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## Community Newsletter

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### From our Pastoral Associate

We commence 2020 with many new things happening in our Parish. St. Teresa school has moved and it is very quiet without the children being present.

Our Christmas Vigil Mass at Sacred Heart was very well attended. We estimate that about 1,100 people attended. Being moved into the gym with air-conditioning makes all the difference.



We held our first PPC meeting for the year and have some new members in the PPC. They are Margaret Senyszyn, Chris Nell, Mary Hyland, and Diana O'Neil. Our chairperson is Christina Jonas and Judy Fernandez is deputy chair with Monica Conway being our Secretary.

Our schools have had their beginning of year Masses which were wonderful celebrations.

This weekend, I will be attending the Rite of Election with Shauna Thomas, who attends 10 am Mass. Shauna is journeying with the RCIA program to be Baptised, Confirmed and receive Holy Communion on Holy Saturday night. At the Rite of Election, Shauna will be presented to Fr. Philip Marshall. Please keep Shauna in your prayers.

, forgiveness and healing.

Furthermore be open to the grace that will make you a source of grace for someone else. Then, you will truly know redemption.

This week we begin Lent. Lent is a time for us to prepare for the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. In the next few weeks, we will have sheets for people to complete for ministries for our Easter ceremonies. Please consider being involved.

Below is a reflection for Ash Wednesday.

*"Do not neglect the grace of God that you have received."*

Some of you may have seen the film, The Mission, and will remember that wonderful part where one of the main characters, Mendoza, climbed the mountain with Fr. Gabriel in order to take on a new life. He carried a huge and heavy load up the slippery slopes of the mountain as his self-imposed penance for his slaying of his own brother. He refused all offers of help and all pleadings to let go of his load.

He lost his grip, slid away and started again.

Then, as he got close to the top and stumbled once more, a native came out of the bush, took a knife, and cut the load from him. It tumbled down into the raging river and Mendoza cried from relief, and who knows what else.

This exchange captures the season of Lent as we commence it. Grace isn't some ethereal, wispy notion that wafts across our lives bringing momentary relief. Grace is a person – Our Lord Jesus Christ. Grace helps us to see where we have got lost, and once acknowledged by us, grace takes the knife and cuts the load from us. We have carried it long enough and it is time to accept his help and allow him to actually redeem us.

Whatever you are carrying, pay attention to it and then stand back and accept every offer of help, consolation.

God bless  
Clare Thewlis

Pastoral Associate



### *Our Parish Vision*

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

## **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

### **Report February 2020**

Happy New Year to everyone, although Christmas and New Year seem to be only a memory.

On 18th February the Pastoral Council met for the first time this year. The new office bearers were elected and they are:

Chairperson: Christina Jonas  
Deputy Chairperson: Judy Fernandez  
Secretary: Monica Conway

We had three councilors retire at the end of last year, Peter Mercer, Marianne Loftus and Marian Ryan. We thank them for their time and energies given to the Council.

We welcomed the following new parishioners on to the Council for 2020. They are:

Mary Hyland  
Margaret Senyszyn  
Christopher Nell  
Diana O'Neill  
Frank Verrall

We thank them for being part of our leadership, and look forward to their involvement.

Our Christmas Masses were wonderful celebrations, very prayerful and well attended. Many thanks to Clare and all the hard working parishioners who put it all together.

In my November report I referred to the closing of St. Teresa's School. That has now happened, and the students are settling very well at the new McAuley Community School at Hove.

The Parish Pastoral council were extremely fortunate to be given a guided tour of the new school prior to their first meeting, lead by Principal Amanda Parslow and Deputy Principal Marianne Loftus. I think most of us were blown away by the state of the art spaces, the furnishings and the amazing opportunities for the learners to learn and grow. There is also great emphasis put on ecology and energy saving systems with it being a "5 star" green rated school. It's amazing how we can recycle these days. The carpets are made from recycled fishing nets! I also noted that the students are called "learners". A lot of the terminology is also very different.



Later in the year, there will be an invitation extended to parishioners to tour the school. I strongly recommend taking up this offer as I think you will find it very worthwhile.

You have probably noticed building work has commenced on the St. Teresa's school site for Tutti Inc. It will be interesting to watch with great interest how the development pans out.

I believe there has been great excitement as some of our groups have moved into their own spaces in what was the school admin building. The ladies sewing group, Antioch Youth group and Bereavement group are enjoying their new homes upstairs, and the Meditation group are very happy in the peace and quiet of the McAuley room. We have some very enthusiastic ladies working hard to get the library up and running, so we will see what develops there. Many thanks to Jenny McCabe for her tireless work in getting all this organized. It was a mammoth work load.

As I am no longer the chairperson of the PPC, this will be my final report. I thank everyone for their support and encouragement. I know Christina will do a great job with her new ideas and enthusiasm.

God bless,  
Judy Fernandez

### **VINNIES KNITTING & SEWING GROUP**

At the end of 2019 we were busy packing up with great anticipation for the move to our new home.

Jenny arranged to have everything moved into the IT room in the upstairs of the double storey administration building.

We are still in a bit of a muddle however we had a lovely day on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> Feb. When we all met and explored our new home.

Mons Ian came and gave the new area (to us) and all those who will be working in the IT room and some others who were present a blessing.

It was a lovely way to start our new experience and a very enjoyable morning tea with lots of good vibes followed.

We are now open for business and hoping we can continue to clothe the less fortunate children and babies of our state.

Perhaps you might like to offer a pray that the work we do and the people we aim to help will have a better and prosperous year.





## Parish Finance Council

The Finance Council had its first meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> February. Main items discussed were :-

- A The Tutti project.
- B School site.
- C Leasing of Office space.
- D Budget.

A – As you have probably seen the building works are underway on the Tutti site, albeit a bit slower than anticipated! They hope to begin operations around Easter.

B – Parish groups are occupying the upstairs area of the office block and the Youth area over the toilet block. Furniture has been moved, brought in or altered to accommodate the various needs.

C – The school vacated the ground floor offices only recently. Unfortunately a lot more furnishings and equipment was taken than previously arranged. In both areas there will be costs [unknown at this stage!] associated with repair, installation and replacement of equipment, services etc.

D – The Budget. As can be seen from the figures, our finances, as a parish, for the last year have been close to budget and that is very pleasing. [Better than the year before!] We come into 2020 not sure of what is before us. Repairs and refurbishment of our newly acquired buildings, along with IT services, power distribution, the re-establishment of Men's Shed and the leasing of the former school office present immediate challenges. In the longer term we must look at Pastoral planning needs arising from the Parish Pastoral Council and property management. It promises to be an exciting year for us all!

John Sullivan. [For the Parish Finance Council.]

## KNIGHTS' Life

The local Branch of Knights of the Southern Cross had its first meeting for 2020 on Wednesday 5 February. In addition to the spiritual part of the meeting, discussions during the rest of the meeting reaffirmed the intent for more community involvement, especially with the Antioch group. Better use of the new spaces becoming available through the parish, consequent on the departure of St Theresa's school, were considered worth exploring for development of a drop in centre.

Ian Fleetwood, National Secretary, reported that the Knights' national office was happy to be a conduit for funds being sent from affiliated overseas organisations for bush fire relief. In SA these funds were being sent, principally, on to Vinnies.

Locally, the Branch continued to make its Christmas donation to all four of the Vinnies Conferences in our area.

Members were encouraged to participate in the 'Walk for Life' on 8<sup>th</sup> February in the city. The walk was in connection with the SA Abortion Laws now before Parliament.

At the 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> Feb weekend masses at St Joseph's, Mons Egar mentioned that the rally was attended by about 3000 people from a range of Christian denominations.

### Parish Statistics

After completing the parish returns in January, here are some Sacrament statistics for 2019

**Baptisms:** 33 (18 of whom were over 1 year old)  
**Confirmations:** 32  
**Marriages:** 18 (15 at SHC)  
**Funerals:** 24

## Brighton Parish Finance Report to year end 2019

Income	Actuals Jan -Dec 2018	Budget 2018	Actuals Jan - Dec 2019	Budget 2019	Budget 2020
Planned giving	\$ 140,247	\$ 149,000	\$ 134,151	\$ 142,000	\$ 135,000
unpledged collection (2nd plate)	\$ 35,533	\$ 34,000	\$ 34,667	\$ 34,000	\$ 32,500
other income	\$ 29,854	\$ 31,800	\$ 21,372	\$ 23,900	\$ 69,806
Interest	\$ 54,224	\$ 69,000	\$ 122,564	\$ 122,000	\$ 122,564
<b>total income</b>	<b>\$ 259,858</b>	<b>\$ 283,800</b>	<b>\$ 312,754</b>	<b>\$ 321,900</b>	<b>\$ 359,870</b>

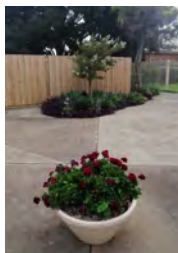
Operating expenditure	Actuals Jan -Dec 2018	Budget 2018	Actuals Jan - Dec 2019	Budget 2019	Budget 2020
Premises & Equipment costs	\$ 82,513	\$ 78,000	\$ 58,762	\$ 64,090	\$ 67,260
Other operating expenditure	\$ 210,748	\$ 208,535	\$ 212,713	\$ 222,863	\$ 276,131
<b>total expenditure</b>	<b>\$ 293,261</b>	<b>\$ 286,535</b>	<b>\$ 271,475</b>	<b>\$ 286,953</b>	<b>\$ 343,391</b>

### Around the grounds

Many thanks to the great group of fellows who cleaned, resealed and put a new pump into the Columbarium fountain. The fountain looks like brand new. Did you know that the fountain was the original baptismal font from the church?



What about the terrific display of colour around the church – the geraniums put on a great display. Thank you to Kathryn and Allan for your dedication to ensuring that the gardens look perfect.



After a long hot summer

you have done wonders to keep everything alive.

The school have vacated the premises and we are grateful to the school staff for moving out of the school buildings to help facilitate Tutti. The vacating of the administration building has taken a considerably longer time but they are almost there.

In the meantime the parish have taken up residence in the upstairs area of the admin building. The knitting/sewing ladies have moved in, the archive room is being utilised and the library area is

ready for the very willing volunteers to fill up the shelves. We envisage this space being used as a drop in centre where people can come and read and have a cuppa. We have created a lovely area for the



bereavement team to meet with families and hold their meetings. The large and generous staffroom has become a social gathering place – ideal for larger meetings and having a cuppa. Antioch are very excited with their new space upstairs in the old classrooms next to the carpark. They finally have room to set up their sacred space and an area to gather. They don't have to pack up at the end of the night. Some say the best part of taking over the school



grounds is the car park ..... we now have an area where we can park for more than 2 hours and not have to risk getting a parking ticket.

Hopefully the transportable will be gone soon and we can mark out the car park. There is much to be done to make the area suitable for parish use so thank you for your patience we are doing the best we can. It is certainly very quiet around the parish during the week – we miss the children.

Tutti have started their renovations on the buildings along Commercial Rd. It is expected that the work will take a couple of months to complete and then the Tutti staff and students will move in and start their classes.

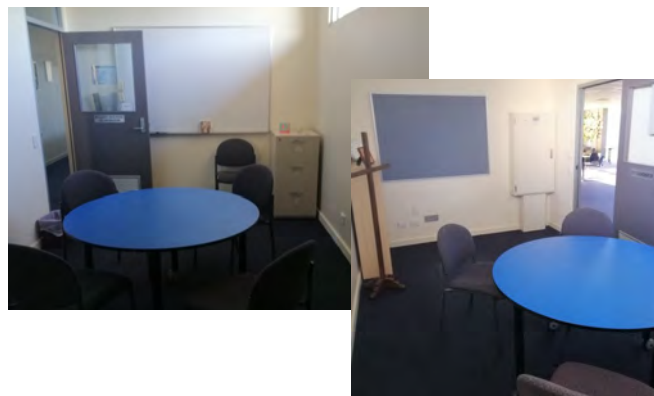
We are looking forward to Tutti coming to Brighton. We are excited that Tutti will be part of the Brighton Community.

Did you know?..... the tabernacle from St Paul's Church has found a new home in the McAuley Chapel.



### Volunteers what would we do without them?????

Thank you to Keith and Graham who have given one of the office spaces upstairs in the admin building a coat of paint making it a fresh new office space for the Bereavement Team. Thanks



### Parish Library

It is planned that a Parish Library be set up in the newly acquired school admin building.

To begin we are asking for donations of books, particularly novels, that you have read and enjoyed and would like to pass on to others.

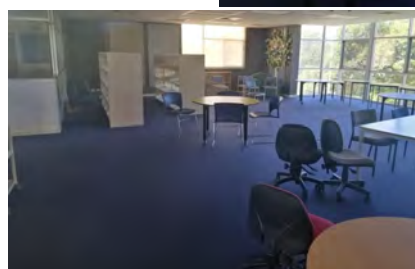
It is also hoped that this space will become a meeting place for a coffee and a chat.

If you have any books/novels you would like to donate please drop them off to the parish office or leave in the church foyer.

Here is a photo of the space that we are going to create for the parish library. Watch the bulletin for details of when we will be open etc.

Parish librarians

Marguerita, Di, Teresa, Emmy



## PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

During November 2019, parishioners from the parishes of Brighton, Hallett Cove and St Ann's were invited to come together to reflect on the 6 themes to be discussed at the Plenary Council meeting being held in Adelaide from the 4-11 October this year. The 6 themes are:

Open to Conversion, Renewal and Reform  
Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal  
Humble, Healing and Merciful  
Missionary and Evangelising  
Prayerful and Eucharistic  
A Joyful, Hope filled and Servant Community

Forty-five parishioners from the 3 parishes, participated in 13 different discussion groups during the 17<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> November 2019. Each group was asked: "to write down the 2 or 3 emerging actions that have been drawn from the discussions". These 'action' summaries have been forwarded to the Plenary Council 2020 Writing and Discernment Groups. The papers from the 6 Discernment and Writing groups are expected to be available in May. A sample of the action summaries that have been forwarded are:

- ◇ The Church to be open to the ordination of female Deacons
- ◇ The Church to be open to the ordination of married men
- ◇ Priests who have left active ministry be invited back to administer Sacraments, especially Sacraments of Anointing and Baptism
- ◇ The Third Rite of Reconciliation be reinstalled in our liturgy
- ◇ Women to have equal representation in all areas of governance in the Church
- ◇ Establish on-going groups for newly baptised to meet regularly
- ◇ Family Groups be established to assist in building a sense of belonging
- ◇ People received into the church through the RCIA continue to meet regularly
- ◇ Priests should not be solely responsible for everything in the parish and for administration of the Church. Laity should be at least equally responsible at the local parish, through to the national level. (If necessary, change Canon Law).
- ◇ As Australia recruits more and more overseas priests, there should be a dual approach:
  - (a) of welcome, tolerance and acceptance of those who are here;
  - (b) continuing assimilation in our culture of Church and ordinary life on or before arrival
- ◇ Vatican II documents to be re-introduced to assist the understanding that lay people, through their baptism, have a role to play
- ◇ The Church needs to apologise for all the injustices that have occurred, to be able to move forward.
- ◇ To have a Sorry Day for the Victims of Abuse.
- ◇ When Church teachings change, homilies and information sessions be provided to take people

through a process that explains the new theology/ emphasis, e.g. divorce and re-marriage.

- ◇ Make good, current theology, faith formation programmes available to everyone – young and old.
- ◇ Through homilies and statements, help, reassure and calm older Catholics who are consumed with guilt because their children/grandchildren aren't attending Mass. Offer them hope in dealing with a changing society.
- ◇ Many parents struggle because their children no longer attend church. Research to be undertaken as to why people are disenchanted with the Catholic Church, especially young people.
- ◇ That our Bishops are more visible and in touch with lay people.
- ◇ More opportunities for faith formation: workshops on variety of prayer styles; information about retreats/ days of reflection; scripture; books – spiritual reading
- ◇ Liturgies that reflect the cultural make-up in our parishes, e.g. Indian, Filipino, etc..
- ◇ Allow ordinary parishioners opportunities to give witness to their faith journeys.
- ◇ That the Church does not put up barriers for people who are divorced and want to participate in the Mass. Annulment is not always the correct way to allow people to participate in the Church. There should be a discernment process. You cannot void a marriage.

These statements are excerpts from the 9 submissions forwarded to the Plenary Council Discernment and Writing Groups. Copies of these submissions are available in the Church foyer, or from the Parish Office.



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**Holdfast College for Senior Classes** at the Community Centre, Kibby Reserve, Alison St, Glenelg North, every Friday until March 20.

Classes include laptop training, smartphone help and speaker sessions. Cost \$20 per term.

Details: 0417 859 882





## McAuley Community School News

Shrove Tuesday began with a wonderful community breakfast cooked and served by an enthusiastic band of volunteer parents, staff and students. Families mingled and chatted in the glorious morning sunshine on the plaza before school as they ate their delicious pancakes. As a gold coin donation, the breakfast served as our launch of Project Compassion, which has traditionally always been very well supported by the community. Breakfast was followed by our inaugural Beginning of Year Mass in the McAuley Gym with that beautiful community feel which McAuley has truly embraced. A big 'Thank you' to all the parishioners who came along to celebrate in this very special moment with us.



Father Michael spoke of the occasion as being a moment in history as we all came together to celebrate mass for the first time with Catherine McAuley as our guiding light.

Community truly is at the heart of who and what we are at McAuley and our story to date has been filled with a number of well supported community events both within the school and the wider community.

### McAULEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL

It was hot. In fact it was very hot, and that may explain why only three (a small number?) of parishioners accepted the invitation to tour the newly opened McAuley Community School on Thursday 30 January. And you missed seeing something quite spectacular. It was not only just looking, but listening to Principal, Amanda Parslow, Deputy Principal, Maryanne Loftus and acting APRIM, Emmy Smyke, shared their vision and mission for the new community.

They explained why certain spaces were shaped like they were, why other spaces were furnished in the way they were and what was envisioned happening in the learning journeys of the children.

The mission of the communities upon whose foundations McAuley stands is celebrated loud and clear in the symbols on display throughout the complex and the names given to the buildings and special spaces. Mercy, Polding, Samaritan, St Teresa and Marymount are all prominently on display. The building, the learning areas or neighbourhoods as they are called emphasizing the community focus of the community school, the out-door areas, the gardens, the whole visual appeal of the place must be seen to really be appreciated. So do not miss our if another opportunity to visit comes along. Go well McAuley Community School. Go well children and families lucky enough to be participants in this mission. And most importantly go well to the educators who will lead this community into a new and exciting future.

Brighton Parish visitor, Kevin Clancy

## There's a new neighbourhood in the school

*Published: 28 January 2020 in*

*The Southern Cross*

Adelaide's first new Catholic school in a decade cost more than \$20 million, yet it has no classrooms, no library and no bells. Source: *The Advertiser*.

*By Tim Williams, The Advertiser*

McAuley Community School opens today on the former Marymount College site at Hove. Instead of individual classrooms, it has four of what principal Amanda Parslow calls "learning neighbourhoods".

These are cavernous spaces, each the size of several classrooms, where multiple teachers will collectively look after groups the size of several classes. One is for Receptions only, while the others are for years 1-2, 3-4, and 5-6.

Each neighbourhood has a green screen for video production, shelves full of books in lieu of a whole-school library, quiet "sensory pods" with beanbags and toys, a closed-off "maker space" for science activities, and a meeting room.

Rather than one teacher just taking care of their class, Ms Parslow said "every educator is responsible for the success of every learner" in each neighbourhood.

The school day will start with "discovery learning", firstly outdoors from 8.30am, then inside from 8.45am with problem solving or "provocation" activities ranging from still life drawing to Lego and coding.

"Let the learning begin from the minute they set foot on school grounds," Ms Parslow said.

Then the whole school will do maths and English in the first two lessons of the day. Students will be grouped by ability in different subject areas and those groups could change from week to week.

There will be no bells, so students are encouraged to wear watches and take responsibility for being in the right place at the right time.

There's no traditional library, but there will be a lunchtime activity room, and each neighbourhood will have its own book-borrowing system.

While students will have multiple teachers in their neighbourhoods, each child will be assigned a teacher as a key pastoral care contact for themselves and for parents.

About 240 of the 355 students starting today at McAuley, which has capacity to grow to 520, are from the St Teresa' School in Brighton, which closed at the end of 2019.



## MEN'S SHED

The Shed's Christmas Lunch on Friday 13 December 2019 was the best so far. About 50 sat down to a very enjoyable meal – three separate roast meats cooked on the spot, a variety of salads, plum pudding and much liquid refreshment. Even the pizza oven was back from long-service leave to ensure the garlic bread was done to a tee.

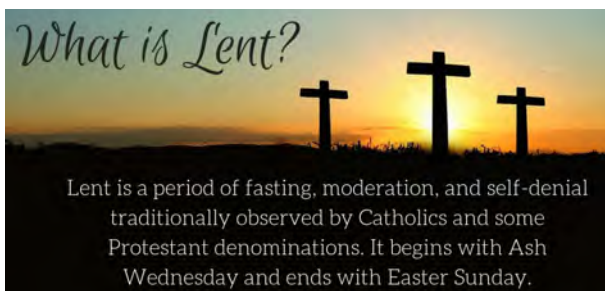
There were raffles of wine and chocolates and a contribution was handed to Fr Michael for his project in Kenya with best wishes for Christmas and his holiday in January 2020. All ably conducted by Kieth Moorman who, in the totally unstructured arrangements at the Shed, is the only Shed member with some designated duties, that of book keeper. Not from any connection with the accounting profession but because he keeps all money between the leaves of a book!

Shedders will miss founding and regular member Fr Sean McGearty who passed away on 20 December 2019. He was always one of the 'boys', declaring at the start with a twinkle in his eye, 'we don't use the "F" word here. So from then on no more **F**ather Sean, just Sean – soft-spoken, caring, considerate and very Irish.

In the previous newsletter it was mentioned that 'shed blokes are happy to do odd-jobs and maintenance work in and around the church and even to help older folk in the vicinity of St Joseph's who need help with small maintenance chores' This needs **correction**. Such help has been done purely in an individual capacity and is not a part of parish services or Men's Shed activity.

Having said that, in January this year we have a Shed-based individuals out-reach story that tells us what 'community' is all about. An Armenian Syrian Christian refugee (Hari) who has been coming to the Shed occasionally over the last few years has a wife and four children but has been of late finding it increasingly difficult to care 24/7 for his post-stroke bed-ridden mother. He was now looking for the type of support that being with fellow countrymen could provide. He found there was a welcoming community of over a thousand countrymen in Sydney and began wrestling with the problem of moving there. Quietly, two 'shedders' (incidentally with initials, J and C) hired a furniture truck and transported Hari's home contents to Sydney. They drove in convoy with him taking turns to give Hari a chance for a nap and also attend to his mother. They were back in three days. A round trip of some 2800km. Very few knew they had even been away. The epitome of Caring with a capital C.

The Shed is open every Tuesday and Friday from 11am to about 2pm. It's a very welcoming place. Great therapy, even on a hot day under the shade of a lovely claret ash.



## What to Give Up...

Give up complaining ...	focus on Gratitude
Give up pessimism ...	become an Optimist
Give up worry ...	trust Divine Providence
Give up bitterness ...	turn to Forgiveness
Give up hatred ...	return Good for evil
Give up negativism ...	be Positive
Give up anger ...	be More Patient
Give up pettiness ...	become Mature
Give up gloom ...	enjoy the Beauty all around you
Give up jealousy ...	pray for Trust
Give up gossiping ...	control your Tongue
Give up sin ...	turn to Virtue
Give up giving up ...	Hang in there!



## Child Safe Environments

### Child Safe Environments Briefing for Volunteers

As you may be aware, all volunteers in our Archdiocese are mandated notifiers under the South Australian Child Protection Legislation. To ensure we hear the voices of children and have the necessary skills to identify and respond appropriately, we invite any volunteers who have not yet participated in Child Safe Environments training or an equivalent course to attend a 90 minute Volunteer Briefing session facilitated by the Archdiocesan Child Protection Unit. Please note that these briefings (or an equivalent course) are a compulsory requirement for anyone wishing to be a Eucharistic Minister.

A Volunteer Briefing will be held in our Parish on:

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March, 10-11.30am** in the Brighton Activity Centre

*If you have attended a Child Safe Environments or RAN training within the past 3 years you do not need to attend a Volunteer Briefing.*

**Please note:** the content of the session is not suitable for children and young people (under 18 years old) to attend so please make alternative care arrangements for your children before attending a Volunteer Briefing.

**Please contact the Child Protection Unit to book into this session, either via email at [childprotection@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:childprotection@adelaide.catholic.org.au) or by phone on 8210 8159**

Thank you for agreeing to help us provide care and safety for our children and young people.



# happy 90 birthday

**Rosemarie Collyer – 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2020**

In this Tech Age, in two thousand and twenty  
Rose thanks the Lord for four score years and ten  
So much experienced, good blessings aplenty  
And yet, looking back, we sit with wondering yen?

I met, a Rose, a lady unsurpassed  
Who changed my life, utterly, completely  
She took me on, for better or for worse  
What courage she showed – repeatedly!

Our love so fruitful, we thought us mad  
Sixfold and challenging, all the way  
Then multiplied with Grandies, not so bad  
We learned and learned and learned, every day!

Our working lives too, so very full  
Teaching for Rose, Credit for me  
Challenging always, lives never dull  
Persisting, achieving, but never for free!

Rose, artist, teacher, mother, wife  
Reading till late but always learning  
Role model for good family life  
Writing often, painting, never idling

Numerous grandchildren, what a marvelous gift  
Making their way in the world they are  
We want to follow, it would give us a lift  
We are content, however, to watch from afar

Our working lives over, with leisure enjoyed  
Far more relaxing and time to ponder  
Memories of travel and, no longer employed  
Having worn out our cars & places to wander

Now in these, our senior years  
Enjoying our lives, with family fun  
And getting together, as we do today  
We thank you all, for all you have done!



# 50<sup>th</sup> WEDDING Anniversary

On Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January, Dawn and John Sullivan celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding anniversary at the 6.00 pm Mass at Brighton. Monsignor John Swann, who officiated at their wedding was the celebrant.

At the end of Mass he blessed Dawn and John along with parishioners Mary and Barry O'Neil, Marie and Graham Workman and Veronica and Keith Moorman (pictured), who had all celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversaries recently.

The celebration continued in the Activity Centre after Mass.

Dawn and John would like to thank all those who attended and participated in the Mass and those who assisted in the organisation and catering. It all contributed to making it a really joyful and enjoyable community event.



We congratulate Barb & John Laird on their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February.

We have received grateful thanks from Hutt St Centre, Moore St and Vinnies for your donations throughout Advent. Thank you all.



## Used Stamps wanted

Mary MacKillop Today recycles used postage stamps to: give disabled children an education in Papua New Guinea, train poor women to learn life-skills in Peru and bring vital health care to poor communities in Timor-Leste.

Since 2001, we have raised over \$378,000 from the sale of used postage stamps.

Cut them from the envelopes, leaving a generous margin around the edge, and drop them into the box on the bench in the foyer. Pat will forward them to the mission.

I have received many notes of thanks for the stamps that we have sent.







### **HAROLD GERALD MINEAR**

**Born:** July 10, 1928; Mile End

**Died:** January 17, 2020; Adelaide

HAROLD Minear was a livewire of the Adelaide theatre scene for nearly 90 years.

He was born to Eva and Harold senior, part of a tribe of cousins and local kids who roamed free in Thebarton in the Depression era.

Harold senior was a Gallipoli and Western Front veteran of World War I, and Harold's brother Tom served in World War II, so the Anzac Day tradition was strong in the family.

His mother, the singer Eva (nee Richards) gave Harold his love of the theatre when he joined her on stage at the age of three. Once there she couldn't get him off.

He was a teenage authority on Hollywood classics. Gene Kelly, Deanna Durbin and Judy Garland were his champions. In later life his great pleasure would be to introduce each of his grandchildren to a screening of The Wizard of Oz.

Harold went to Christian Brothers College and in 1945 the 17-year-old joined the newly minted Therry Dramatic Society, source of a host of future acting talent.

He was a mainstay of the society as a performer and was still a teenager when he made his debut as a director in 1947. By 1948 he was president.

He made lifelong friendships with like-minded actors, some, like Robert Stigwood, bound for greater things.

He had known Deirdre Condon since they were three, and gone to the same church. They married in 1951 and went on to produce a whole clan of Minears.

David, the eldest, is an advertising executive who helps keep the family's theatrical flame alive as chairman of the present 2020 Adelaide Fringe.

Outside theatre, Harold began as a copy boy and later a cadet journalist for News Limited. With two children and a third on the way he moved the family to Walkerville and took on a general store. He loved delivering groceries and chatting to customers. In 1955 he swapped the grocer's life for movies when he became manager of the Sheridan Drive-In at Seaton. The Minear home was next door, so the kids soon had a drive-in speaker installed to watch movies from the back porch.

They moved to Gosford in New South Wales in 1958 to manage another drive-in. Harold, as usual, made an impact by adopting leadership roles in the community.

They came home to Adelaide in 1962, and Harold embarked on a new career, as an advertising executive for NAS McNamara.

His many skills in theatre, direction, writing and the movie world were merging together. On reaching the mandated retirement age he began his own agency, working for a further 15 years, and retiring at 75.

His professional work involved a lot of theatrical gestures. He organised Christmas pantomimes for Chanel 9 starring Ernie Sigley, Anne Wills, Kevin Crease, Lionel Williams, Roger Cardwell and Ian Fairweather.

He took the SA Gas Company's cooking shows on tour and wrote advertising jingles. In his spare time he wrote skits for television's hit revue, The Mavis Bramston Show.

Popular and larger than life, he could make people laugh, buy them a drink at his favourite hotels, the Brecknock in the city and the Esplanade at Brighton, or welcome strangers home for dinner.

He had resumed his passion for theatre with the Adelaide Repertory Theatre Society, Betty Quinn's Q Theatre, Adelaide University Footlights revues and St Judes Players.

Harold's name became a by-word for lively amateur theatre, no more so than when he talked Ray Lawler into releasing his Summer of the Seventeenth Doll prequel, Kid Stakes, into its first amateur production at St Judes, directed by Harold.

All eight of the Minear children found themselves on stage at one time or another, and Mary-Jane now directs her own theatre productions for St Judes.

One of his last outings was to see great grand daughter Maiya on stage.

In 2009 the Adelaide Critics Circle presented its Lifetime Achievement Award to him.

He is survived by Deirdre, seven of his eight children David, Anne, Catherine, Stephen, Mary-Jane, Helen and Johanna, 15 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

*Taken from the Advertiser Saturday 15th February.*

### **Stateless**

The Australian TV Mini Series "Stateless" that was filmed here in SA (including scenes filmed in St Joseph's church) will begin on Sunday 1st March at 8.40pm on ABC TV. Featuring Cate Blanchett (co-creator), Yvonne Strahovski, Jai Courtney & Asher Keddie.



## Lent & Easter in our Parish

### Lenten Reflection

The Archdiocese have printed a weekly Reflection book for Lent. No cost. Available from the church foyer now .

### Lenten Donations for Vinnies for the Poor and the homeless

Please bring any items on the week specified and place in the box in the foyer

29<sup>th</sup> Feb/ 1<sup>st</sup> March:

Long life Milk

7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> March:

Canned Foods eg Meat/ Fish/ Fruit/  
Vegetables/Soup

14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> March:

Pasta / Pasta Sauce

21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> March:

Laundry Products eg Washing Powder

28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> March:

Breakfast Cereal

4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> April:

Tea/ Coffee/ Biscuits

### Anointing of the Sick Masses

We will have an Anointing of the Sick Mass during Lent on **Saturday 28th March, 10am** at Brighton, followed by Morning Tea in the Columbarium or

**Wednesday 18th March, 12 noon** at Hallett Cove followed by a light lunch



**Easter Reconciliation Times (Confession)**

### Penitential Services (2nd Rite)

**Thursday, 2nd April**

**10.00 am** - St. Joseph's, Brighton  
and at

**7.00 pm** - St. Martin de Porres Church,  
Hallett Cove

### Individual Reconciliation (First Rite)

Brighton : after weekday Masses on Fridays  
and Saturdays.

Hallett Cove: before Masses on 2nd & 3rd  
Sunday of month

## Join us for Easter Services At Brighton



### PALM SUNDAY

**4th/5th April**

Masses: 6pm

Saturday,

8.30am Sunday, 10am

Sunday



### HOLY THURSDAY 9th April

Mass 7.30pm followed by Vigil before  
the Altar of Repose which will conclude  
with Evening Prayer commencing at  
10pm.

### GOOD FRIDAY 10th April

Morning Prayer at 9.30 am, followed by  
Stations of the Cross at 10am

Stations of the Cross at Sacred Heart  
College,  
Somerton Park at 12 Noon

Liturgy 3pm

### HOLY SATURDAY 11th April

Easter Vigil 7.30 pm

### EASTER SUNDAY 12th April

Masses: 8.30 am & 10am

