



St Martin de Porres

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Community Newsletter

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From the Pastoral Associate

Welcome to our first Newsletter for 2014. I wish all our parishioners and their families a wonderful year of good health, peace and joy.

It was nice to have some quieter time over January and to take a breath after a very busy 2013 year. I was able to enjoy time with all my family, as we came together in the New Year. My eldest son and his wife and four children travelled over from Sydney to be with us. It is not too often that the ten grand children, ten under ten, get together, so we had a wonderful time.

On the long weekend in January my husband and I travelled over to Melbourne for a wedding. Fr. Laurie Mc Namara, our past resident priest, graciously offered for us to stay with him. We had a great time catching up with him and he wanted me to give you his best and said how much he misses being here at Hallett Cove. He

is now Parish Priest at Malvern and doing great things in the parish. The church is a beautiful old church that has been refurbished and looks amazing. I was particularly impressed with the beautiful wooden floor, that when you look down from the choir loft, resembles the shape of a chalice, with the sanctuary being at the top. The presbytery is a beautiful old home, hence there was plenty of room to stay, but he does miss the simplicity of the Hallett Cove Parish House and the view.

We enjoyed two wonderful meals talking of his time here in Adelaide and Hallett Cove.

Now the school year is back and we are about to start our Lenten journey. I look forward to being part of the Lenten Small Group Program, as it is a wonderful time to stop and be still and reflect on the Word of God and have a time to share our faith.

Easter is always a wonderful time in the Parish and I hope as many of you will be involved in the Easter ceremonies as possible, as there are many jobs to do and it is a special time to come together as community.

May God's bless you abundantly.

Anne Ryan



Get to know the parish staff

Pat McKenna

Role: Parish Secretary/Office Manager

Duties: Make sure everything is ready for Masses ie newsletter, prayers, hosts, wine etc, Rosters for all ministries, Parish records, Recording all sacraments received in parish – to be able to complete returns to archdiocese at end of year, Police checks, Work, Health and safety,

Maintenance of church and office, Shopping for supplies for morning teas, cleaning and stationery and all other functions, Recording planned giving and keeping records up to date, Quarterly newsletters and other handouts as required, Funeral booklets and records

Minutes secretary for team meetings and finance council These are my main functions in the office and any others that come up as required – all this in 10 hours per week, so if things don't happen as fast as you would like – I am trying my best to keep up. About me: I have been married to Pete for 27 years, with 2 young adults (children) still living at home. Cassie is studying to be a teacher and Matt has just finished school and is trying to decide what to do next.

When I am not at work I will be found at my crafts. I do a lot of beading and have won a number of prizes at the Royal Adelaide Show over a number of years. This year I am branching out into wire and silver work to incorporate with beads.

As this magazine comes to delivery, Pete and I will be embarking on our first (and hopefully not the last) cruise to New Caledonia. I am looking forward to the break. My main concern is where am I going to put my pedometer as I am trying to keep up with my New Year's resolution to walk 10,000 steps every day. There may lots of walks around the decks between drinks and meals.

A welcoming community

The most important person for a visitor to talk to in order to feel at home in a new church is you. It is not the priest, or the welcomer, but a regular attender. J. David Eshleman says "One of the most impressive gestures we can extend to first time visitors is for people with no official position to take the initiative and welcome them."

Maybe we can all try to say hello to someone different after Mass.



Our Parish Vision

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

Welcome

Hello, my name is Ben Catalano and I am extremely thankful in becoming the new APRIM for St Martin de Porres School for 2014. I thank the parish for this opportunity to introduce myself. Some of you may recognise the last name, my wife Kirsty also works for the school as the welcoming face in the front office. My family and I have had a long connection through the school and parish. My mother, Lee was one of the first finance officers for the school many years ago and my mother and father in-law are active members of this parish. I feel truly blessed to be able to serve the children, families, staff and parish here at St Martin de Porres. I have worked in a number of schools in Adelaide, coming from St Francis of Assisi at Newton last year. For five years I worked at Stella Maris Parish School at Seacombe Gardens, developing a great understanding of the communities in our area. Throughout the year I look forward to meeting many of you through the work the school and parish do together. Please do not be a stranger and introduce yourself. God Bless
Ben Catalano, APRIM,
St Martin de Porres School



Who/What is St Martin de Porres Craft Group?

We are a group of parishioners/parishioner's friends who come together each Thursday morning at 10.30am until around 12.30 – 1.00pm.

Our aim is

- (1) A social get together with a cuppa and a chat
- (2) Bring along your own craft work to do or join in our projects for making goods for our parish stalls

We aim to have 3-4 stalls each year to raise funds to keep the group going and to assist in fund raising for our Parish. Our first one being after both Masses early in April – combining an Easter and Mother's Day theme. We have also attended class rooms at the school and worked with the children, teaching them a little hands on craft work and have attended Grandparent's day Mass - being designated to a pupil who has not got a Grandparent able to attend – and gone back to the class room to read with that pupil.

Cost is \$2 per week to cover costs for coffee, tea etc. (you are most welcome to bring along biscuits or cake) Just come along any Thursday morning; or if you need any further information please call Rima on 0401 006 459 or Tina on 8322 3004 or 0414 753 985

Society of St Vincent De Paul Hallett Cove

The conference members were assisted by many parishioners and their families with the packing and delivering of the Christmas Hampers. We thank everyone for this and all who helped found it to be a valuable experience.

Our parishioners were again very generous in donating goods and food for the Christmas Appeal and we were able to make up lovely hampers for the families needing assistance. We thank everyone for the support given. Without this we would not be able to help the people that we do. At the beginning of February we resumed our visits and meetings after a well deserved break. As anticipated, the increase in the calls in the first week was large and we had double the usual number of visits. We are expecting to be very busy in the first half of this year as people struggle with the increase in their utility bills and school fees. Unfortunately due to a member being transferred and another member with family commitments we are down two members. This has increased the work load on the existing members. We are desperately in need of more people to help us especially with the visits.

If you are interested in helping us in this work please contact Richard on 0438853343 or Margaret on 0437820497.

Thank you for your continued support.



Packing Christmas Hampers 19th December, 2013

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



Congratulations

John & Peggy Considine 50 Years in the Making!

It was a day like no other, 50 years in the making, on the 28th of December 2013 my Grandparents, John Considine and Peggy Jessett celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary amongst some of their closest friends and family. Preparations had been a year in the making, and for a good reason! Grandma's Brother and Sister in Law and Sister and Brother in Law flew in from England for the special occasion to surprise her on the big day – and I am not completely sure she has recovered from the shock of it all.



Overlooking the beach, a beach Grandad describes as Heaven on Earth, they reaffirmed their wedding vows and laughed at the speeches; especially when their Grandchildren Harry, Patrick, Angus and I recounted all the reasons why a trip to Grandma and Grandads when we were growing up was a fabulous adventure. When played a homemade video starring Grandmas other brothers and Sisters all of whom wishing they could be with us, I don't believe there was a dry eye in sight. The night was special for so many reasons and as a way to say thank you guests were given a bottle of wine with Grandma and Grandads Wedding Day photo from the year 1963.



Community News

Articles, items of interest, special occasions etc. (*subject to approval*) are being accepted now for the next edition. Deadline is Friday, May 24th, for availability on the weekend of the 7th/8th June, 2014

Robert & Heather Byrth

Our first date was March 1971. Bob had his eyes on me for a while and between my sister and a friend of Bob's who worked together, asked if I would go out with him. No, I said, I am not going out with him.



Any how he knocked on my parents door in Pt Augusta and asked me to a wedding. He was a naughty boy at the time and had lost his licence.

So his dad had to pick me up.

We got engaged 4th November, 1972. Married January 19th, 1974. Honeymoon overseas (Kangaroo Island). My mother made my wedding dress, cost \$30 back then for the material. Bob was a gentleman when I met him and 40 years later he is still a gentleman. He has made my life interesting, happy and loving.

We had one daughter Lee, and moved to Adelaide in 1979 to send her to college. We now have 2 grandchildren, Zara (17) and Liam (13).

We did a lot of overseas travel while still working.

Now we have both retired:

Bob from Australia Post in 2003 after 38 years

Me from Nursing in 2008 after 38 years

We now have a caravan in which we travel around Australia, which we enjoy. We love each other very much and hope to get to 50 years married.

We have just returned from our 40th Anniversary cruise to Fiji – real overseas.

Maurice & Betty Ralph

We met at a Burnside Hockey Club party in June, 1952 and became engaged in June 1953. Later that month Maurice commenced military training at the Officer Cadet School, Portsea, Victoria and graduated in December, 1953.

We were married in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral, Adelaide on 30th January, 1954 by

Fr J. O'Donohue; and so began a very enjoyable family and military life spanning family living in NSW, Victoria, WA, SA, PNG and USA. During this time we were blest with 4 daughters and have retained strong family bonds.

Maurice resigned from the Army in 1979 and purchased a fruit block in Renmark where we remained until retiring to Hallett Cove in January, 1992. We have 2 granddaughters and 6 grandsons, and 2 great grandsons and 3 great granddaughters (little princesses).



Michael and Rosa Magaletta

Fifty years ago on December 19, 1963, Michael and Rosa Magaletta were married in a little village in Italy called Anzano. Eighteen months after they were married they packed all their belongings in a borrowed suitcase and sailed across the world to Australia for a better life. They bought their first home in the suburb of Unley, where they raised their family of four children. Michael was a builder and Rosa worked at a local nursing home as a nurse attendant. They resided in Unley for eighteen years before Michael built their new home in Hallett Cove. Their focus has always been their children, they are very proud of them. Michael has always been there to help out his children settle in their new homes and do all the home renovations while Rosa poured all her love into the food she created for her children and grandchildren. These days they look forward to visits from their 4 children and 7 grandchildren and their families. If you visit the Magaletta residence you will find Michael fossicking in the garden and Rosa being creative in the kitchen. Together they enjoy the simply life and feel blessed they made the move to Australia all those years ago and enjoy time spent with their children and their families. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a function centre with family and friends on Sunday 22nd December 2013.



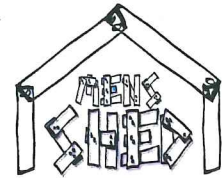
Happy 50th Birthday

Joy Saba turned 50 on 2/2/14 and celebrated with a Mad Hatters Tea Party at Kingston House. Everyone had to wear a hat, the madder the better, and for adventurous people we had many crazy hats on hand and some funny frames to take crazy photos. Joy also enjoyed a surprise high tea at Rae Campbell's home, with "the girls" from church the day before her birthday.



MEN'S SHED – BBQ Invitation

We invite men to join in the activities such as the community garden. We meet every Tuesday & Friday from mid-morning to lunch time. We have a Barbecue on the first Friday of each month.



This Invitation is open to all men of the surrounding parishes and please feel free to invite a mate. The Men's Shed is situated at the rear of 15 Old Beach Road, Brighton

Pregnancy Blessings

Are you pregnant?? Would you like a blessing for your pregnancy and birth. We can now offer blessings for you. Please contact Anne in the parish office if you would like a blessing.



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is not marriage counselling and each couples' privacy is of the utmost importance. A team of presenting couples and a priest share their stories focussing on certain aspects of married life and then there is plenty of private time in your room to talk about how that area of marriage is for you.

We live our lives at such a fast pace these days. There will probably *never* be a perfect time. Most people who do a weekend say it was the best thing they did for their marriage and they wonder why they put it off so long. The Marriage Encounter weekend has the power to refresh your relationship and your personal and spiritual growth. Visit the website wwme.org.au or feel free to ask us about making a weekend in June or October 2014. Charlie and Joy Saba (thesabas@gmail.com)

Join us for our
EASTER CEREMONIES
17th - 20th April, 2014

Holy Thursday

Feast of the Lord's Supper: 7.30pm

Good Friday

Stations of the Cross: 10.00am
Commemoration of the Lord's Passion: 3.00pm

Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil Mass: 7.30pm

Easter Sunday

Mass 9.15am

