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Community Newsletter

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Welcome to our first community newsletter. We would like to include in this quarterly newsletter any articles about events happening in the parish, any groups that you can be involved with and any special anniversaries or birthdays of our parishioners. Please send any information to the parish office at hcp arish@adam.com.au for inclusion in the next newsletter.



Greetings from Mons:

I am very pleased that it was from a Parish Team initiative that we have this Quarterly Newsletter. Obviously our Weekly Bulletin is not able to cope with all that happens in the parish and Diocesan events and I very much affirm this initiative to have our community news shared.

I and/or Fr. Peter intend to write something each month to share some of the activities of our local church from the priests' point of view, and also any interesting news from our wider church. We encourage you to let the office know of any family or community happenings that you would like to share with the parish. The Newsletter will not be available for advertising and I shall edit all items submitted to ensure they are suitable for publication.

Mons

From the Pastoral Associate

I am very excited to be able to share some thoughts in our first parish newsletter publication. I see this as a way of connecting our parish community by sharing stories and information and drawing us closer together.

There is always many things happening in our community and this will give us an opportunity to share these in more detail.

I am very blessed to be working in such a caring and helpful parish where so many volunteers give so generously of their time for the good of this community and I thank them most sincerely.

At this present time I am working closely with Loretta Wheatland, the APRIM of St. Martin de Porres School, looking after the

Sacrament Program for Confirmation and First Holy Communion. We have 30 children enrolled in the Sacrament Program, 20 are from our parish school and 10 are from other schools in the area. They have been meeting in four small groups on week nights in the church foyer from Monday to Wednesday over five weeks and they will be receiving their Confirmation on Wednesday 26th June at 7pm, where Archbishop Wilson will be officiating. The children will be receiving their First Holy Communion on the following weekend on the 29th & 30th June. The children have put information about themselves on small doves and these have been placed in the foyer, asking our parish community to pray for them. I invite you to come to these ceremonies and warmly welcome these children into full communion with our community.



From 3rd June, we will have Reconciliation Forms available for children who would like to have their first Reconciliation this year and continue on next year with the Confirmation and First Communion Program, so please pass on this information if you are aware of children who would like to receive the Sacraments. I was privileged to lead a group of older children from 10-13 years in preparation for their first Reconciliation, and they are now part of the current program.

Other things planned for our parish is a Parish Dinner on 27th July and later in the year on 26th October, we are hoping to have a combined Quiz Night with the school community. We also have just been given permission to have a Bunnings BBQ on the 21st September to help raise funds for our parish.

Meanwhile our Play Group is going well on Tuesday mornings in the school term and is growing in numbers and the Craft Group are enjoying coming together on Thursday mornings for craft, conversation and coffee. So for our parish I would like to leave you with this prayer

"Lord, inspire us today with the qualities of good counsel. Give us insight to make wise decisions, integrity to face the truth, courage to make difficult choices and compassion for the needs of others. Make us a model of justice and honour for the world and let us never forget that our job is to serve both You and others. May we receive into our arms the light of your revelation. Amen."

God bless, *Anne*

Our Parish Vision

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

KEEP THIS DATE FREE!

Mons Dempsey will celebrate the occasion of his 70th birthday on Tuesday 10th September. We will be able to congratulate him by joining in for Drinks after Sat night Mass on Sat 7th September or for morning tea after Mass on Sunday 8th September. All parishioners are invited.

Parish Playgroup

Tuesday mornings during school terms from 9.15 am —11.00 am. Bring a piece of fruit to share. Our playgroup is affiliated with and supported by Playgroup SA. All welcome. Enquiries to Trish Atkinson on 0414 880 775

St Patrick's Day Parish Picnic

On Sunday, 17th March the Brighton & Hallett Cove Parishes joined together to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. An enjoyable day was had by all, with new families to our country welcomed with great hospitality. The day concluded with a school tour. Thanks to all who attended. We look forward to this event again next year.

Join us for a **Novena to St Peregrine**—1st Friday of each month after Mass/ Liturgy of the Word. St Peregrine is the Patron Saint of Cancer/ Illness. We have had some feedback as to the success of our prayers and urge you to continue to pray for those on our sick list

Craft Group

Our craft group meet every Thursday from 10.30am in the church foyer. Bring your own lunch and craft to do. Tea & Coffee provided. Join with others, chat and share ideas and make things for our parish trading tables.

Pregnancy Blessings

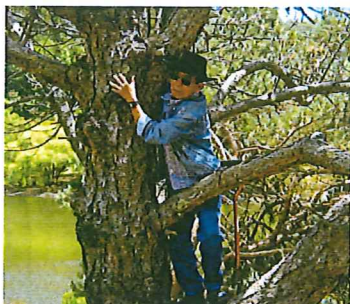
We are introducing in our parish, blessings for pregnant women, at any stage up till birth to bless the mother and child for safe growth and delivery. These can be organized for any Mass. Please contact Anne in the parish office if you would like a blessing.

Happy 90th Birthday

Clemente M Maynes (born 9th June, 1923), and his wife, Violeta, migrated to SA from Baguio City, Philippines in 1994. They joined their 5 children, daughter-in-law and 2 grandsons who were closely followed by a third grandson. Having been very active in his parish in Aurora Hill in the Philippines,



Clem has volunteered his time at other parishes as Eucharistic Minister before moving to Trott Park in August, 2003 and attending St Martin de Porres. Once settled into his new environment he volunteered as Eucharistic Minister and counter in the parish. We congratulate him on reaching this milestone and wish him continued health.
*Happy 90th Birthday
Clem*



Get to know Fr Peter

Who am I and what have I done? I will tell you a bit about myself and even less of what I have done!

I am one of seven children, having two brothers and four sisters. I was schooled at the Dominican Srs. at Semaphore

And the Marist Brs. at Alberton. I completed my secondary schooling in the Minor Seminary, Stradbroke Park before commencing studies for the Priesthood.

Surprisingly (for me) I was Ordained in 1970 by Archbishop Beovich: the last group he Ordained. Curacies were at Goodwood, Colonel Light Gardens and Thebarton. In 1980 I became Archbishop's Secretary to Archbishop Gleeson and spent six years in the Church Office.

In 1986 I was appointed to my first parish priest assignment at Kapunda (10 yrs) where I celebrated my 25th anniversary of Ordination, followed by Mallee/Border (4yrs), Tailem Bend (6yrs) and Victor Harbor (7yrs) Last September I was nominated Assisting Priest at Brighton/ Hallett Cove. Thus I have filled nearly 43 years as a Priest.

Growing into Priesthood was an interesting experience, moving from filling a role to "becoming" a priest.

I stopped "saying" Mass and learnt to "pray" the Mass. Discovering God's presence with us in His word in Sacred Scripture.

Knowing at the core of my being that God loves me, usually in spite of me and my stupidity.

Over 43 years I have been involved in many ministries: Mass and the Sacraments of course. I have done some teaching (faith sharing) and Scripture discussion groups.

Over the years my personal favourite ministry has become Preaching (Homilies and Sermons), which is simply the preacher sharing his faith experiences with a congregation.

Having worn thin the Archbishop's patience, he has granted me two months long service/study leave to get me out of his Diocese.

This begins on Sunday 2nd June as soon as I finish the 10am Mass at Brighton! I leave Australia at the end of June heading for Jordan and on 2nd July I begin a month study programme in Jerusalem.

I will finish this by thanking all you people of Brighton and Hallett Cove for your warm welcome, your friendship and your encouragement.

Always remember: God cannot love you anymore than he does at this moment, nor can he love you any less than he does at this moment.

Quick questions for Fr Peter

If you could learn to do anything, what would it be?

Play the piano

If you could meet anyone, living or dead, who would you like to meet?

St Peter



Kevin Brian Keany
1934-2013



In loving memory of
our father *Rest In Peace*
Dad and Mum were
members of the Hallett Cove
community for over 20 years
having moved to Hallett Cove from
Warradale in 1989 and they both
loved this parish and the
community spirit that is present in
this church.

Family life, WC KEANY, love of
Ann and his faith was the corner stone of dad's life.
Dad had many interests throughout his life and his
love of cars old and new was a passion, dad
belonged to many car clubs and spent endless hours
on his beloved cars. The friendships he made were
very important to dad and he spent endless hours on
that blasted gear box that he put in and out of the
Singer, I don't know how many times.....until it was
right.....Dad always got things right .

Celebrations for any reason, Food and Red wine with
just about anything were the order of the day..... my
love of red wine began thanks to dad. Dad loved his
wine a big bold Shiraz was the answer to every
woe...and occasionally the question as well.....as we
all grew up and wanted to taste new wine etc, dad
would say..... I don't think you will like this
one.....the more people that liked the wine the more
sharing that was required... ..

Amateur radio communication with people from all
over the world was a life -long hobby for dad and his
collection of radio call signs goes back 40 plus years
and when he chatted to people he always had a glass
of something in his hand.

Dads faith , church community and his work with the
Knights of the Southern Cross shaped his life and
guided him through his life, Dads courage and dignity
was highlighted in the last months of his life when he
realised nothing could be done for him. We discussed
his care and where he wanted to be, either at home
or in hospice care. While dad was unwell he received
a wooden cross and Father Peter kindly blessed for
dad, it gave him great comfort during his illness and it
was never far from his person.

He decided to stay at Calvary and we moved into the
Mary Potter hospice, we could not have been in a
better place we had time to chat about everything and
dad said..'God had a plan for me' and he was right,
he never questioned it but was sad that his life was
cut short, he died peacefully with his wooden cross
firmly grasped in his right hand.

Dad would always say after receiving
communion..... May perpetual light shine upon
Ann..... May I addmay perpetual light shine
upon both Ann and Kevin... (Mum and Dad)..... you
are back together again as it should be, we will miss
you and we are very lucky to have been part of your
life.

Trish Lillywhite.

St Vincent de Paul



This year the St Vincent de Paul Society
is celebrating the 200th Anniversary of the birth of
its founder Frederic Ozanam.

Special Masses have been held in the regions to
celebrate this. Our region held at Mass at St Luke's
Church Noarlunga on April 28th. This was attended
by many Vincentians who enjoyed the opportunity
to meet others in our region.

The Hallett Cove Conference has had its
boundaries extended and we now do home visits in
O'Halloran Hill, Trott Park, Sheidow Park, Hallett
Cove and O'Sullivan's Beach.

Many of the people visited over our twenty years
have come to see us as friends and look
forward to spending time with us. All of the people
we visit are very grateful for our help.

It is often a time for us to share time with them and
help them in other ways.

In a recent visit one of our male members spent
time teaching one of the women he was
visiting to knit!

We meet at the church on the second Monday of
the month at 7:30. New members are always
welcome.

We would not be able to do our work without the
help from our parishioners. All the
donations, monetary and food and support given to
us is very appreciated.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul (Vinnies) is the largest
volunteer welfare network in the country, with 18,209
members and 30,910 volunteers. *(This information taken from The
Good News of the Catholic Church in Australia—Australian Catholic Bishops
Conference).*

The St Vincent de Paul Society logo is used in many
countries and is recognised everywhere as a symbol
of hope and goodwill. The logo has three
components: the hands symbol, the text and the
slogan.

The hands signify:



*The hand of Christ
blesses the cup*



*The hand of love
offers the cup*



*The hand of suffering
receives the cup*

World Youth Day in Rio de Janeiro 23-28th July

Please pray for all young people from
around the world who will be attending. Look
out for activities in our local area around this
time.

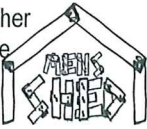


MEN'S SHED – BBQ Invitation

St. Joseph's Parish men are holding another sausage sizzle BBQ on Friday 14th June from 12 NOON. The purpose of this BBQ is to encourage further men from surrounding Parishes to join in the activities such as the community garden.

They meet every Tuesday & Friday from mid-morning to lunch time.

This Invitation is open to all men of the surrounding Parishes and please feel free to invite a mate.



EAST TIMOR

The East Timor Seminarian Programme Committee are pleased to announce the latest sponsorship for 2013.

In summary we have:-

Minor Seminary	33 applicants US\$6,600
Propedeutic seminary	28 applicants US\$5,600
Major Seminary	22 applicants US\$5,566

Total sponsorship for the academic year of 2013 is US\$17,766. Thank you to everyone who has made this generous donation possible. Your continued support is vital to keep our sponsorship active.



Community News Sheet

Articles, items of interest, special occasions etc. (*subject to approval*) are being accepted now for the second edition. Deadline is Friday, August 30, for availability on Sunday, September 8th

If you have any comments about this newsletter, please direct them to Pat at hcp@parish@adam.com.au

Diocesan Presbytery Fund:

The funds we give in the First Collection each week are the primary means of sustaining our priests, deacons and retired priests in our 68 parishes.

Together with stole offerings—the payments made to parishes for weddings, funerals and baptisms—all funds are paid into the **Diocesan Presbytery Fund**.

This fund provides our priests' stipends, medical benefits, motor vehicles and continuing education. The fund also provides care for our retired and sick priests. There are currently 83 priests (*including 29 retired and/or sick priests*) and 10 deacons working in the Archdiocese.

Soon there will be presenters to speak at Masses on the purpose of the Fund, the current shortfall of funds to continue to care for our priests and deacons now and in the future.

**St Martin de Porres
Parish Dinner
(Christmas in July)
Saturday 27th July, 2013
7pm for 7.30pm meal
The DePorres Centre
St Martin de Porres School
3 Course Dinner
Tables of 8 to 10
\$30 per person
BYO Drinks & Glasses**

If the Pope can make us laugh a little'

'The tone of Francis' pontificate has had a light-hearted feel – from the "Buona sera", his first words on the balcony of St Peter's when he was elected, to the "Buon pranzo" (have a good lunch) he routinely says to pilgrims following the Sunday Regina Coelis. Being able to joke is a healthy sign. It suggests a confidence in oneself and in the office he holds, although in no way devalues the serious task he has ahead of him.

'Cardinal Basil Hume, when Abbot of Ampleforth, once counselled his monks: "Take life seriously. Take God seriously. But don't, please don't, take yourselves too seriously." That is the key. Fine if you take your faith seriously. But if you cannot be self-deprecating about yourself or the institution to which you belong, then you are in trouble. If the Pope can make us laugh a little, the Church will be a far healthier place.'

- *CathNews*, May 7, 2013

Something you may not know about Pope Francis He's Pretty Tough

Jorge lost one of his lungs to infection as a youth. Not only that, but as a University student he used to earn some extra money by working as a bouncer at a nightclub. We can imagine he was kind but firm to drunken patrons, perhaps giving them a blessing as he sent them on their way.

"*Australian Catholics magazine*"



55th Anniversary of Ordination

Fr. Sean McGearty will be celebrating his 55th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood on 8th June, 2013 in his home village of Ballivor. We extend our love and best wishes to Fr. Sean on this occasion and thank him for his many dedicated and committed years of priestly ministry in this parish and so many other too. We ask God's blessing on Fr. Sean for good health and happiness.