

Looking forward to Easter!!!

### Easter Services at Brighton



**Holy Thursday 6th April**  
Mass 7.30pm

**Good Friday – 7th April**  
Liturgy 3pm

**Easter Vigil –  
Saturday 8th April**  
Mass 7.30pm

**Easter Sunday -9th April**  
Mass 8.30am & 10am

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Wishing all our parishioners and families a very Blessed and Happy Easter.  
From the Brighton Catholic Parish Team  
Fr Michael  
Fr Prathap  
Nirmanthi, Andrea, Annemarie & Pat



### Parish Returns 2022

Every January, I need to report to the Archdiocese the numbers of Sacraments celebrated in our parish in the previous year. Here are the stats for Brighton in 2022

- **Baptisms 26**  
10 of those were children aged between 1 and 7 years of age, 6 were over 7 years old
- **First Holy Communions 18**
- **Confirmations 17**
- **Marriages 16**  
12 between 2 Catholics,  
14 ceremonies celebrated in Sacred Heart College
- **Funerals 27**



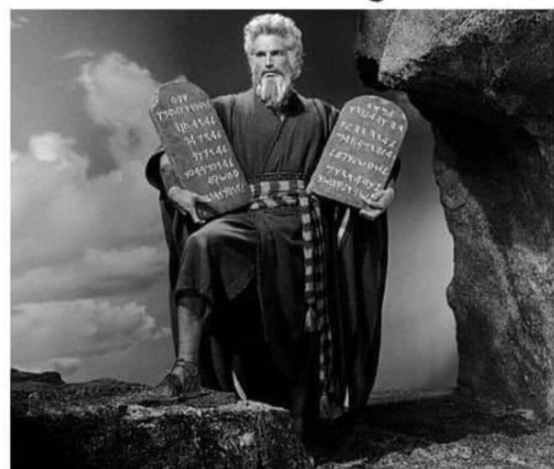
*What do these figures say about life today and the Catholic faith?*

- Less children are being baptised in the first year of life
- Less weddings are church/catholic weddings
- Less people are celebrating a Catholic funeral in the church

Something to ponder!!!

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**So technically Moses was the first man to download files from the cloud using a tablet.**



*Our Parish Vision*

*To be a people of God working together to build a caring, faith-filled community.*

## **our Pastoral Associate**

*I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds. Psalm 9:1*

As I pen my article for this year's community newsletter, my heart is full of gratitude and thanksgiving for numerous reasons.

Firstly, and most importantly, I make it an opportunity to thank and praise the Lord for all the many blessings that were bestowed upon me during the last year to serve His people here at Brighton. Without a doubt, it was God's grace that made it possible for me to fulfill my duties to the best of my ability. I have enjoyed every moment of my time here and look forward to another great year.

My heartfelt thanks then go to all the wonderful parishioners who were by my side through it all, volunteering their precious time, energy and talents for the betterment of the parish. I remember each and every one of you and praise the Lord for the gift of such beautiful people in my life. I also remember the parish team together with Fr. Michael and Fr. Prathap with immense gratitude in my heart for their support and guidance.

As I look back at the year 2022, since our last newsletter, there were many highlights that were truly a result of dedication, commitment and love of service of our dear parishioners.

## **Mass for the dead in the Columbarium followed by fellowship**

We had a special Mass with the families who have lost loved ones during the year and also some returning families celebrating death anniversaries of the departed. This Mass was very well attended, and we shared a meal after the Mass.



## **Mass of thanksgiving for the Ministers of the sick and Bereavement Team**

We celebrated a thanksgiving Mass with the Ministers of the sick and members of the bereavement team and during Mass offered special prayers to all the sick and especially the ones who have gone back to their heavenly home. The Mass once again was very well attended, and all gathered for supper after Mass.



## **Volunteer appreciation Mass and fellowship**

In thanking the volunteers who take an active role in the parish, we celebrated a thanksgiving Mass followed by dinner in the activity centre. It was a joyous occasion where we had the opportunity to show our appreciation for the commitment and support of our volunteers.



## Carols on the Green

The talented musicians in our parish gathered on the first Sunday of December 2022, to entertain us with their beautiful singing and music. Despite the hot weather, we had a good number of attendees gathering in the grassy area to join in the fun and enjoy BBQ sausages cooked by the Knights of the Southern Cross.



## Christmas Vigil Mass at Sacred Heart College

Keeping to the tradition at St. Joseph's, we celebrated the Christmas Vigil Mass at the Sacred Heart College gymnasium. The evening was a success, thanks to the tireless work of our parishioners.



After a fruitful year 2022, we welcomed the New Year with a lot of hopes and dreams for a better parish community.

It is great to see some new young families with little children attending our weekend Masses and we felt the need to offer Children's Liturgy. As a result, we now have Children's Liturgy every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month and we hope to offer this regularly in the days to come.



## Our first Children's Liturgy session for the year 2023

We started Children's Liturgy for the first time since COVID and were blessed to have 8 children participating and two wonderful volunteers Katrina and Timothy leading them.



God bless you!  
Nirmanthi Rupasinghe

## FINANCE COUNCIL REPORT – FEBRUARY 2023

At the time of my last report, several months ago, Andrea Machado was just settling in to the Business Manager's role. Since then, she has become an integral and valuable part of the parish family.

A new Planned Giving Programme commenced in July. Unfortunately, there wasn't much of an uptake in giving or new members. A sub-committee of the Finance Council will be looking at different strategies for the programme.

- A "TAP and GO" system of electronic payment will be installed in the church porch soon, providing another option for giving.
- The Diocesan Parish Accounting Process we joined last year is now bedded down and proving worthwhile and fairly user-friendly!
- We engaged the services of a property consultant to investigate options in dealing with land and property of the parish. The report has now been supplied, so we will be using this as a guide in our forward planning of sales or lease of parish assets.
- Some pleasant news we received late last year was the announcement that Catholic Development Fund had increased interest rates. It has launched a Parish Investment Account that will pay 5% interest.



Overall we finished 2022 in a reasonable financial position. We budgeted for a deficit of around \$20,000, but finished up with a deficit less than that.

A copy of our "Income and Expenditure" will be up in the church porch shortly along with the 2023 Budget.

By the time this issue goes out we'll have met for our first meeting this year and have welcomed Bill Spurling (our former honorary auditor) on to the Finance Council.

Wishing you every blessing for the coming year and thanking all on the Council for last years' efforts.

John Sullivan  
Chairperson,  
Parish Finance Council



## THE KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS (SA) INC.

Brighton – Marion – Hallett Cove - Glenelg Branch

The Brighton/Marion/Hallett Cove/ Glenelg Branch had as it's last activity in 2022 participation in Brighton Parish Christmas Carols on the Green, helping with cooking the BBQ and serving drinks.

The first branch meeting in 2023 was held on Wednesday 1st February at 7 pm in the Parish Activity Centre. It was well attended and was a notable meeting.

Brother Anthony Pollard was presented with a certificate of recognition by National Secretary and branch member Brother Ian Fleetwood for his dedicated 60 years of service to the Knights. Bro Anthony in response said he was honoured to receive such an award and did so with heartfelt thanks to one and all.



Members were honoured to have State Chairman, Brother Paul Hawkes, attend the meeting. Bro Paul is also the author of the recently released 100-year history of the Knights in South Australia. It is a well-written and very professionally produced 288-page book entitled: *A bold story well proven – one hundred years of the Knights of the Southern Cross in South Australia.*



The main subjects discussed included The Rosary Prayer Crusade and it's advancement in South Australia and, the highlight of the evening, a 40-minute Zoom meeting with John Kirkland of the Perth-based Children's Harm prevention programme.

John gave an introduction to the Fathering Programme founded in WA in 2013. The programme is designed to connect fathers and father-figures to their sons and daughters in various after-hour activities in and after school so that fathers become an active part of a child's development. It also provides opportunity for fathers to mix with other fathers at their school. One of the branch Parish Schools will be considered to start the programme in our area.

Finally, in our Masses and prayers, think of those who are sick and suffering in our Parish/s and provide help and comfort if required.

Stay Safe and well and Free of COVID

Bro Rod Roach  
Chairman



## An invitation to join the Vinnies Knitting and Sewing Group.

Would you like to join a friendly group on Tuesday mornings, upstairs (lift available). We offer great companionship in an enjoyable relaxed couple of hours with like-minded people, gathering with a common interest – TO HELP THE NEEDY.

We all have different skills whether it be knitting, hand sewing, using overlockers or sewing machines, crocheting, cutting out, packing and labelling boxes, assembling layettes, sewing on buttons, threading elastic, sorting wool and fabric, and more.....

During our morning together we have time for prayer, a cuppa, birthday celebrations and a lot of interacting and socialising.

We are making articles that will be used.

1634 various items were made in 2022.

These consisted of :

- baby needs - jackets, wraps, booties, cot sheets,
- children's clothes – pyjamas, shorts, tops, tiered skirts, long pants, leggings, pinafore dresses, track suits, windcheaters.
- rugs, quilts, scarves, beanies
- toy bags – (for the Conference Christmas distribution) and bags for the layettes are also made.

Some contributions are brought in by some people who are happy to work from home (wool and fabric is available).

We thank all those who donate wool, fabric or give financial help to keep us going. Articles mostly are taken to the Vinnies Shops where the needy can access via vouchers from the St Vincent de Paul conference. The shops are very important in raising funds for the purchase of food and family requirements.

If you would like to join our group or help in any way, visit us near the library on a Tuesday 9:30am to noon or call Barbara Laing on 0421 106 531.



## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 saw the Fellowship get-togethers recommence with most of the old hands on deck and a newcomer or two.

The last major Fellowship Shed activity since the December parish newsletter was the Christmas Lunch. On December 2nd, 2022 about 40 people, including fathers Michael and Prathap, sat down to a sumptuous lunch with the customary liquid refreshments, both white and red. A delightful dessert followed by tea and coffee rounded off the meal. However, there were still a few complaints, the servings were too generous!!

Thanks to a band of stalwarts the veggie patches were duly watered during the Christmas/New Year's break and produce was still available in January – tomatoes, spring onions, ladies' fingers, spinach and lettuce. Winter vegies are now being planted.

All guys welcome any Tuesday or Friday of the week.

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### Easter Lily



Tradition states that the Easter Lily originated in the Garden of Eden from the teardrops of Eve, that spread when she and Adam were cast out of the garden. These were believed to be tears of repentance.

Historians and Bible scholars say that the lily has always been highly regarded in the Christian Church.

Jesus even references the flowers in Luke 12:27, stating "Consider the lilies, how they grow. They toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you that Solomon in all of his glory, was not arrayed like one of these." Legend has it that, after Our Lord's death and resurrection, lilies were found growing in the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus is said to have prayed before his crucifixion.

It is believed that they sprung up from a drop of sweat from his brow when His head was bent in prayer.

In Easter celebrations, the lily represents Christ's resurrection, and thus new birth and new life. These delicate white blooms can be viewed as pure, innocent and untainted by the world

The flower itself is used in various ways to tell the resurrection story. The bulb is buried in the ground; as a representation of Christ's tomb.

The trumpet shaped flowers also announce life after death, since bulbed flowers often regrow year after year, according to the religious source All About Jesus.

And the trumpet shape signifies the angel Gabriel's trumpet call.

## **McAuley Community School**

Mike Ellul has been appointed to the position of Assistant Principal, Religious Identity and Mission and wellbeing. He is a member of the Hallett Cove Parish.



Mike has had a long relationship with the McAuley site. He began at Sacred Heart College Middle School in 1998, and, owing to the connections between Marymount and Sacred Heart, he often travelled between sites and worked with the staff of Marymount College. For many years, he also toured school bands and ensembles to schools in the region, educating the students and developing a love of music in them.

Mike has a background in the Arts, holding a Bachelor of Music and also holds a Masters degree in Educational Leadership from the Australian Catholic University. Aside from the scriptural and theological components in the Masters course, he also focussed on the fostering of divergent thinking in schools, and has a passion for approaching all manners of school life in creative and innovative ways, and leading students to readiness for their lives post-schooling.

He began his teaching career in Alice Springs before spending many years at Sacred Heart College Middle School. He was instrumental in curriculum and cultural development during the amalgamation of the Sacred Heart and Marymount campuses, leaving behind a legacy of traditions which remain today. At Sacred Heart College, he held many formal positions, including Director of Arts, Leader of Learning and Professional Practice whilst also working closely with the Mission leaders, Marist Solidarity Team and Directors of Marist Mission, developing school celebrations and initiatives, outreach and solidarity projects.

In 2022, he left Sacred Heart College to work as Assistant Principal at All Saints Catholic Primary School in Seaford with two portfolios, APRIM and Wellbeing. In the context of Catholic Education, he finds these two portfolios marry together beautifully. He is now enjoying his time at McAuley, and has found the school to be welcoming, with the Mercy Charism embedded in every aspect of the school.

'The Mercy Keys at McAuley are fundamental to how we celebrate our faith and spirituality, and how we work together to achieve our goals and make a difference to ourselves and to others'.

Through these keys, Mike is committed to ensuring a celebratory, inviting and inspiring faith community is visible to all who come into the McAuley community.

## **Child Safe Parish** **Our parish is a child friendly environment**

You have the right to: **FEEL SAFE** You have the right to be safe and to tell someone if you aren't feeling safe.

**FEEL HAPPY** Our parish is a place where we want you to feel joyful. **FEEL RESPECTED** You are an important and valued part of our community.

**FEEL LISTENED TO** We want to hear what you have to say.

### **Mandatory Notifiers**

Just a reminder to all that as a Volunteers in our parish that you are a "Mandated Notifier", which means that when you undertake your role as a parish volunteer, if you come across any indicators, suspicions or information that suggest a child may be in danger of physical, mental or sexual abuse, you are legally obligated to report this to the Child Abuse Report Line (CARL) on

**13 14 78.**

Failure to report is an offence under the Children and Young people (Safety) Act, 2017, and currently carries a maximum penalty of \$10,000. This is an individual fine, not an organizational one.

If you become aware of any situation or are unsure of how to deal with it, please talk to Nirmanthi (Child Safe Contact person) or the Child Protection Unit of the Adelaide Catholic Archdiocese on 8210 8140 or email [childprotection@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:childprotection@adelaide.catholic.org.au)

We require all those who Volunteer in our parish to undertake Child Protection training, so that they are aware of their obligations. Thank you.

### **WHS**



Please be aware when working in or visiting the parish, of your environment. You are obliged to keep yourself safe, ie do not attempt anything beyond your capabilities or knowledge.

If you notice anything that may cause a hazard or a dangerous situation, please let the parish office know, so that something can be done.

Likewise for any maintenance issues. Contact Andrea at [bm@brightonparish.com.au](mailto:bm@brightonparish.com.au) send a photo if possible,

Help us all to keep each other safe.



### In the Footsteps of Christ

You are invited to join the SA Lieutenancy of the Equestrian Order of the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem and Fr Allan Winter on a journey of discovery, a pilgrimage to the Holy Lands. Dates: 20/10/23 – 18/11/23. Limited numbers. For more information contact David McCabe on 0419 847 396. An itinerary and booking form can be emailed to you.

## *Bereavement Ministry*



### **BRIGHTON BEREAVEMENT GROUP**

As the Bereavement group in Brighton we would encourage you to consider a plan for your funeral Mass.

Many families find this is a stressful experience during their grieving at the loss of someone they love.

A member of our group would be happy to visit to discuss or organise how we can assist you in the preparation of the Liturgy.

We are here to help you and your family every step of the way.

Please contact the Parish office 82967292 to arrange contact with a member of the Bereavement group.

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**4500**

## **WALKED FOR LIFE IN 2023!**

Thankyou to everyone who came out to make this years Walk for Life an outstanding success!

To our 200+ strong volunteer army, your dedication in support of bringing the message of life, hope and help is unprecedented,  
**THANK YOU!**



## **LADIES...COME AND TRY...Give it a Go!**

A ladies' speaking group operates in St Joseph's Brighton Activity Centre twice a month, on the **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays from February to November at 11.00 am:**

the length of the meeting is one hour; cost is \$2.00 per meeting per person; no other fees are involved.

First, if you are lacking confidence to become a Reader or Commentator at Mass, or deliver a speech in a social setting, this group may help you get there.

Second, if you need to provide an opinion at a meeting, it will be a lot easier to do with the right skills and confidence to achieve it.

If you are interested and require further information, please contact...

**MAUREEN CARPENTER on 0408 628 899**...otherwise just come along and participate in the meeting, enjoy a cup of tea/coffee and an informal quick chat with everything wrapped up by 12.30pm.

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## Lenten Donations

During Lent we are looking for Donations for the homeless and those in need. All donations will go straight to the Vinnies conference in our parish to assist with their food hampers. Thank you for your support.

We are looking for donations of:



25<sup>th</sup> /26<sup>th</sup> February: Long life Milk

4<sup>th</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> March: Canned Foods

eg Meat/ Fish/ Fruit/

Vegetables/Soup



11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> March:

Pasta / Pasta Sauce

18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> March:

Laundry Products eg Washing Powder



25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> March: Breakfast Cereal



1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> April: Tea/ Coffee/ Biscuits



## Cleaning the church—fulfilling an early calling

Your first job—do you recall what it was? I certainly do. At around 13 years of age, I began working alongside my mother cleaning apartment units. *Over 50 years later, I'm still cleaning—no longer apartment units but my own house—and, each month, St Martin de Porres Church.*



My step-father and mother struggled to rent a modest three-bedroom unit within a sprawling 450-unit apartment complex (featuring a mini golf course, two tennis courts and a large swimming pool) near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Having befriended the manager of the apartment complex, my mother offered to help with the never-ending task of cleaning units (after units had been vacated and before new tenants moved in). Our family didn't have a lot of money, so my mother's bargain was that I would, along with my two younger brothers, help her clean units during the summer to defray the cost of the swimming pool fees. With our help, she could clean more units per week than usual. *Clean units from early morning during the school holidays, spend the afternoon in the cool, sparkling pool during the hot, humid summer—yes!*



My mother was a hard worker—and a tough taskmaster. As her eldest, I was expected to do a very good job vacuuming carpets and cleaning ceiling tiles. I didn't mind the vacuuming (or her exacting inspections!), but cleaning the ceiling tiles—and repositioning them in the kitchen and bathroom areas of units, was especially challenging. Ceiling tiles in the early 1970s were hard to clean and even more temperamental to reposition.

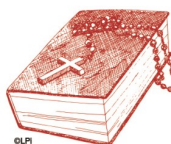
When Carrie and I, and our two children, relocated from Brisbane to Hallett Cove in late 2004, we began attending Mass at St Martin de Porres Church (I was later received into the Church in March 2006). Immediately, I noticed that our church's internal ceiling featured ceiling tiles similar to those that I had encountered in those Pennsylvania apartment units so many years ago. *I truly love our church—but I try not to look up during Mass!*

I've been cleaning the church as part of a small crew of 2-3 parishioners for several years. Because I'm relatively young, fit and healthy, I don't mind vacuuming and other cleaning tasks. It usually takes about an hour for our crew to clean the church. Best of all, we don't clean the ceiling tiles!

We've often heard appeals for volunteers to be rostered to assist with various ministries that serve our parish community. Reading, counting collections, cleaning, etc. What might you be able to contribute, mindful that to assist the community is not a 'forever commitment'. Our contribution to the gathered community is an expression of our baptismal vocation. Even cleaning! Consider contributing what you can for a time. *We celebrate Mass not as passive spectators but as active participants in the life of the Church.*

Deacon Tim Grauel

## Anointing of the Sick



Due to the uptake of Anointing with the World Day of the Sick, we are planning to have Anointing of the Sick every month. This will take place on the first Friday of each month at the 9.30am Mass at Hallett Cove and on the 1st Saturday of each month at the 10am Mass at Brighton. All welcome to attend.

*Did you hear the one about...*



A couple who had been married for forty years were entertaining friends at a dinner party when the conversation turned to marriage counselling. "We'll never need that," said the wife confidently. "George and I have a great relationship. You see, it's all a question of education." "How do you mean?" asked one of the friends. "Well, she continued. "At university, George did a communications course and I studied drama. So, he communicates really well and I act like I'm listening."