



St Martin de Porres

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Community Newsletter

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About "My Holiday"

Probably you are expecting the continuation of "My Story", but this time I want to tell you about how I spent my holiday with my family. I will tell you my own story in the next article. On the other hand, this holiday is also part of the longer version of "My Story".

We all look forward to our holidays and that is what I did since I join the religious life. When I was in India I used to go on holidays every year. But since I was transferred to Australia, I can only return home to India for holidays once in every three years. When we think about holidays, we look forward to having a good rest and some time for ourselves. But it is totally different for me, I go for holidays to see my extended family and friends and relatives who live in India. This latest holiday was very different from all previous holidays over the last twenty years

In month of April I had a very quick visit and holiday. I stayed only three weeks, but almost one week was only with my extended family. As you all know my father is not well and he is 88 years of age. We are expecting that anything could happen to him. Every time I go for holidays, I try to take all my family to go out and spent time together, but sometimes we will miss someone or some don't want to go and someone else is not happy about that. This time it was success, praise God. My unexpected visit has given me unforgettable memory for my life, because this times everyone was home from their work and free.

Seeing my father as 88 years of age I was worried about him because anytime God could call him to go and live with Him. But with that in mind I had courage to talk with my family and we all decided to go



somewhere, so we arranged a bus to go out with my father. We went a place called Valangkanni where Mother Mary Church which is very famous all over India, even people from overseas come for a pilgrimage. Not only, there is a beautiful sea and it is about 14 to 15 hours travel from my home town.

We had very good time because we ate together, prayed together, played together and danced together. In my life it was first and last time we had got together with my father. In my life time we never ever had a family outing after my brothers and sisters' marriage.

My father was very happy than ever because in his life time this is the first time we all the children and their families got together. For me it was unforgettable and life-long memory time.

At the end of my holiday I was in tears to see my brothers and sisters together because of the overwhelmed happiness they have given me and my father a lifelong memorable memory. I am proud of my family.

That was is the one reason I wanted to share my holiday with. Please remember family is first so enjoy the opportunities when you get time.

At the end of the holiday, I was thinking about coming back to my second home here in Adelaide and to see you all who are now part of my life. I have now been based in our Adelaide community for twelve years and is the longest in my religious life that I have lived in one community. It is very hard to get a working Visa in Australia and we don't have local communities where we can be transferred. If I was in India I would have been transferred to different communities during those years.

I am very sorry to disappoint you not to continue my other story. I promise that in my next article I will continue the story of my vocation.

Thank you
Sr Kanistal Soosai, CP



Our Parish Vision

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

Hallett Cove to hold a parish gathering!



By Tim Grauel, PPC Chair

The important role the parish must play in the 'renewal' process will be one of the key messages at the **Diocesan Spring Gathering** to be held on Saturday, 29 October 2016—the first such event in more than 30 years. It's also the key focus of our local **Parish Gathering**, planned for Sunday, 23 October 2016 (10:30 am – 12:30 pm), in the St Martin de Porres school hall.

Pope Francis has encouraged us to 're-imagine' the role of the parish in today's world: "the parish is not an outdated institution" only if the parish remains "capable of self-renewal and constant adaptivity", so that it continues to be the "Church living in the midst of the homes her sons and daughters" (*Evangelii Gaudium*, para 28). Parish renewal doesn't mean a 'quick fix' solution for the decline in Mass attendance figures. Rather, it's about giving an authentic, vibrant and welcoming expression to the faith. Since February this year, your Parish Pastoral Council has been carefully reviewing the Renewing Parishes document, produced by the Renewal Task Force. Hopefully, you've read a copy—or heard about it at Mass in the last few months (if you haven't, request a copy from Pat in the parish office!)

The purpose of our Parish Gathering will be to more fully introduce the Renewing Parishes document to the entire parish. This important document, which has been supported by all parishes across the Archdiocese, features eight key characteristics of a healthy, vibrant, renewing parish:

The parish is a community in which each member is called to a personal relationship with Jesus.

Eucharistic liturgies are prayerful and fully participative.

The Word of God is proclaimed in good preaching.

There is a warm sense of community outreach.

The parish community is visibly engaged with those who experience poverty and need, and with those at the margins of society and church.

The parish witnesses to God's love for all the creatures of Earth.

The parish is led by a priest with a pastoral team.

Eucharistic communities that are viable will be enabled to continue.

Renewal is not the 'job' of a few people, but an opportunity shared by all for prayerful reflection and concrete action. Even if you feel that you're unable to assist in the renewal effort due to age or health—your prayer support is invaluable. Consider how our parish might enhance its current faithfulness to the Gospel, or suggest new ways to give expression to the faith. Your feedback and support is necessary for the future viability of the parish. Plan to attend the Parish Gathering to have your say and stay informed!

From Fr Peter

In June I escaped the Adelaide winter and went to Alaska!!!! I enjoyed a 2 week road trip through some of Canada's great mountain scenery including the Rockies. The beauty and immensity of our planet is awe inspiring. I experienced a snow storm, wild life including bears, seals, deer, elk and eagles.

Alaska is a breathtaking wilderness of glaciers, mountains, and weather extremes. Cruising past icebergs glowing blue in sun was great.

It was a great time, but it is always good to come home! The excitement of our current renewal programme was a good thing to come back to.

With so much beauty surrounding me it was not too difficult to pray. It is not always so easy surrounded by the hum drum of daily life which we need to bring before our God. I am looking forward to our Parish gathering in October to establish our future paths.

Fr Peter.

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Thinking about leaving a bequest?



God loves a cheerful giver
2 Corinthians 9:7

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The Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy (8th December, 2015--20th November, 2016)

The Jubilee Year's theme is:

"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful."

The Holy Father's 2016 Prayer Intentions

September - Centrality of the Human Person—

that each may contribute to the common good and to the building of a society that places the human person at the centre.

October - Journalists—that journalists, in carrying out their work, may always be motivated by respect for truth and a strong sense of ethics.

November - Countries Receiving Refugees—

that the countries which take in a great number of displaced persons and refugees may find support for their efforts of solidarity.

December - End to Child-Soldiers—that the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over.

You may like to include these intentions in your prayers



Community News

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

Deadline is Tuesday 29th November, for availability on the weekend of the 3rd/4th December, 2016

St Martin's Social Committee

Kids' Buy, swap and sell meet

The Social Committee held our inaugural Kid's buy swap and sell on a sunny Saturday, and we were very pleased at the number of participants who wanted to buy, swap or sell their books, toys and games.

Unfortunately there were less buyers than we had anticipated, but we still managed to raise more than \$250 for the Parish from our table hire, barbecue and raffle.

The only sour note was that a couple of dealers came in during set up and rifled through the toys etc, grabbing what they obviously wished to sell later. A lesson we learned.: Get the set up done without allowing any early buyers in til opening time. The barbecue was a success and the smell of food wafted invitingly through the hall.



Parish Lunch

The Parish Lunch organised by the Social committee was both socially and financially a success, as I am sure that all who attended will agree. As we had only 50 seats available, it did not take long to fill them.

A couple of fun games were placed on the tables for guests to share, and many laughs ensued.

It was a delightful meal, and the Cove Tavern catered for all culinary tastes and requirements. We hope that this will be the first of many times that the Social Committee will be able to host occasions such as this one.

Our lucky envelopes proved that Mila Grimshaw is still smiled on by the Good Luck fairy, having been the winner of the first two prizes.



Morning Tea

The Social Committee organised Morning tea after Sunday Mass on the occasion of our Group First Communion last Sunday. As it was also Migrant and Refugee Sunday, we were treated to some delicious dishes from far away origins.

The Social Committee would like to host a morning tea after Sunday Mass on a regular basis starting next year

First Communicant from afar

Kiran DePoerck came from Yangon, in Myanmar, to make her First Holy Communion on July 31st.

Our beautiful Sister Kanistal spent a great deal of her valuable time coaching and preparing Kiran for the occasion, which was a delightfully memorable occasion for the whole family



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.

**Marion Bunnings BBQ
Saturday 8th October**

This is a major fundraiser for our parish. Please check the sheets in the foyer and volunteer to help on the day or to donate items needed. Make sure you and your friends visit on Saturday 8th October and buy a sausage

Sunday 11th September 10.30am

Red Cross Emergency RediPlan® is a community education program and tool assisting people to prepare for, respond to and recover from emergencies. The printed resources and community conversations take a 'non-hazard specific' approach to building resilience within households and the community.

See flyer at end of this newsletter

Trish Lillywhite

In 2016, I decided to take my running to a new level and register for The Big Red Run a 6 day 250 km run across the Simpson desert to raise funds for Juvenile Diabetes. This involved running a marathon most days and on the fifth day a double marathon.

With the support of family, friends and work colleagues I raised over \$1100 and as a group 70 plus runners raised over \$200,000, with money raised going directly to Juvenile Type 1 diabetes research.

This year the Simpson was flooded so the runs each day were filled with mud and due to the large amount of rain wonderful displays of wildflowers.

I had the opportunity to meet many inspiring runners, all with their own stories for taking part in this epic event. As dad would have said another dopey idea..... but it was a hoot.



**Knights of the Southern Cross
June to August 2016**



History has it that Our Order was founded in 1919 in a search for social justice. Strict security and secrecy was necessary and maintained. This has changed. Even our wives know where and when we are going to a meeting. We even invite them to come with us to some meetings. What has not changed is the fact that men of our Christian Faith collectively enjoy the ability to strive to improve the spiritual and economic wellbeing of our neighbours and of ourselves.

Of recent months we the Knights of The Southern Cross in your Parish have been opening the doors and welcoming other Catholic men to join our branch or merely dip their toe into a meeting. We are getting a warm reception of recent months with people asking question and keen to come along to a meeting with someone they know in their parish just to get the experience. It's a good way to meet other men of your faith. Our members are just basic chaps with something in common with yourself.

Our Branch Dinner was held at the Tonsley Hotel back in July. A good night of fun and food. Thanks go to Peter Kay of Glenelg, Graham Gurry of Brighton, Jeff Papps and Tony Schar of Hallett Cove and to all the people who went home with a bottle of wine or chocolates from the many door prizes. It is marvellous how many bottles of wine were won by Priests. Have to look into that. Our next Guest Speaker will be at 5th October meeting, so put it on your calendar for your wife to accompany you. In the meantime Wed 7 Sept is our AGM Meeting. See you there with any guest (male) you would like to bring along for their experience.

Pat Hodgson Branch Chairman

**Volunteer's Lunch
Sunday 9th October**

Do you volunteer in our parish? If so, then you are invited to a free lunch on Sunday 9th October. See invite at back of this newsletter

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



St Vincent de Paul

The parish's Vinnies group is actually called the Hallett Cove Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society (SA) Inc. One might ask why is it called a Conference. This is because the Society was founded in France back in 1833 and the groups were referred to as

Conferences. These are generally parish based and are the grass roots groups of the society.

Conference members are volunteers living out their faith in service to the poor, and it was this very idea that lead to the formation of the society – faith in action.

The Hallett Cove Vinnies currently has 8 active members, half of whom still work full time. Our main activities are centred around home visitation of the poor in the postcode area of 5158 - Hallett Cove, Sheidow Park, Trott Park, and part of O'Halloran Hill – in addition to O'Sullivan Beach. We provide emergency food and clothing assistance, bedding and furniture, and distribute Christmas food and toy hampers. Funds permitting, we may also be able to pay utility or other bills. We often refer those we assist to budget or financial counselling to overcome longer term financial issues. Last year we made over 115 visits to 53 households assisting over 75 people.

Clothing assistance is possible through referrals to one of the Vinnies shops, usually either that at Christies Beach or the recently opened, new Morphett Vale shop, which is the 2nd largest in SA and carries a great range of goods available for purchase by anyone.

All assistance is obtained by contacting 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.



"Rings for Limbs - the value in our scrap metal"

St Martin de Porres School



A family from the school are collecting metal ring pulls from aluminium cans

It takes 2,500 ring pulls to produce approximately one kilogram of aluminium, allowing seven sets of joints to be fabricated when making artificial limbs.

It would be amazing if we could come together as a community and save any metal ring pulls we have at our homes and bring them into the school front office or in the collection box in the church foyer.

Your support in this would be greatly appreciated!!!

Community Prayer @ SMDP School

It is a time each week when all children, staff and parents are invited to come together in prayer. We gather each Wednesday morning between 9 - 9:15am in our De Porres Centre. If you are free and would like to join us in prayer you are more than welcome.

God Bless, Ben Catalano

ST MARTIN DE PORRES
30TH ANNIVERSARY
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SUNDAY 20TH NOVEMBER
10.30AM 3.30PM

Rides & Games Galore

Arts & Crafts • Food • Cakes & Sweets
Bands & Entertainment • Bric a Brac
Various Stalls • Raffles & Auctions

HomeLoans & More
Home Loans by Jason Eitel
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"Every time you smile at someone it is an action of love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing."

"Peace begins with a smile."

~ Mother Teresa



Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu, the future Mother Teresa, was born on 26 August 1910, in Skopje, Macedonia, to Albanian heritage. Her father, a well-respected local businessman, died when she was eight years old, leaving her mother, a devoutly religious woman, to open an embroidery and cloth business to support the family. After spending her adolescence deeply involved in parish activities, Agnes left home in September 1928, for the Loreto Convent in Rathfarnham (Dublin), Ireland, where she was admitted as a postulant on October 12 and received the name of Teresa, after her patroness, St. Therese of Lisieux.

Agnes was sent by the Loreto order to India and arrived in Calcutta on 6 January 1929. Upon her arrival, she joined the Loreto novitiate in Darjeeling. She made her final profession as a Loreto nun on 24 May 1937, and hereafter was called Mother Teresa. While living in Calcutta during the 1930s and '40s, she taught in St. Mary's Bengali Medium School.

On 10 September 1946, on a train journey from Calcutta to Darjeeling, Mother Teresa received what she termed the "call within a call," which was to give rise to the Missionaries of Charity family of Sisters, Brothers, Fathers, and Co-Workers. The content of this inspiration is revealed in the aim and mission she would give to her new institute: "to quench the infinite thirst of Jesus on the cross for love and souls" by "labouring at the salvation and sanctification of the poorest of the poor." On October 7, 1950, the new congregation of the Missionaries of Charity was officially erected as a religious institute for the Archdiocese of Calcutta.

Throughout the 1950s and early 1960s, Mother Teresa expanded the work of the Missionaries of Charity both within Calcutta and throughout India. On 1 February 1965, Pope Paul VI granted the Decree of Praise to the Congregation, raising it to pontifical right. The first foundation outside India opened in Cocorote, Venezuela, in 1965. The Society expanded to Europe (the Tor Fiscale suburb of Rome) and Africa (Tabora, Tanzania) in 1968.

From the late 1960s until 1980, the Missionaries of Charity expanded both in their reach across the globe and in their number of members. Mother Teresa opened houses in Australia, the Middle East, and North America, and the first novitiate outside Calcutta in London. In 1979 Mother Teresa was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. By that same year there were 158 Missionaries of Charity foundations.

The Missionaries of Charity reached Communist countries in 1979 with a house in Zagreb, Croatia, and in 1980 with a house in East Berlin, and continued to expand through the 1980s and 1990s with houses in almost all Communist nations, including 15 foundations in the former Soviet Union. Despite repeated efforts, however, Mother Teresa was never able to open a foundation in China.

Mother Teresa spoke at the fortieth anniversary of the United Nations General Assembly in October 1985. On Christmas Eve of that year, Mother Teresa opened "Gift of Love" in New York, her first house for AIDS patients. In the coming years, this home would be followed by others, in the United States and elsewhere, devoted specifically for those with AIDS.

From the late 1980s through the 1990s, despite increasing health problems, Mother Teresa travelled across the world for the profession of novices, opening of new houses, and service to the poor and disaster-stricken. New communities were founded in South Africa, Albania, Cuba, and war-torn Iraq. By 1997, the Sisters numbered nearly 4,000 members, and were established in almost 600 foundations in 123 countries of the world.

After a summer of travelling to Rome, New York, and Washington, in a weak state of health, Mother Teresa returned to Calcutta in July 1997. At 9:30 PM, on 5 September, Mother Teresa died at the Motherhouse. Her body was transferred to St Thomas's Church, next to the Loreto convent where she had first arrived nearly 69 years earlier. Hundreds of thousands of people from all classes and all religions, from India and abroad, paid their respects. She received a state funeral on 13 September, her body being taken in procession - on a gun carriage that had also borne the bodies of Mohandas K. Gandhi and Jawaharlal Nehru - through the streets of Calcutta. Presidents, prime ministers, queens, and special envoys were present on behalf of countries from all over the world.

Blessed Mother Teresa will be canonized this year on **4th September**, the eve of her Feast Day, **5th September**.

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Some images from World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland

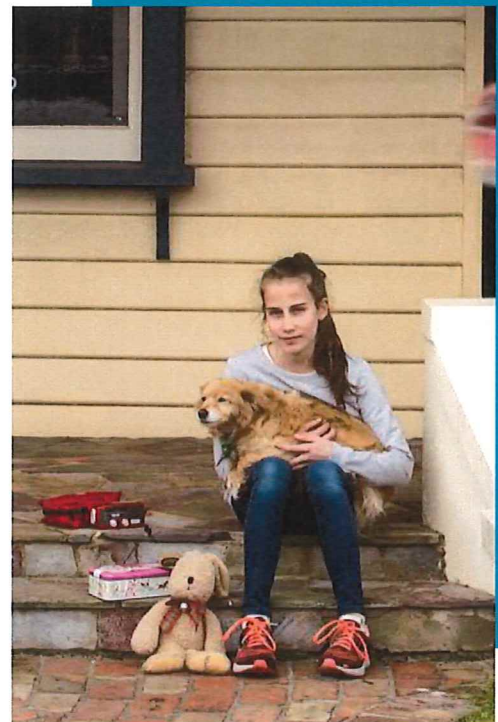


*Emergencies happen...
RediPlan can help you be prepared*

**Potential emergencies are
heatwaves, illness, severe storms, blackouts,
earthquakes, fires, or an unexpected trip to
hospital**

RediPlan sessions can help you

- ❖ consider possible risks and their impacts on you
- ❖ learn about simple steps to help you get prepared



Free Session

Hallett Cove Catholic Church

Sunday 11th September 2016 at 10.30am

Volunteers Lunch Invitation

Do you volunteer in our Parish???

Altar Serving, Bookshop, Cleaning, Commentating, Counting, Craft Group, Finance Council, Gardening, Linen, Maintenance, Minister of Communion, Musician, Pastoral Council, RCIA, Reader, Sacrament Leader, Sacristan, Trading Tables, Visiting, Welcoming, Window Cleaning etc

*If so, then we invite you and your family
to a Barbecue Lunch to*



*For your work and dedication to the parish
of St Martin de Porres*

On Sunday 9th October, 2016

*Near the Gazebo
at St Martin de Porres Catholic Church
from Midday*

*All food & drink supplied
Please bring chairs*

R.S.V.P. by 1st October, 2016

Phone: Pat 8322 1158

Email: hcp parish @ adam.com.au or Return slip to box in foyer



Thank you!

Reply Slip

St Martin de Porres Volunteers Lunch, 2016

*Our family of ___ Adults ___ Children would like to attend the Volunteers lunch on
Sunday 9th October.*

Family Name: _____