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Community Newsletter

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RESPECT LIFE

There has been recent media coverage of Pope Francis granting priests permission to absolve the sin of abortion in the Year of Mercy which begins in October. Normally only Bishops have this permission.

However since 2007 all priests in the Archdiocese of Adelaide were decreed to grant this absolution and this is an ongoing permission.

At a recent national meeting of Clergy Care there was a presentation from Catholic Health on the Church and its care of women who have lost an unborn child through miscarriage, abortion or stillborn, and how this affects them and their partners.

The theme of the presentation was 'Caring for those who have lost unborn children, healing the wounds of miscarriage and abortion.' We were asked how might we reach out to those around us who have lost a child before birth and may be grieving alone. How might we help them find healing and hope? Women and men suffer the loss in different ways.

We are called to develop the attitude of the Good Samaritan, an attitude of mercy, of a love which does not condemn, but brings consolation and hope. Pope Francis recently stated he had 'met so many women who bear in their heart the scar of this agonising and painful decision.'

With the parish team I am planning a special Mass in the month of the Holy Souls, November, as a time for families who have lost children – born and unborn – with a time to pray, remember, grieve and find hope. This Mass will be celebrated in St Joseph's Church on Friday 20th November at 7.00pm.

I am also proposing to establish a memorial in our Memorial Garden at Brighton dedicated to the memories of unborn children.

Prayer for Life.

Heavenly Father, in this Year of Grace, we pray that we might become more like the Good Samaritan, so that we might have a heart that sees where love is needed, and reach out to all those caring a secret sadness. We pray for all those grieving for their lost children, help us to comfort them and bring them hope. Amen.

Mons Ian



Our Parish Vision

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

Pastoral Associate



India; my home country

Over the next few months I'd like to tell you about my childhood in India, my town, my culture, my family, and lots more.

I was born in a very Christian Village called Arockiya Puram near the coast of Southern India. It was a village of about five hundred houses, with families of up to ten people. Grandparents always lived with the family and the children stayed there until they got married. In my Family there was mum and dad and my grandmother and I was last of seven children. Three boys and four girls. Our house was very small consisting of a kitchen and one other room that is where we had our meals, prayers, lots of fun times with the children and this is where we all slept. We had a very happy childhood. To wash we used to go down to the local river. For drinking water we used to walk to the well which was 15 minutes from our house. We carried the water in pots which we held on our side. Every three hours a bus came along the main road and picked up people to go to the next village which was about 25 kms away. We had to walk for twenty minutes to meet the bus. When the bus came back it would go to the village in the opposite direction.

My father was a fisherman and my mother stayed at home and cared for the family. We weren't rich family, but on another hand we never had to go without anything. We used to buy food at little Road side stores, and twice a week we would buy fresh vegetables at a small market which was about five kilometers away. My mother used to walk to the market. She would leave home about 4:30 am and return four or five hours later, carrying all the vegetables for the week. For breakfast we would cook various things made from rice flour, Plain flour, and Semolina. Everyday all of us children went to 7am Mass. The church was just five minutes away. Nearly two or two hundred and fifty people came to daily Mass, most of them were children. The teachers would ask all the children whether they have been to the Mass that

day. One day I put my hand up that I had been to Mass (but actually I missed Mass that day). The teacher was suspicious of me, so she asked me what color vestments the priest was wearing. I didn't know the answer. So she guessed that I was telling fibs. I was only eight years old, but she gave a smack on the hand with the big long stick. And it made me cry when I told my mother she said, "See, tomorrow you must go to Mass". In weeks to come I would like to tell you about my schooling, my culture and my early formation as a Passionist sister. and lots more.

Sr Kanistal Soosai CP



With my parents and my niece when I made my First Profession



Parish Pastoral Council – An Update

Tim Grauel

New Directions: How can we be Church given limited resources, time, and money?

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is looking forward to becoming engaged with the Adelaide diocesan initiative, New Directions—a taskforce set up in early 2015 to develop a diocesan plan by early 2016 for parish renewal. While the taskforce is aware of the diminishing numbers of priests, deacons and religious—it's more concerned to provide nurture so that each parish can better witness to the Gospel in word and deed.

The primary focus of New Directions is reflected in the composition of three working groups supporting the work of the taskforce:

Youth
Young families
Renewing parish structures

I serve as the chair of the 'renewing parish structures' working group. Meeting every 2-3 weeks, this group of six (a subset of taskforce members) is presently drafting a document, which will guide renewal of our parishes.

The intention is to further develop this document with input from the Diocesan Parish Council and the Council of Priests, after which feedback from the wider diocese will commence.

The PPC believes that Hallett Cove is likely to remain a parish with its own identity into the foreseeable future. However, fewer pastoral resources within the diocese may well mean that we could have less contact with a parish priest over time. The PPC is not alarmed, nor should you be. For quite some years, the Hallett Cove and Brighton parishes have been juggling limited resources, both pastoral and financial.

We should all acknowledge that our parish currently functions well due to the commitment of many parishioners, including our pastoral associate, who pastorally support the work of our priests in a variety of ways. One only needs to attend a baptism or funeral at the church to see this healthy collaboration in action.

Pope Francis wisely observed that a constantly renewed parish is a key component of a healthy parish—yet few parishes seem to have adequately responded to the challenge of self-renewal (a Vatican II initiative!):

'While certainly not the only institution which evangelises, if the parish proves capable of self-renewal and constant adaptivity, it continues to be "the Church living in the midst of the homes of her sons and daughters". This presumes that it really is contact with the homes and the lives of its people, and does not become a useless structure out of touch with people or a self-absorbed group made up of a chosen few... We must admit...that the call to review and renew our parishes has not yet sufficed to bring them nearer to people, to make them environments of living communion and participation, and to make them completely mission-oriented' (Pope Francis, *The Joy of the Gospel*, para 28)

The PPC is less preoccupied with the logistical realities of fewer priests, and more concerned about how to encourage parish renewal. By the end of the year, I believe New Directions will become directly engaged with the PPC and wider parish. My clear impression is that the diocesan taskforce is reticent to impose anything on parishes. Rather, it's genuinely seeking our active engagement.

What might a healthier parish look like in 5-10 years?

And what must we do now to ensure that this vision becomes reality?

Please feel free to share your thoughts with PPC members. Take up the challenge: parish renewal is not the responsibility of a few parishioners: we all contribute, for better or for worse, every single day!



Tim's Journey to the Diaconate – An Update

Tim Grauel

What's the point of the Diaconate?

'Deacon' derives from the Greek *'diakonos'*, meaning servant or waiter—someone who empties themselves of self for the sake of others, total self-sacrifice. Recall that Christ came to serve, not to be served (Matthew 20.28). Since Vatican II—now 50 years ago! the church became convinced that the world so much needed a clearer example of true service that it renewed the diaconate by restoring the permanence of its exercise. 'Deacons were not needed primarily because of any shortage of priests...or because of any unique set of functions deacons might perform, but because the church needed a permanent sacramental sign of her own diaconal ministry' (William T Ditewig, *The Deacon at Mass*, 2013)

Do most people in modern society easily imagine the church as a humble and patient servant? How many of the perceived ills of the church might be challenged if the church was more faithful at bearing witness to authentic, deep service to others? Even if it may not be consciously aware of this yearning, our world yearns to experience our Lord's merciful service. This yearning—in reality, God's Spirit tenderly moving among us—motivates me to serve as a deacon, to be permanently and publicly configured to Christ the Servant.



L to R: Tim Grauel, daughter Hannah, son Dennis, wife Carrie, and Bishop Greg O'Kelly SJ at Tim's Candidacy Mass on Friday, 24 July 2015

Each of us, the baptized, has been called to reflect Christ's caring service for others throughout our day-to-day lives. A deacon is a prophetic reminder to all the baptized of their own mission. He is a minister of the Word, of the altar, and of charity—a servant to all. Pray that I may so respond to God's call to holy orders that God's love is experienced truly, widely!

Which sacraments do deacons celebrate?

Current canon and liturgical law permits deacons to serve as ordinary ministers of baptism. ('Ordinary' refers to the fact that deacons exercise this ministry as a normal result of their ordination and the faculties they have received from the Bishop.) They are ordinary ministers for the distribution of Holy Communion.

Deacons also officiate at weddings as the official witness of the Church. Deacons do not confirm, ordain, reconcile (hear confessions/give absolution), anoint the sick or celebrate Mass.

In addition to these sacraments, deacons preach in virtue of their ordination and they may also preside at various prayer services and liturgies, including Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, public recitations of the Rosary, Stations of the Cross, the Liturgy of the Hours and Sunday celebrations in the absence of a priest. While they do not celebrate the anointing of the sick, they are ordinary ministers of viaticum; deacons may also preside at wakes and funerals.

What's happening next?

Towards the end of July, a Mass was held to mark my official Candidacy as a deacon. This liturgy provided an opportunity for me to publicly declare my intention to respond to God's call to serve as a deacon. It also represented a special moment when the church welcomed my response to holy orders. Because Archbishop Philip Wilson is on leave, Bishop Greg O'Kelly SJ from the Port Pirie diocese kindly offered to celebrate this Mass. The Mass was held at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Henley Beach, since Bishop Greg had planned to be in Adelaide to ordain Deacon Tru Nguyen MSC to the priesthood. A joyful mix of celebrations, always to be remembered! I was blessed to have my entire family present—and to be kindly supported by Mons Ian and several others from the parish. I'm humbly astonished at the lifelong, irrevocable vocation that Christ's church places before me.

My diaconal formation activities are now virtually complete and it appears that an ordination date will be set soon (likely before the end of the year). In late September, I will be undertaking a six-day silent retreat, customarily taken prior to ordination.

Thank you for accompanying me with your prayers: the grace of being sustained by more than one's own prayers is beautiful! May our Father in heaven bless us with the Spirit of his Son, the spirit of unfailing, loving service to others!

KNIGHT'S OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS

Brighton-Marion-Hallett Cove-
Glenelg branch.



Our major Annual Branch Dinner was very well supported by many parishioners of Hallett Cove parish and we sincerely thank them for their support. Many won wine and chocolate prizes. A great evening was had by all.

The branch continued to support financially the four Vinnies conferences in our parishes with a quarterly donation.

Monies collected from can/bottle drives allows us to make these donations, and we thank parishioners for their support.

We continued to discuss the Gospel through our Formation program, with Marriage and the Family being the theme these past meetings.

New members are always sought. For any enquiries, please contact Tony Schar: 83220566 or Jeff Papps: 83814224

Many thanks for your support.

Best wishes.
Tony Schar
Treasurer

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The Catholic Development Fund has produced a new facility to assist parishes with their fundraising initiatives. Parishioners, visitors to the parish and any other donors are now able to donate funds to any parish causes online via the Archdiocesan website under the link "**Donate to a Parish**". This will provide five categories of donations to parishes. i.e. General, First Collection, Property, Pastoral and other. The funds will be immediately available to parishes. The link is www.adelaide.catholic.org.au/donate. Online donations to Catholic Charities can also be made on this page.

Community News

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

Deadline is Sunday 30th November, for availability on the weekend of the 6th/7th December, 2015

ST MARTIN DE PORRES CRAFT GROUP

The Craft Group wishes to thank all parishioners for their ongoing support. The soup nights have been a great success; we have raised \$370.85 for the church. Thank you !! This gorgeous little girl was photographed one Saturday night after Mass: showing how cute she looks in a new beanie, matching scarf and knitted stuffed toy; which was lovingly hand made by our craft group. She looks as cute as a button !!



What's Happening

Coming up in our parish

Some things to mark in your diaries

- **Bunnings BBQ at Marion**—Saturday 26th September. Come along and buy a sausage and support our parish
- **Anointing of the Sick Mass** – Wednesday 14th October 12 noon
- **Volunteers Lunch**—Sunday 8th November
- 28th & 29th November—1st Sunday in Advent—**Blessing of the Cribs** at Mass and **Christmas Trading Tables** after Masses
- Friday 11th December—**Carols in the Park**, Pavana Park from 6pm
- Wednesday 16th December—**Penitential Liturgy** 7pm
- **Friday 25th December—Merry Christmas**



Congratulations

Mary & David Schutze on the occasion of their **60th Wedding Anniversary** on the 19th June



Rima & Issam Haddad on their **25th Wedding Anniversary** on the 19th August.



Alex & Pam Borda on their **45th Wedding Anniversary** on the 19th September.

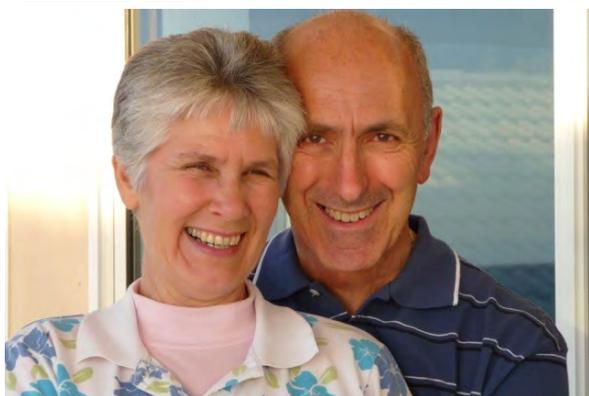


Congratulations also to all those who had entries in the **Royal Adelaide Show**, including:

Philippa Hanlon—
Mosaic, 3rd Prize



If you have entered things in the show we would love to know and promote you in our next newsletter



Pat McKenna—
Beadwork, 1st Prize

