



St Martin de Porres

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Community Newsletter

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From Our Parish Priest

Peace be with you.

We have received many blessings and gone through many challenges this year.

At Christmas, we are called to experience, in a new way, God's love for us and the whole of His creation. The birth of our Lord 2,000 years ago in Bethlehem invites us to newness of life. In this season, we celebrate anew our hope, faith, joy and peace. These are the gifts that can only be given by God. Therefore, we have the cause to celebrate and rejoice.

Again, by His birth, Christ makes manifest the promise of our salvation.

Friends, let the joy of this Christmas season embrace our hearts and souls so that we are transformed to become instruments of divine love and mercy. Loving others as we love ourselves and loving God above all things.

With deep gratitude for all you have done and participated in to grace St Joseph's Parish. I hold you in my hearts and in my prayers during this Holy season, commending all of you to God's peace and protection.

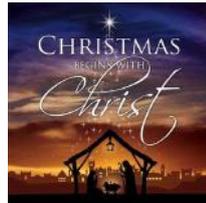
I wish you and your loved ones a holy and joyous Christmas season.

Fr. Michael M Kyumu

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Congratulations!

We congratulate Fr Michael Odiwa (Hectorville Parish) on his appointment as Bishop in the Kenyan Diocese of Homa Bay. A date for his ordination and installation have yet to be set but Fr Odiwa said he expected he would remain in Adelaide until late January.



Congratulations to Deacon Tim Grauel on his 5th Anniversary of Ordination to the Diaconate

May the blessings of the Lord be upon you as you follow in His way.

May you find joy and peace as He inspires you each day.

May God bless you today and always as you do

*His work in your special calling as a **DEACON**.*



Five Years Ordained | 12 December 2020 **Deacon Tim Grauel**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.

Indeed, the Lord is near (Philippians 4.4-5)

Through baptism, Christ shares his life of love with us—the One who found

everlasting freedom by giving himself away to all creation. Our deepest joy is found when we allow Christ's grace to flow

through us, to become genuinely free and joyfully fulfilled by being open to others in loving service. Holy orders is the Church's way of nurturing greater awareness

of this mystery of life, the profound gift we each received through baptism. From within

the Church, some are called to bear witness to this life of service, mostly not with words, but by living lives grounded in

Christ's life. We are never freer and joyful alive than when we give ourselves away to others in

love. Thank you for your support over the last five years—and pray that I may remain attentive to the Holy

Spirit's mission to share Christ's love with others. Thanks be to God!



Our Parish Vision

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

PPC report

2020 has been a very challenging year for the parishioners of St Martin de Porres. We would like to thank everyone in the way you have responded to the COVID restrictions which have often made attending Masses difficult.

We look forward to the 'Simbang Gabi' to be held in our church on Tuesday 22 December. This event is a way that you can join the Filipino Catholic community celebrate Christmas.

Members of the PPC are currently working on the Strategic Plan for our Parish. This involves reviewing the Vision and Mission of our church. There will be further information of this process early in 2021.

Sarah Moffatt (Plenary Council local coordinator) was unwell for her visit in November and now Sarah will address our parish at Masses on Saturday 6 February and Sunday 7 February 2021. Thank you to all those people who have returned the questionnaire that we have recently distributed. We encourage everyone to fill in this questionnaire so that you can have your say in the future direction of our parish. They are available in the church foyer.

Our Christmas Masses can be booked on line by going to the Hallett Cove website.

Many of our Council members have completed their term on the Parish Pastoral Council and we thank them for their time and the contributions they have made to our parish.

Being a member of the PPC is an opportunity to be involved and make a real difference in the direction of St Martin de Porres Church. Please approach one of our members if you would like to join us in 2021.

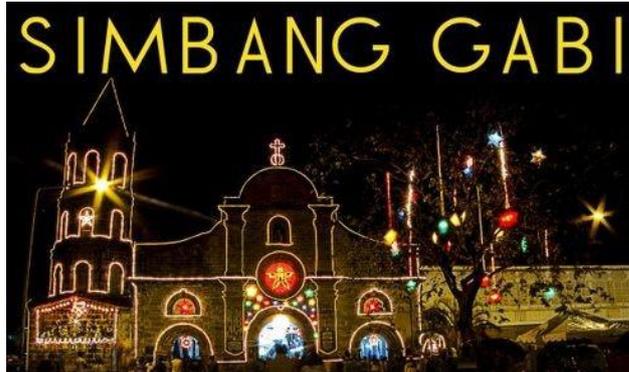
We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone and their families a safe and restful Christmas.



St Martin de Porres School End of Year Mass 8th Dec. 2020

The school Masses have been held in the school hall this year due to COVID number restrictions in the church.

We wish all the children and school families a Happy and safe Christmas Break.



SIMBANG GABI-Filipino "Dawn Mass"

Simbang Gabi will be celebrated at St Martin de Porres Hallett Cove on Tuesday 22nd December 2020.

Simbang Gabi is a devotional 9 day series of Masses practiced by Filipino Catholics in the Philippines (and now also in Australia) in anticipation of Christmas. This commences 16th December (usually) up to 24th December (midnight Mass) celebrated in different participating Catholic parishes around Adelaide.

We cordially invite St Martin de Porres parishioners to take part in this event to experience the Filipino way of preparing for the birth of Jesus Christ. Naturally we consider the total number of attendees as per COVID-19 SA directions.

Rosary 7:30 pm followed by Mass 8pm.

This Community event is sponsored by the Filipino community TDI SA Inc.
Contact Brenda Digance on 0455168488.



Scholarship applications now open

For information please contact
Rita Micale on **8400 4210**

A Co-Ed ELC and R-Year 12 Catholic College
for Boys in the Edmund Rice Tradition



Hallett Cove Vinnies



The Hallett Cove Vinnies group sincerely thank you for your generosity in supporting the Christmas Appeal. With COVID-19 adding new challenges we have been able to adapt to doing our business differently while still supporting those in need.

With Christmas approaching our group is gearing up to pack & deliver Hampers. Many people struggle to make ends meet & through your generosity with the Christmas Appeal & Christmas Giving Tree we are able to give them hope.

May we continue to proclaim the gospel in everything we do and we sincerely thank you for supporting us in our endeavours.

Parish Finance Council Update

2020 has been a challenging year with income under budget (12%) mainly due to the impact of COVID-19 and the limited number of parishioners at Masses on the weekend. Expenditure was also under budget (35%) as some salaries were subsidised by the federal governments Job keeper scheme. With net overall better than budget expectations. Even with COVID-19, excluding the sale of the land, the end of year result is on line to showing a positive result for 2020.

Fr Peter has been working with the Archdiocese and has relocated to Largs North where he grew up and is close to family as part of his retirement. A review of the Parish House and what work is required to ensure that we are able to support a resident priest will need to be undertaken in early 2021.

A balanced budget for 2021 has been approved by the Parish Finance council and the Parish Council: -

EXPENDITURE	2021 budget
Staff Wages	\$ 43,055
Jobkeeper	\$ (9,000)
Repairs & Maint	\$ 3,000
SMDP School	\$ 7,000
Amenities sa water	\$ 1,400
Electricity	\$ 300
Gas	\$ 650
ESL	\$ 300
Council Rates	\$ 1,600
Renovation & Equip	\$ 1,500
Insurance	\$ 11,000
Loan Repayment	\$ -
Office expenses	\$ 5,000
Phones/IT	\$ 800
Worship & Parish Ednc	\$ 4,000
Coresp & car	\$ 14,500
Plan Giving Expenses	\$ 1,100
Func/Fund	\$ 1,000
TOTALS	\$ 87,205

INCOME	2021 budget
Planned Giving	\$ 61,000
Unpledged Collection	\$ 17,000
Donations	\$ 1,200
Interest	\$ 400
External sundries	\$ 2,500
Func/Fund	\$ 3,000
Sale of property	\$ -
SMDP School	\$ 7,000
Subsidy Brighton Parish	\$ -
TOTALS	\$ 92,100

Income	\$ 92,100
Expenditure	\$ 87,205
surplus/deficit	\$ 4,895

I have been Chair of the Parish Finance council for past six (6) years and have decided to stand down at the end of my term this month. I would like to thank current and past members for both their support and discernment during this time.

In 2014 the Parish owed \$180k, this has now been fully paid off – a credit to the Parish Priest, Parish Admin Staff, Parish Workers, Committee Members, Brighton Parish, the Parish School and each one of you, our generous parishioners.

Pete McKenna
PFC Chairperson

We are looking for new members for our Parish Finance Council – if you are interested in joining the council please see Fr Michael or Pete McKenna who will be more than happy to explain expectations. This is a practical way to make a difference – there are only 5 meetings a year.



Used Stamps wanted

Mary MacKillop Today recycles used postage stamps to: give disabled children an education in Papua New Guinea, train poor women to learn life-skills in Peru and bring vital health care to poor communities in Timor-Leste. Since 2001, we have raised over \$378,000 from the sale of used postage stamps.

Cut them from the envelopes, leaving a generous margin around the edge, and drop them into the box on the bench in the foyer. Pat will forward them to the mission.



**THE KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN
CROSS (SA) INC.
Brighton – Marion – Hallett Cove -
Glenelg Branch**



Hallett Cove parish report December 2020.

Due to the virus pandemic and the risk to us older members, we still communicate by Zoom, but have had two meetings with faces!

Our Formation Program was a discussion on the Six National Themes from the Plenary Council 2020, we have continued to explore these themes more comfortably.

With the Abortion Bill and Euthanasia Bill before State Parliament, we have continued to lobby our local politicians re the sanctity of EVERY human life from conception to natural death.

We have continued our support for the Vinnies conferences in our parish/s and a donation has been provided for Christmas Hampers.

We remember in our Prayers, Mary Schutze, wife of David Schutze (a Knight of over 50 years) and for those who are sick in our Parish, especially Ida Schar who is now in remission again.

We again thank those parishioners who keep us in mind with the Knights bottle drive. Just a phone call to Tony Schar: mob: 0419127491.

Your support helps us to support the Vinnies and others.

Our Branch is running a Sausage Sizzle at Brighton 13th Dec 11:30 am at the Activity Centre. We can spill out onto the new lawned area west of Centre. Attendance by booking only accepted as restrictions on numbers due to COVID must be applied.

Stay Safe and well.

Bro Pat Hodgson

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Heartfelt 
THANKS
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

A special 'Thank you' to our volunteers

The Hallett Cove Catholic Community is blessed with over one hundred volunteers. Their dedication and commitment as volunteers ensure our parish is a living, vibrant and caring community.

Many of our volunteers serve the wider community reaching out to the vulnerable, the needy, the sick, the housebound and the bereaved. A large number serve within our parish. They ensure our liturgical and sacramental celebrations go ahead, they develop and maintain our grounds and facilities and serve on committees supporting the parish team and steering the parish vision.

Much of what they do is unseen and often unknown. Their initiatives and hard work can also breathe new life and connectedness into our community.

As a parish we wish to thank all our volunteers for their time, their efforts, their skills and above all their big hearts. They truly are the heartbeat of our parish and the gift of their service ensures our parish lives on!

EAST TIMOR SEMINARIAN SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME

The ET Sponsorship Programme Committee is pleased to inform our communities that, despite the reduced attendance at parish mass and reduced fund raising opportunities during this Covid year we have been able to maintain a healthy finance bank balance that enabled us to support 13 seminarians in each of the three Seminaries in East Timor. That is a total of 39 Seminarians.

In addition, we have also benefited from a much more favourable exchange rate for the Australian Dollar which meant that our commitment for 2020 sponsorship did not drain our finances as much as we had originally feared. This means that after the transfer of \$10277 to East Timor we have a balance at the end of November of \$11454. This will place our programme in a solid position to maintain a similar level of sponsorship in 2021.

We have also been pleased to watch the progress through the sponsorship programme of candidates especially Filipe Moniz who has now been ordained Deacon in Dili and Carlos Roben who has been continuing his seminarian studies in Rome and has now been ordained Deacon.

We had the pleasure of hosting Carlos and Filipe during their visit to our communities in October 2012. We remember them for their enthusiasm and vision for their future and that of their East Timor communities.

We invite our Parish communities to continue to donate to the sponsorship programme to maintain the financial support for the seminarians who progress through their studies in the Minor, Propaedeutic, and Major Seminaries in Dili to ultimately serve their communities as priests or any other chosen field of service.

The Brighton, Hallett Cove, St Anns and Glenelg Parishes sponsorship programme committee wish our communities a Blessed and safe Christmas and happy, healthy and safe New Year 2021.

Alex Priadko

Chair – East Timor Seminarian Programme



*Christmas is joy, religious joy,
an inner joy of light and peace.*
Pope Francis



On behalf of Caritas Australia, I would like to sincerely thank you for supporting **Project Compassion 2020**. It is only with the generous support of parishes and communities across Australia that Caritas is able to work with our worldwide partners to help change lives, and so bring hope, to the world's poorest children, women and men.

This year, COVID-19 caused a significant downturn in donations. However, the Australian Catholic community donated over \$7.97 million nation-wide, and the Archdiocese of Adelaide contributed \$419,815.00 million towards that figure. Your Parish was an essential part of this achievement.



Caritas Australia is encouraging Australians to buy a Christmas gift with meaning and help create life-long change for some of the world's poorest communities through its Global Gifts campaign.

Last year Caritas Australia reached more than 3.6 million people worldwide, including Australia, through long-term development and emergency programs.

Caritas Australia chief Kirsty Robertson said the proceeds from Global Gifts go to the charity's work with the "poor and vulnerable, many of whom are separated from their families at this holy time in an effort to find employment or because of natural or man-made crises". "When you send a Global Gift to a loved one, you're not only helping out somebody in need, but you're also spreading a Christmas message of hope for the future," Ms Robertson said.

The Caritas Australia Global Gift cards are an opportunity to bring the gifts of education, food and protection to families struggling with poverty, disability and the COVID-19 pandemic.

They can be purchased for as little as \$15 and come in both printed and e-card version.

Details: www.globalgifts.org.au or call 1800 024 413.

Order of Australia Investiture

On 30th October our family attended Government House for the Order of Australia Investiture ceremony for Mary Dittmar, who received the award for Social Welfare Initiatives for her volunteer work as President of Fred's Van at Christies Beach.

Our family are so proud of her receiving this award. Both Mary and Bob have been volunteering at Fred's Van for 19 years.

Fred's Van receives most funding from the Vinnies shops and corporate donations. This year has been hard due to COVID as Vinnies shops shut for a few months and our funding was reduced dramatically.

New ways for feeding the companions were a challenge as we could only offer takeaway meals.....it's amazing what you can do with pasta and rice!

We are always looking for more volunteers at Christies Beach. Each team is rostered on once a month for 2 hours a night, the service is a sit down 2 course meal.

The duties of the team are to cook the meal, wrap cakes and bread, set up the hall and serve the meal, hand out the bakery items and fruit. Pack up the hall and vacuum.

If you would like to volunteer please contact Teresa Branch, Co-Ordinator of Fred's Van Ph: 0419857966



THANK YOU!

Thank you to those who came and helped put up our Advent decorations and the Vinnies Giving Tree





Advent Penitential Liturgy & Reconciliation

Thurs 17th Dec, 10am at Brighton or
Wed 23rd Dec, 7pm at Hallett Cove

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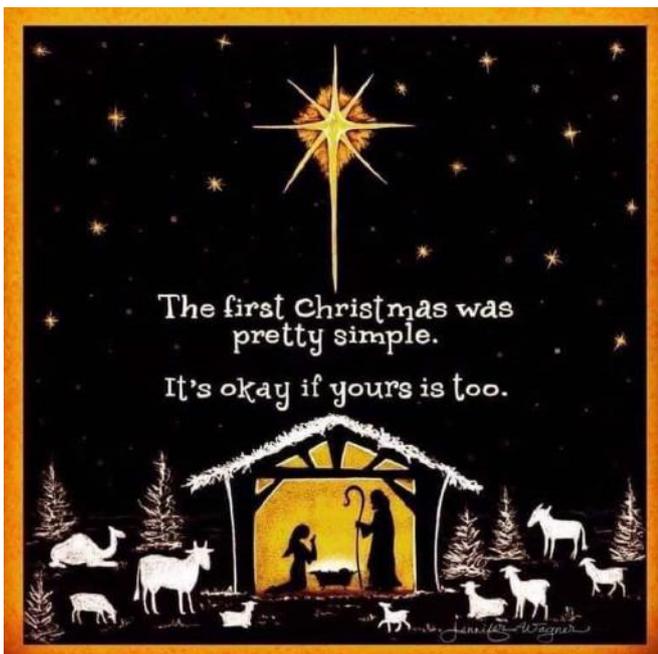
Christmas Closures

The Parish office will be closed from
Friday 25th December to reopen on
Monday 4th January.

The weekday Masses on
Tuesday 29th Dec and
Wednesday 30th Dec have been
cancelled.

New Years Day Mass

There will be Mass at midday at
Brighton on
New Years Day
(Friday 1st January, 2021)
All welcome.



**Christmas Masses at
Hallett Cove**

**Christmas Eve:
7pm & 10pm**

**Christmas Day:
9.30am**

Bookings are essential.
Book via the Hallett Cove
Parish website
www.hcparish.com.au

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Power Outage

Please be aware that the school building
works are continuing over the Christmas
break. As a result, there will be no power to
the church or parish house between Sunday
27th December and Wednesday
30th December. Mass will continue on
Sunday 27th December at 9.15am but it will
be quieter and darker than normal.

