist for itself, it brings the Gospel alive in a particular area.

There's a common temptation, however, for the PPC to effortlessly default to 'keeping the lights on'—that is, simply ensuring that the bare minimum of pastoral functions operate adequately. You could call this a 'maintenance mode': the parish serves itself, and is often too preoccupied internally to do much more than this.

It's always difficult to neatly categorise the PPC, which is made up of people dedicated to giving local expression to the Gospel in our place and time. But how would you notice whether the PPC is more missional than maintenance in its focus? I believe two recent events signal that our PPC, along with other parishes, is moving towards a more consistent 'missional mode':

Parish Gathering – 10:30 am
– 12:30 pm, Sunday, 23
October 2016

Diocesan Spring Gathering –
9:30 am – 4:30 pm,
Saturday, 29 October 2016

Your PPC been working through the renewal vision articulated in the *Renewing Parishes document* since its meeting with the Renewal Task Force in February 2016. Its current focus is to engage with as many parishioners as possible to ensure that the work of renewal becomes a 'ground-up', rather 'top-down' effort. That was the purpose of the Parish Gathering, held on Sunday, 23 October, attended by around 40 parishioners. Feedback from those who attended was quite positive and hopeful. Individual PPC members introduced the various markers of parish renewal, both to explain the markers and foster small group discussion. Mons Ian also explained that Hallett Cove will welcome a new parish priest following his retirement in late 2018. The PPC will report on its ongoing efforts throughout 2017.



The *Renewing Parishes document* highlights eight key characteristics of parish renewal. If you missed out on attending the Parish Gathering, feel free to email Pat McKenna at the Hallett Cove parish office on hcparrish@adam.com.au to receive a copy. Look out also for the A3 laminated poster in the church foyer highlighting the main markers of parish renewal. Any member of the PPC can talk you through the document.

The Diocesan Spring Gathering (DSG) was opportunity for parish leadership teams from across the diocese to share in the vision of diocesan renewal with Archbishop Philip Wilson and one another.

Over 370 people assembled at Hilton Adelaide for the all-day event on Saturday, 29 October 2016. This was the first time such a gathering had taken place in Adelaide, although the last similar gathering was held over 30 years ago.

Hallett Cove was well represented at the DSG: Mons Ian, Fr Peter, Sr Kanistal, Claire Pinson (PPC Secretary), Craig Fosdike (Principal), Dylan Barnes (Youth Minister), Holly Roberts (Youth Minister)—along with others who attended as teachers or principals in schools located in other parishes. I attended too, but was heavily involved in the running of the event itself due to my work at the Diocesan Centre.

If you want to know more about the DSG, please email renewal@adelaide.catholic.org.au to receive the diocesan e-newsletter featuring the DSG in pictures, presentation slides, videos, and other shared resources. *The Southern Cross* (November 2016) also featured the DSG on its front page.

In less than two years, this parish will face a period of change—which brings with it an opportunity for creative response and renewal. Hallett Cove has a rich and remarkable history of parish resilience. We continue to take heart in the reality that God's Spirit is ahead of us, drawing us forward and together so that the Gospel of Christ may shine brightly through us for the sake of the community in which we live. Please pray for your PPC, that it will be faithful in wedding the gifts of the laity to the gifts of the parish priest, so that we will be the people God wants us to be to joyfully serve the world God loves.

By Tim Grauel, PPC Chair

**Marion Bunnings BBQ
Saturday 8th October**



Thank you to all who helped out at our Bunnings BBQ.
We made over \$1,800 for our parish

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Red Cross Emergency RediPlan®

On Sunday the 11th September we hosted a talk by the Red Cross about being prepared for emergencies. It was a very informative talk about preparing yourself and your family for medical emergencies or having to leave your home in a disaster, having a bag packed and ready and what is important to put in it. If you get a chance to attend one of these talks I highly recommend it.

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School Fete 20th November

A huge thank you to all who helped out on the BBQ at the school fete. It was a very successful day both for the school and the wider community.



St Vincent de Paul

The Vinnies Conference is currently experiencing our most busy time of the year. We are eagerly selling the Vinnies Christmas cards, the Columban calendars and the Josephite calendars through the bookshop which we operate throughout the year as one of our forms of fundraising.



We are preparing Christmas Hampers, both food and toys, for the needy families we assist, and then arranging to deliver those. The Giving Tree is invaluable for this, and we are very fortunate that the St Martin de Porres School collects food and toys for us to make up the hampers. This year the school has agreed to actually make up some hampers for us which will assist us greatly. We are most grateful for the support we receive from the parish and the school at this time of year which allows us to deliver hampers to needy families in our area. Last year our hampers went to 42 adults and 41 children.

While we are busy right now, it is a most rewarding time for us. The smiles and heartfelt thanks we receive when delivering Christmas hampers is a particularly joyful experience and represents a culmination of the hard work our volunteers do throughout the year.

The Hallett Cove Vinnies has an annual expenditure of around \$12,000 and is self-funding. This means that we aim to cover the costs of the assistance we give through your donations and the funds we raise from lottery ticket sales, sausage sizzles, the bookshop and the winter and Christmas appeals. We are fortunate that we can obtain food through Foodbank at reduced cost which has allowed us to increase our level of assistance at no extra cost.

If you wish to arrange a direct debit or regular credit card payment to support our conference this can be organized by requesting that your funds be directed to the Hallett Cove Conference.

People seeking assistance must contact the Vinnies Assistance Hotline on 1300 729 202.

Your Vinnies group is always looking for new members and would welcome anyone prepared to assist in any way. Please discuss this with one of our members or Richard, the Conference President, on 0438 853 343.

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Craft Group

Do you enjoy meeting others over a coffee? Wondering what to do on a Thursday morning. Come along to our craft group during school terms from 10.30am. Bring along a craft to do if you wish or have a look at what others are doing.

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Peace Lamps and Peace Doves from the Holy Land

We are all aware that Christmas is almost here - our shops have been telling us for weeks!! For Christians, Christmas is more than shopping and presents, it's a celebration of the birth of Jesus, who came to bring peace into our world. Peace is very much needed grace in our world today, and the Holy Land, the birth place of Jesus, is no exception.



Peace lamps and peace doves are being made in the Holy Land in the village of Taybeh, about 30 kms from Bethlehem. **Taybeh is the last remaining Christian village in the Holy Land.** It was Fr Raed, former Parish Priest of Taybeh, who initiated this project in 2004, to create employment for the young people in the village so that they didn't have to leave the village to find work. The project is known as the Olive Branch Foundation and the goal is *'to place a peace lamp in every single church in the world, and to unite as many Christians and people of faith in a common prayer for peace in the Holy Land'*.



In the 3 years since the South Australian Council of Churches began bringing the lamps and doves into South Australia, approximately 640 have found a place in our churches and homes and over \$20,000 has been forwarded to Caritas Jerusalem, where Fr Raed is currently the Director.

If you haven't already had an opportunity to purchase a Peace Lamp (\$44) or a Peace Dove (\$20), you can do so by contacting the South Australian Council of Churches (8215 0300) in the city, or locally by phoning Dawn and John Sullivan (8295 6966). They have been part of this project in South Australia since its inception. You will be helping to provide employment in the Christian village of Taybeh. A lamp or dove in your home will be a reminder to pray for peace in our world, especially the Holy Land. They may also make a good Christmas present for that hard to buy for person!



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We are always looking for photos or information to add to our facebook page –please send them to Pat at hcparish@adam.com.au

Community News

Articles, items of interest, special occasions etc. (subject to approval) are being accepted now for the next edition. Deadline is Tuesday 29th March for availability on the weekend of the 1st/2nd April, 2017

Police Check for volunteers

It is the policy and practice of the Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide that individuals who have a responsibility through their role within the Archdiocese in either a paid or voluntary capacity, will be required to undergo a Department for Communities & Social Inclusion (DCSI) Working with Children screening which is processed through the Archdiocesan Police Check Unit. The screening process is completed on line and will require applicants have access to an email address.

This is a new process and the advantages are that our organisation will meet Government mandated standard of checks, community expectations will be met, the level of checks will be optimum for those working with children and in line with recommendations from the Royal Commission. General exemptions will include all children under 18 years of age, all volunteers 80 years and above who have previously received clearance from the Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide are exempted from renewal checks, some occasional volunteers and some contracts etc.

If you have a current DCSI clearance, please email me a copy in the parish office and I can add you to my up to date clearance list.

Thinking about leaving a bequest?



God loves a cheerful giver
2 Corinthians 9:7

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Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve
Saturday 24th December
Family Mass 7pm
Vigil Mass 10pm

Christmas Day
Sunday 25th December
Mass 9.15am





Advent offers us a great opportunity to be reconciled with God and one another. These weeks of preparation leading up to Christmas are the perfect time to listen to John the Baptist and celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We will celebrate the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** in our parish on **Thursday 15th December at 7pm** (at Brighton at 10am on Thurs 15th December). Make this a part of your Advent preparations. Attend a liturgy and be reconciled with our forgiving God and each other.

The St Jude Advent Prayer

Lord Jesus, your power is infinite, your glory, everlasting. Quietly you come, as a tiny baby. Ready my heart for the miracle of your birth.

Bring light to this dark world, waiting silently for your warmth in the coldness of the night. Waiting is itself your gift, animating my heart with anticipation.

Bless me with needed patience and faithful discipline to prayerfully prepare to welcome and greet you. St. Jude, eternal hope, let your holiness flow into me.

May Christmas joy and burning love take root in me and grow until they bloom on Christmas Day, to carry joy to the world and inspire hope to renew the face of the earth.

Amen

RECONCILIATION TIMES *Confession*

Penitential Services (2nd Rite)

Thursday, 15th December

10.00 am - St. Joseph's, Brighton
and at

7.00 pm - St. Martin de Porres Church,
Hallett Cove

Individual Reconciliation (First Rite)

At Hallett Cove

After Masses on the 2nd & 3rd Weekend of each month

at Brighton

At normal times during the week,
(i.e. after weekday Masses on Fridays and Saturdays).

In St Ann's Parish (1st Rite)

Wednesday, 21st December

7.00-8.00pm - St. Bernadette's Church,
St. Mary's

Thursday, 22nd December

10.00-11.00am - Holy Spirit Church, Seacombe Gdns

Thursday 10th December—Holy Spirit,
Seacombe Gdns

10.00 am—11.00 am (*Individual Reconciliation*)

Wednesday, 16th December—St. Bernadette's,
St. Marys

7.00 pm—8.00 pm (*Individual Reconciliation*)