



St Martin de Porres

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Community Newsletter

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We Congratulate Fr Peter on his 75th Birthday and his official retirement. Thank you to everyone who contributed towards his gift. We gave him \$1000 on travel cards for his big trip in February next year.



KNIGHT'S NIGHTS

As previously mentioned in our parish bulletins and the Parish Newsletter, the Brighton/Marion/Hallett Cove/Glenelg Branch of the Knights of the Southern Cross meet every first Wednesday night of the month in the McAuley Room of the parish activity centre.



Besides formal aspects of meetings involving the universal Knight's prayers and reports from various office bearers last Wednesday's meeting, taking a leaf from the recent Parish Assembly, concentrated on what role the Knights might play in supporting the Brighton Parish Council's desire to foster a better community.

Led by Branch Chairman, Patrick Hodgson, in his ubiquitous style and brimming with ideas, discussions focussed on encouraging better and wider communication by the Knights with other groups in the parish for furthering the Parish Pastoral Council's objectives. Observations on points raised at the Parish Assembly followed with an emphasis on engaging with young people. Thoughts on fostering some kind of community drop in centre were canvassed, in respect of which it was hoped the Pastoral Council would always continue to examine ways of utilisation of assets rather than divestment as a first option.

Arrangements for a major social function: **A Crazy Whist Night**, to be held on Friday 8th November 2019, were finalised along with an attractive flyer to advertise it. The function hopes to be one means of helping wider community participation and also of raising funds for Vinnies and the local Antioch Youth Group and, as the blurb on the flyer says, be an enjoyable fun evening. And on the day it was just that, in Spades!

Over 70 people came along to the whist drive. A dozen or so were young ones. MCs Patrick and Damien of the Youth Group kept things moving with humorous anecdotes punctuated with tricky brain teasers. There were door prizes, someone sat on a lucky chair and the highest and lowest scores picked up a bottle or two of fine wines and chocolates and, of course, every one enjoyed the contributed generous supper. The night raised over \$500. Congratulations to the Knight's team that ran this very pleasant social evening – a sure formula for similar successful events.

Parish Finance Council Update

As we near the end of the current Financial Plan which ran from 2015 – 2019 the PFC is working with the leadership team to plan for our future.

Our loan has reduced significantly from \$145k in 2015 to the current balance of \$80k – much thanks to the Brighton Parish who have subsidised interest payments which helps immensely.

Our current income has continued to fall over the past few years, and expense and salaries have both increased which makes making ends meet very difficult.

There is also a number of expensive capital works including the roof which will need to be addressed shortly.

We have worked hard to retain our independence, and the PFC will continue to look at how we might reduce costs, this might mean less paid staff and more volunteers, a change in loan payments, and an increase in income from our Stewardship program which is due in 2020.

It is possible many of you have heard that the school is planning to expand, and a number of proposals are under consideration – we are looking at all options that we could leverage to ensure that the vibrant community that is Hallett Cove is fully supported.

Pete McKenna
Chair PFC

Our Parish Vision

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

Feast Day Celebrations

Sunday 3rd November was the Feast of St Martin de Porres. Our parish and school communities came together to celebrate the feast. All who had celebrated Sacraments in our church during the year were invited to come along to the Mass, which was followed by a blessing of the new building in the school. A picnic with activities for the kids was enjoyed by all.



An excerpt from the Pope's message



Live life to the fullest

*Don't fight with people,
don't criticise your body so much,
don't complain so much and
don't lose sleep over your bills.
Look for the person that makes you happy.
If you make a mistake, let it go and keep
seeking your happiness.
Never stop being a good parent.
Don't worry so much about buying luxuries
and comforts for your home and
don't kill yourself trying to leave an inheritance
for your family. Those benefits should be
earned by each person,
so don't dedicate yourself to accumulating
money.
Enjoy, travel, enjoy your journeys, see new
places,
give yourself the pleasures you deserve.
Allow your pets to get closer.
Don't put away the fine glassware.
Utilise the new dinnerware,
don't save your favourite perfume, use it to go
out with yourself;
wear out your favourite sport shoes;
repeat your favourite clothes.
So what? That's not bad. Why not now?
Why not pray instead of waiting until before
you sleep?
Why not call now?
Why not forgive now?
We wait so long for Christmas; for Fridays; for
reunions;
for another year; for when I have money; for
love to come; when everything is perfect...
look...
Everything perfect doesn't exist.
Human beings can't accomplish this because
it simply was not intended to be completed
here.
Here is an opportunity to learn.
So take this challenge that is life and do it
now... love more, forgive more, embrace
more,
love more intensely and leave the rest
in God's hands.*

Hallett Cove Vinnies



A recent audit was conducted by Vinnies Head Office on all the Vinnies Conferences around the State. One aspect of our work which was identified as very important to all Conferences is the constant reminder to reflect on the purpose of our work:

“To live the Gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice, hope and joy, and by working to shape a more just and compassionate society.”

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.

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.



Hallett Cove Parish Prayer Days

Monthly Prayer Day at Hallett Cove.

The session will begin at 5pm with the Prayer discussion, Rosary and Mass at 7pm, followed by supper.

You are invited to join us on Tuesday 10th December. Prayer focus will be Ignatian Contemplative Prayer .



Family Group—Berrima Buddies



This is a photo of our luncheon of our monthly activities of Berrima Buddies.

East Timor Seminarians

Pam and Alex Priadko managed to meet up with Carlos in Rome. It was great to see the college in which he is studying and 5 other seminarians from ET and to have lunch with them.

Carlos is doing well as one would expect and speaks fondly of his time in Adelaide.

He remembers well His Excellency Mons Dempsey and wishes to be remembered to him and sends his regards to all others.



Rosary

We will be praying the Rosary after the Sunday Mass at 10.30am on the 2nd Sunday of each month—all are welcome to join us. Bring your Rosary beads.



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.



Advent & Christmas in our Parish



Blessing of the Crib

At Masses
Saturday 30th November & Sunday 1st
December

Bring your Nativity Scene (or part of it)
to be blessed during Mass.

Advent Reflection groups

Tuesday evenings 7pm in the church beginning
Tues 26th November

Wednesday afternoons after midday Mass
beginning 27th November

There will be a cost of \$4 for the Reflection
book (with a daily reflection for every day of
Advent).

The Archdiocese are bringing out a weekly
Reflection book for Advent. No cost. Available
now.

Advent Donations for the homeless

Please bring any items on the week
specified and place in the box in the foyer

30th November & 1st December:

Toothbrush or toothpaste,
Shampoo or Conditioner

7th & 8th December:

Deodorant, Bodywash,
Moisturiser or sunblock

14th & 15th December:

Sanitary Products or Shaving Products

21st & 22nd December:

Socks or Underwear

Anointing of the Sick Masses

Wednesday 11th December at midday at
Hallett Cove followed by a light lunch
Saturday 14th December 10am at Brighton
followed by Morning Tea in the Columbarium

Carols in the Park

Friday 6th December at The Cove Sports and
Community Club from 6pm.

Our church is responsible for supervising the
face painting and bouncing castle activities.
Contact Peter Smith if you can help out.

St Martin de Porres School

End of Year Mass

Tuesday 10th December at 9.30am

CHRISTMAS RECONCILIATION TIMES (Confession)

Penitential Services (2nd Rite)

Thursday, 19th December

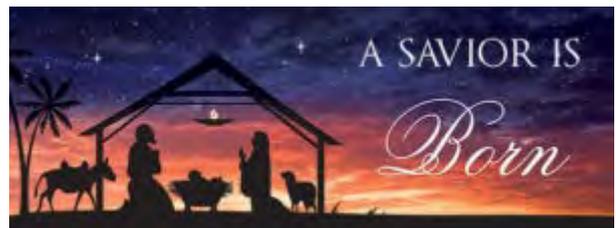
10.00 am - St. Joseph's, Brighton
and at

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

Individual Reconciliation (First Rite)

Brighton : after weekday Masses on Fridays and
Saturdays.

Hallett Cove: before Masses on 2nd & 3rd
Sunday of month



Christmas Mass Times

Brighton and Hallett Parishes

Tuesday, 24th December (Christmas Eve)

7pm Vigil Mass—**McAteer Ctr at Sacred Heart
College**, Somerton Park.

7pm Vigil Family Mass, **St Martin de Porres
Church**, Berrima Rd, Sheidow Park

10pm Vigil Mass -**St Martin de Porres
Church**, Berrima Rd, Sheidow Park

10pm Vigil Mass - **St Joseph's**,
Strathmore Tce, Brighton

Wednesday, 25th December (Christmas Day)

9.15 am Mass- **St Martin de Porres Church**,
Berrima Rd, Sheidow Park

9.30 am Mass- **St Joseph's**, Strathmore Tce,
Brighton