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Community Newsletter

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From the Mons

'Winter is here'.

'Half the year has gone'.

'We are half way through second school term'.

'Another birthday coming up'.

And on it goes. We hear it all the time.

Where is the year going. Time just flies.

It is quite difficult living in today's digital world to stop and take some time out to reflect on what we are about and where we are going.

For centuries spiritual writers have told us of 'the sacredness of the present moment'. This means that each moment of our life is unique, never to be repeated, and therefore each moment is precious. Even psychologists etc, are now saying how important it is to have a balanced life and have time for reflection.

How do we manage to reflect on the sacredness of the present moment in our busy daily lives? It is really quite easy, it just takes time! It just takes a moment to stop and think of how God is with us now. God is present to us at every moment of our lives when most of us are far too busy to recognise him being present. It only takes a few seconds/minutes to stop and reflect.

And we can do this anywhere, anytime.

Try it now. Stop for a second and recognise the presence of God. You may like to say a prayer of thanks for the present moment, a request, a thanksgiving. God is waiting.

Mons



is the most important way we have to pray to God.

We offer praise and thanks.

We open ourselves to the love and care of God.

We listen to God's words to us.

We take into ourselves Jesus, the Bread of Life.

The Mass is full of symbolism and ritual that is steeped in our Catholic tradition and history.

Sometimes it can be difficult to take in all that is happening and why.

For some weeks ahead Monsignor and I will pause to explain what is happening at a particular moment, that we may grow in understanding and appreciation of the treasure that our Mass is, the riches it holds for us. We hope that this will be much more than a distraction! A brief time to grow in understanding; a help to learn to pray the Mass as the great and rich prayer time that it



is for us.
Fr Peter

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The altar of repose from Holy Thursday and Good Friday this year.

From Fr
Our
of Mass –



Peter
celebration
Eucharist –



Our Parish Vision

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

Anne Ryan—Pastoral Associate

It is a bitter sweet moment for me as I begin the last month of my work here as the Pastoral Associate of Hallett Cove Catholic Community. It is a time for me to reflect back on my eight years here and realise how blessed I have been to be part of this wonderful community. When I first arrived, I felt overwhelmed with the task at hand and wondered how I was going to manage, but I was wonderfully supported by so many generous people who gently guided me along and gave me all the support I needed to make it through. I particularly want to thank Pat McKenna, who was invaluable to me and put up with my endless questions about how to use the computer. She has been an incredible support and I am sure she will be there for our next Pastoral Associate as she was for me. I want to thank Mons. Ian for having the faith and confidence in me to do the work and he has been a tower of strength and a wonderful caring and generous boss and a great friend over my time here.

There are many "Parish Treasures" as we call them, who give endlessly to this Parish to help things run smoothly and I thank them for their generosity and helping to make my job so much easier. I feel so privileged to have walked in faith with so many wonderful people from working with families as they prepare to present their children for Baptism and then later as they prepare to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion. I have particularly loved being part of the RCIA Program, preparing adults to become full members of our Catholic faith. I am sure I have received far more than those who have gone through the program. They are such a gift to us, as they question so many things we take for granted as born and bred Catholics. I feel so honoured and privileged to have helped families prepare funerals for their loved ones and allowed me to walk with them in their grief. This job has so many privileges and I know I am going to miss them all but particularly the wonderful people of Hallett Cove.

I wish Sr. Kanistal Soosi CP all the very best and I know you will welcome her with open arms as you did with me. She will be a breath of fresh air and I know will come with a wealth of experience, many gifts and talents, so it is an exciting time of change for the Parish.

I want to thank my husband Chris who has patiently supported me in my role here. It was a big ask for him to give up his Parish when I took on this role and he did this generously and with no complaints. So we are taking off on a wonderful overseas holiday and look forward to retirement where we will have more time to spend with our beautiful grand children. I am taking time out for God to open up new directions for me, which is very exciting. So I want you to know I will be praying for you all and hope that God will bless you abundantly in the future.

Love and God bless
Anne Ryan
Pastoral Associate

ST MARTIN DE PORRES CRAFT GROUP

We are still knitting squares and making rugs plus single bed blankets, beanies, scarves for the Morphet Street Men's Shelter and currently have another 3

rugs, 4 blankets, 37 beanies, mixed gloves and scarves all ready for the cold weather ahead. This is what we have been able to achieve on top of the six blankets, many beanies and scarves delivered last winter - thanks partly to the donations of wool we have received from parishioners

As well as our knitting and crochet skills, our craft group has also been busy making jams and chutneys, getting ready for our next stall and have produced sandwiches and cakes for funerals and special masses for the parish

Now we are looking forward to using our culinary skills again in June with a delicious hot soup to be sold at both masses. More on this later

As you can see we like to keep ourselves busy as well as enjoying our Thursday morning's chats and coffees. If anyone would like to join us, please feel free to call in any Thursday morning between 10.30am and 12.30pm in the church foyer or you can contact Naomi on 0406 266 248

As reported in the Parish Newsletter, we are establishing our own 'Parish Recipe Book'. We have received some recipes to be included in our book and look forward to more of your "tried and true" recipes.

Copies of recipes could be left in the kitchen in the shelves marked "Craft Group" or emailed to Naomi at ijnjbyrne09@gmail.com, or Tina at brian.wilsher@bigpond.com

*"Lord, catch me off guard today.
Surprise me with some moment of beauty or pain*



*so that at least for the
moment,
I may be startled into seeing that you
are here in all your splendor,
always and everywhere, barely hidden,
beneath, beyond, within this life I breathe."
Frederick Buechner*



'New Directions' for the Adelaide Diocesan Parishes—A Personal Reflection

'What will our parishes look like in a few years when many of our priests retire?' 'How might our parishes flourish so that the peace, hope and joy of the Gospel is lovingly embodied and proclaimed?' To address these and other future-oriented questions, a month-long consultation was held across the diocese in September 2014. One outcome of the consultation was the establishment of a taskforce to formulate a plan for renewal and growth. The *Southern Cross* newspaper publishes useful articles about this taskforce, and the diocesan website www.adelaide.catholic.org.au is a rich source of background information. However, as an invited participant in this significant process, I thought it might be helpful to provide a personal reflection.

A diverse spectrum of pastoral and diocesan employees comprises the taskforce (i.e. priests, deacons, religious, youth workers, teachers, diocesan employees). The taskforce chair, Greg Crafter, and myself, are the only participants who are not employed by the Adelaide diocese. Imagine if you were suddenly seated among these people—well, that's how I feel!

Since March 2015, monthly meetings have been usually held in the early evening at the Diocesan Centre (Wakefield Street, Adelaide). Most of the 18 members arrive early for a brief, stand-up light supper. The meeting formally begins with prayer and reflection, then hears updates from taskforce working groups, and discusses next steps. Three hours pass quickly.



'New Directions' taskforce meeting, April 2015

Most members of the taskforce are also members of smaller working groups (5-6 participants). A key focus of the taskforce is better engagement with youth and young families. Sarah Moffatt, holding a diocesan role promoting youth engagement, leads the working group focused on youth. Heather Carey, one of the diocesan chancellors, leads the working group exploring new ways to engage with young families. While these two working groups commenced work in April, a third working group was formed at the May meeting to work through logistical realities of diminishing clerical resources to service parishes. To my great surprise, I was asked to lead this working group, which will meet for the first time in early June.

Spare a thought, once more: what would it be like if you were asked to join the 'New Directions' taskforce? It could happen! It happened to me, most unexpectedly!! Sitting in the pews Sunday by Sunday we trust that more inspired hearts and brighter minds than ours might lead the Church into a clear, confident future. Such a view diminishes our high calling as the baptised, 'the people of God'. Alas, Spirit-led renewal is very much personal and self-involving! Yes, it involves each and every one of us! Not just a select few fathoming what's wrong with the Church, or dreaming up a stunning new initiative to reverse a decline in Mass numbers. No baptised member of Christ's Body is a spectator!

As I participate in the New Directions taskforce, I pray that God may be merciful with my limitations and graciously share God's Spirit: *'for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline'* (2 Timothy 1.7). Perhaps too quickly in the past I've referred to the fact that *'I'm new to the Catholic Church'* (9 years since my reception), so therefore unqualified to be involved in such discussions. Lately, however, I've been strongly challenged regarding this stance. Our Lord leads us boldly into an uncertain future, no matter the ecclesial position we have, or how long we've been around. Equally, we're all challenged! Sincerely pray, therefore, that our Lord may give us the grace to love our needy world so much that we respond humbly, faithfully in whatever way we can.

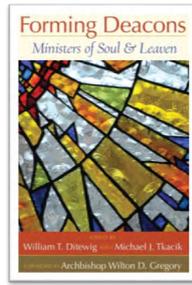
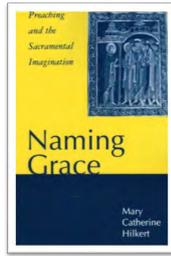
As each 'New Directions' meeting has unfolded, I've realised afresh that any review of the Church is rightly undertaken from a position of abundance: our God is always lovingly ahead of us. While it may at times feel confronting, he gently leads us to be awake to the challenges facing the Church—but not as lone rangers! Especially through the Mass, we become aware that our Lord Jesus Christ—fullness of grace, hope that never disappoints, everlasting love—graciously accompanies us! *'If God is for us, who is against us?'* (Romans 8.31).

Mindful of this reality, Pope Francis recently commented, *'We must not have fear to make the times of great challenges ours!'* (Papal audience, Friday 29 May 2015).

Each one of us—the baptised in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit—is called to show up for duty (everyday, through God's grace) to bear witness to Christ's searching calling, beyond our wildest imaginations. If the Church is to become a more welcoming space in our world—and it must be!—it's essential that we pray, *'How might I be stretched anew by the Spirit to live out my baptism more fully?'* Not yet sure of the answer? Why not join me in patiently petitioning our Lord in prayer, who is always ready to share his mission of abiding love for our world?

Tim Grauel
Parish Pastoral Council Chair

Preparing to be a Permanent Deacon



Some of the books Tim's reading at present

As I continue to prepare for ordination as a permanent deacon, here are some answers to frequently asked questions:

What do deacons do during the Mass?

Often I'm asked what deacons do during the Mass. My current role as an instituted acolyte (i.e. server) forecasts several Mass roles reserved to the diaconate. The following is a high-level summary of what you might one day notice that's different or additional to my current acolyte duties:

Entrance Procession

- Walks at the right side of the priest during entrance procession
- Together with the priest, makes a profound bow, reverences the altar

Liturgy of the Word

The deacon, as the ordinary minister of the Gospel, proclaims the Gospel:

- Makes a profound bow before the priest and asks for a blessing. The priest says (in low voice), *'The Lord be in your heart and on your lips that you may worthily proclaim his gospel'*, and follows with the sign of the cross
- Kisses the page of the Gospels just read, saying (in low voice): *'may the words of the gospel wipe away our sins'*
- Preaches the homily (occasionally, as arranged with the pastor)

Liturgy of the Eucharist

The deacon acts like a master of ceremonies in the sanctuary area:

- Arranges the corporal, chalice, purificator, pall, and the missal on the altar
- Hands paten (i.e. plate of bread) to the priest before priest's prayer, *'Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation...'*
- Prepares the chalice: pouring wine and a little water into the chalice, the deacon says, *'By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity'*
- Hands chalice to priest before the priest's prayer, *'Blessed are you...'*
- Stands a little behind, and off to the right side, of priest during consecration
- From priest's *'make holy'* prayer, kneels until priest shows the chalice
- At doxology, stands beside the priest and lifts up the chalice as the priest lifts up the consecrated bread

Communion Rite

- After the priest says, *'The peace of the Lord be with you always'*, and the people answer, *'And with your spirit'*, the deacon addresses the people: *'Let us offer each other a sign of peace'*
- Assists the priest in breaking the consecrated host and placing hosts in the sacred vessels
- Brings the ciborium from the tabernacle (before the priest intones *'This is the Lamb of God'*)
- Assists with distributing hosts to others in sanctuary, and administers the chalice
- Oversees the purification of vessels
- Returns ciborium to the tabernacle

Concluding Rite

- During certain feasts and special occasions, the priest may conclude with a solemn blessing over the people. After the priest's greeting, the deacon says, *'Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing'*
- The deacon and the people say the last words of the Mass: the deacon says, *'Go out, the Mass is ended'* (there are various rubrics with similar intent), and the people respond, *'Thanks be to God!'*
- Reverences the altar with priest, makes a profound bow, and leaves the sanctuary in the same order as at the Entrance Rite

Above all, the deacon is called to serve as our Lord Jesus Christ served, continues to serve today, and will serve ever more—humbly, faithfully, quietly. A wondrous dimension of Jesus' life among us is that he serves without drawing undue attention to his servant role. There's some irony, of course, in the Church's decision to put anyone forward for ordained ministry: especially in relation to the liturgy, they're unable to serve 'quietly' as many do each Saturday night or Sunday morning. Since instituted as an acolyte (altar server) and reader, I acknowledge that I've become noticeable by being seated next to the priest during the Mass. On the one hand, this is a change that initially draws attention (and is embarrassing). On the other hand, this change is a forerunner of the diaconate. With goodwill and openness to exploring different ways of being Church, we're all learning what it means to have a deacon among us.

I'm comforted when remembering that it's far more important to be a member of the baptised than to be called to serve the baptised through ordained roles in the Church. As Fr Timothy Radcliffe writes, *'It is far more wonderful to share the bread of life than to be the one who consecrates it'* (**Take the Plunge: Living Baptism and Confirmation**, p 2). Long ago, St Augustine said something similar: *'With you, I am a Christian. For you, I am a Bishop'* [replace 'bishop' with priest, deacon, etc.]

Preparing to be a Permanent Deacon Cont:

Sometimes you're seated next to the priest during Mass, but at other times you're not—why?

When seated next to the priest during Mass, I'm serving as an instituted acolyte (i.e. server). This is my new ordinary role during the Mass in preparation for ordination to the diaconate. Deacons sit to the right of the priest (or bishop) so as to be completely available to assist during the Mass.

Sometimes, however, I sit in the pews. Why? Well, there's a good reason—so that I may occasionally accompany my wife, Carrie, during the Mass. You see, I'm not only being called to serve as a deacon, I have already been called (over 30 years ago, through holy matrimony) to serve as a husband to my wife. Some months ago, Mons Ian and I agreed that when I'm rostered as a reader or commentator, I would forgo my acolyte role. This is another preparation for ordination: learning how to sensitively balance my sacramental commitment to Carrie (and our adult children, Hannah and Dennis) with the impending sacrament of holy orders. Of course, I'm continuing to balance my time between the Church and full-time employment (work, itself, is a significant place for diaconal ministry to unfold).

What else do deacons do?

On a later occasion I hope to be able to update you on the many other activities of a deacon. For now, please pray for me that I may be well formed during this preparation time to serve you as a deacon!

Tim Grauel

Here are some photos of my nephew's ordination in Spain. His name is Fr. Freddie Banua-Enopia, and he is my late sister's son. This took place in Granada, Spain last April 26, 2015. I, my niece and nephew were in attendance. Tina Evans.



Coming up in our parish

- Some things to mark in your diaries
- Soup sales after Masses 13th/14th June
 - Confirmation ceremony Wed 24th June 7pm
 - First Communions at weekend Masses 27th/28th June
 - Anne's farewell 4th/5th July—drinks and nibbles after Masses
 - Sr Kanistal begins as Pastoral Associate 7th July There may be commissioning and welcoming in July—look out for dates
 - Parish Dinner Sat 25th July (Christmas in July theme). Tickets on sale now. Book a table.
 - Soup sales after Masses 1st/2nd August
 - High Tea 24th October.

Be
part!
of it.



ANNIVERSARY LUNCH

1965—2015

Sunday, 21st June, 2015
in the Activity Centre,

24 Strathmore Terrace, Brighton

\$25 per head-2courses, + tea/
coffee

Time: 12 00 noon



Ex-parishioners and friends of the parish are invited to attend.

Tickets must be purchased by the 14th June. Contact the parish secretary in the Brighton office on 8296 7292 to purchase tickets.

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Pope Francis announced that 2015 will be a year dedicated to the promotion of consecrated life, and is asking the church's religious sisters, brothers and priests to "wake up the world" with their testimony of faith, holiness and hope.

RCIA stories

My Journey to becoming a Catholic started in 2013 and finalized on Easter Saturday April 4, 2015.

I married Brenda in 1986 and occasionally attended services with her at St Martin de Porres Parish to support her with her strong faith. Despite belonging to Church of Christ I went to church with her every chance she was able but there were times she was working and I still attended.

With the friendship I encountered at the church I decided to volunteer as a maintenance person and be a welcomer.

In May 2012, Brenda asked me if I could accompany her to attend Monsignor Robert Aitken's lectures on the Catholic Faith held in the evenings at Adelaide Cathedral Parish Hall. She felt unsafe so I went. I found them very interesting and the Mons answered all my questions. I have since attended same lectures ran by him in 2013, 2014, and 2015 always asking more questions which were always answered clearly. Fr Peter Sheedy had then arrived to St Martin de Porres Parish and I found him very friendly also willingly answering any questions.

I started the RCIA program in 2013 but stopped the course in 2014 as I felt I wasn't ready. In late 2014 Anne

Ryan asked me if I was ready. With help from Mons Aitken, Fr Sheedy, Anne Ryan, Charmaine Alphonso (my sponsor), and Brenda, I know I was ready and so completed the last remaining steps.

I am very grateful to the support of all my family, Brenda's family, and the Parish Community (Church).

I felt very much welcomed into the Catholic Faith.

Jim Andrew Digance

St James the Apostle (my chosen name)



My RCIA journey began in September 2014 at an enquiry night, suitably on the topic of Prayer. Over time we learned about the Bible, Mass, the Saints, Christmas, Jesus and the Trinity, the Sacraments, Easter and Social Justice. We learnt by sharing our thoughts and feelings about scripture and relating this to our faith and everyday life. Our RCIA leaders always answered our questions and guided us through prayer. We were fortunate to be part of the St Ann's, Brighton and Hallett Cove interparish RCIA group which gave us a bigger group of leaders for support and peers to share the journey with. The RCIA team were always welcoming and accepting of our individual differences. The highlight of my journey was receiving the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil alongside my fellow Catechumens Chloe and Jim. It was wonderful

to share this celebration with members of the Parish, family and friends.

I came to this program for my family, to support my children through their journey of faith, but

what I found along the way were the gifts of faith, hope, love and peace. I have shared the gift of faith with my children, Skye and Ethan, who were baptised by Father Peter at a beautiful ceremony on Pentecost Sunday. I am especially grateful for Anne Ryan and her encouragement to begin this journey. I am sincerely thankful for Chris and Anne Ryan, and Tim Grauel our Parish RCIA



leaders for sharing their faith and guiding us through this journey.

Lissa Willcocks

I decided to be apart of this program since beginning and completing my Catholic schooling at Marymount and Sacred Heart College.

Since my baptism, Holy Communion, and Eucharist, I feel more apart of my community here at Hallett Cove, I am more in touch with myself, my spiritual

identity and most importantly, I have developed a loving relationship with God. I cannot thank the RCIA teachers enough for guiding me through my spiritual journey, as well as the Catholic community supporting me along the way. It means so much to me, and this is only just the beginning.

Chloe Rowe



KNIGHTS of the SOUTHERN CROSS

Brighton-Marion-Hallett Cove-Glenelg branch

Our branch of the Knights of the Southern Cross continues to support Catholic men in our Parishes with a *comradere* of being able to express their

faith openly among men of the same faith. We discuss the Gospel through our Formation Programme. We are always seeking new members from our Parishes.

The Branch continues to support financially the four Vinnies conferences in our Parishes. Mary Potter, Hutt Street Centre and others are also supported.

We provide this support through our on-going Cans/Bottles collections & sale of People's Choice raffle books.

Many Knights are also attendees at the Men's Shed at the Brighton presbytery.

A major function is the Annual Branch Dinner (mixed) at the Tonsley Hotel on Thursday 9th July 2015. Cost \$40/head for a 3-course meal. Support from Parishioners is most welcomed.

For any enquiries, please phone Tony Schar: 83220566 or Jeff Papps: 83814224



Thought for the day

*When it is raining
look for Rainbows:
when it is dark,
look for stars.*



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Community News

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

Deadline is Sunday 30th August, for availability on the weekend of the 5/6th September, 2015

St Martin's Coach Tour

This year, unfortunately, was our last holiday, 15 years is a long time. We have travelled all over Australia. We flew to Perth, Cairns, Tasmania and New Zealand and hired local coaches.

The last 5 years we used a relatively new coach line, called KANGA Coaches. We've had the same driver for all of these trips. His name is Justin and he was very popular with all the passengers.

Our last trip was for 12 days. We hugged the Murray River most of the time, Mildura to Canberra.

The main difference this year was that we went to a club each night for dinner, it turned out to be a good idea. They all had a food choice which the Motels don't do.

We had a total of 44 people on this last trip (only 6 were parishioners of St Martins), not a full coach but everyone enjoyed themselves.

We had 4 ninety year olds and about 5 under 60 years of age on this trip.

At least 30 people have been on 5 or more tours in the past 15 years.

Mary and I have made a lot of friends over the years, friends that we would never have made without these trips.

I will continue to arrange day tours for the parish, but not in the winter, so if you have any ideas on where you would like to go, please let me know.

David Schutze

A huge thank you to David & Mary for organising these many bus trips, I have only heard good things about them. Congratulations on your efforts. Pat.

Congratulations to David & Mary Schutze on their 60th Wedding Anniversary on the 18th June



Christmas in July

St Martin de Porres Parish Dinner

Saturday 25th July, 2015
7pm for 7.30pm meal



The De Porres Centre
St Martin de Porres School

3 Course Dinner
Tables of 8 to 10



\$25 per person

BYO Drinks & Glasses

Prize for the best Christmas Themed Table
Tickets on sale after weekend Masses



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