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Community Newsletter

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From Our Parish Priest

For the last few months our Parish have had several occasions of great celebrations, personal as well as communal.

On March 18th, I celebrated together with parishioners, my family and friends, my 25th Anniversary of Ordination. We were privileged to have three Bishops among us. It was truly a joyous celebration. Connections were made, and pictures taken and African cuisine served. As the saying goes "Where Catholics gather.. there's always laughter and red wine!" and so the day was. Joy, Prayer and Sharing are clear marks of the presence of the Holy Spirit.



Consequently, making sure that St Joseph's Parish has a sound financial base, our Parish Finance Committee has been consulting various experts on financial development on the best ways and means of making this a reality. This group has been working hard to put together a comprehensive approach in consolidating our Parish resources in order to develop sustainable income projects for the future of our Parish.

Finally, I continue to invite and call upon more volunteers to come on board and find their space and place in strengthening and renewing the life of our blessed Parish.

St. Joseph be a Father and Protector of our families..

God bless . Fr Michael

Brighton Vinnies Knitting and Sewing Group

A Random Act of Kindness

In response to a request for three layettes (a young mother having triplets), the Vinnies Knitting and Sewing Group needed to increase the stock of layettes to supply the needy.



Our Brighton group packs articles such as nappies, baby jackets and vests, bunny rugs, baby shampoo, nappy cream etc., into individual fabric bags (sewn by our group), for distribution in the Adelaide Archdiocese.

Margaret one of our members was at Marion Shopping Centre looking through the baby vests and got into a conversation with a lady with Sydney grandchildren. She was also looking at vests and they discussed sizing. The question was asked as to why Margaret was purchasing such a number. The grandmother found her sizes and then continued her shopping, only to return a short time later handing a surprised Margaret a \$50 note.

We thank our parishioners for their love and generosity and appreciate the many types of donations that we receive to help our work continue.



Also at the end of June we again gathered to celebrate the farewell for Jenny McCabe & Clare Thewlis. A wonderful and community spirited celebration. The event was significantly reflective of the contributions Jenny and Clare have

made over time. Evidently, such moments demonstrate the best things in our community, and that is Us!

In addition, such celebrations and events manifest in a clear way the identity and Mission of our parish. A place of building relationships and celebrating God's presence. Thank you for being part of our community.

To continue building such relationships, the PPC over the last 3 years has been working hard in developing a Parish Strategic Plan and initiating its implementation in various levels, including focussing on young families and youth.

Our Parish Vision

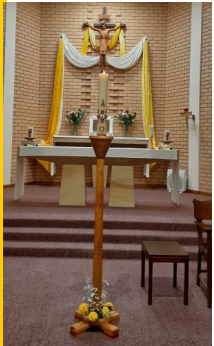
To be a people of God working together to build a caring, faith-filled community.

From our Pastoral Associate

'My Father's glory is shown by your bearing a lot of fruit; and in this way you become my disciples'

John 15:8

Looking back at the period of past three months since our last community newsletter, it is right to say that we have been fruitful as a parish community, and this indeed is our witness to the glory of God.



The Easter Triduum which marked the end of Lent and the beginning of the joyful celebration of Christ's Resurrection was a great success and we saw a steady number of people back in the church with easing restrictions.

There was a good number of volunteers who assisted in performing sacristy duties, commentating, reading, decorating the church and helping out in various other ways as needed during the time. It was a blessing to witness the willingness of parishioners, despite their changing circumstances to come out and help in whichever way possible. Once again, there was a considerable number of parishioners present at the Good Friday morning Stations of the Cross which happened out in the rear garden area. We also had a parishioner conducting the Stations of the Cross inside the church, parallel to the outdoor stations for older parishioners who were unable to move around. This success undoubtedly highlights the unity and co operation of the many parish volunteers who assisted tirelessly in many different ways throughout the weeks leading up to Easter.



Anzac Day was celebrated here at Brighton with Holy Mass and Monsignor Ian Dempsey was the celebrant. The attendance once again was outstanding and showed the eagerness of parishioners to be back in church.



Another beautiful highlight was the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation presided by Archbishop Patrick O'Regan on Friday the 10th of June followed by fellowship in the Activity Centre. Fifteen candidates were confirmed during the ceremony and these candidates will now go through several weeks of formation in preparation to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion by the end of July.



The last weekend of June was packed full of two special occasions:

On Saturday the 25th the parish community extended their gratitude and well wishes to Jenny McCabe and Clare Thewlis who retired from their respective positions. The numbers gathered to show their appreciation to Jenny and Clare during and after the Saturday vigil Mass spoke volumes about their precious contribution to the parish. While their presence and expertise will be missed beyond measure, we wish God's abundant blessings upon them for the new chapter of their lives.



In commemoration of the World Meeting of Families gathering held at Rome, there was a special family Mass on the 26th of June at 10.00am at St Joseph's and few families assisted in reading prayers and taking offertory. A family resource pack with a prayer book, Q&A cards and some suggestions for more activities was given to all families who attended the three weekend masses. We thank and praise the Lord for the gift of families and make this an opportunity to extend a warm welcome to new families to come and join the Brighton parish family.

Finally, it is also right to mention the work of the baptism team, the volunteers who visit the sick and various other volunteer groups whose steady commitment and support that is instrumental in bearing fruit in the lives of many. All in all, I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the Brighton parish community and pray for the leading of the Holy Spirit to continue in this ministry in a way that is pleasing to God, for the days to come.

God bless you! Nirmanthi Rupasinghe

Deacon Tim Grauel

'Awake my soul... I will awake the dawn' (Psalm 57.8)

How do you begin your day—right at the start when conscious awareness dawns? Those moments certainly passed long ago today as you read this article, overtaken by the busyness of life. However, pause now to reflect on how you typically enter into the grace and light of a new day.

Many of us follow an unconscious routine, stumbling through early morning brain-fog to make a cup of coffee or tea, catch up on the news, scroll through emails or social media posts. It could be 5:45am, or 8am, when our neurones, sensitivities, and tendons begin to fire. Imperceptibly the day unfolds: feeding the dog or cat, going for a walk, preparing breakfast, taking the children or grandchildren to school, driving to work—whatever the next obligation.

These very first thoughts, feelings, and actions affect us throughout the day—whether we acknowledged them or not. How many of yesterday's worries, doubts, pains rush in? Is our new day, in fact, 'new'—or is there a dull, recurring sameness to the day?

As a teenager, I was taken by the buoyant beat and lyrics of Carole King's 1971 song, Beautiful:

You've got to get up every morning
With a smile in your face
And show the world all the love in your heart

It did not take long for me to realise that, some days, I did not even want to get out of bed. Over the years, I realised that what gets me out of bed is not about how I am feeling—it is not about what I decide about the day, but what I receive and discover. This new day is a gift, a gift given by God.

When I first discovered the Scriptures during my university studies, a passage from the Old Testament Book of Lamentations changed the way I think about the dawn: 'The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, the Lord's mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness' (Lamentations 3.22-23). God's presence is new every morning, what a gift—perfect and complete! The grace of starting the day with God's thoughts and feelings had a wonderful effect on my own thoughts and feelings. Truly, God's Word 'is a lamp unto my feet' (Psalm 119.105).

Many have found solace in beginning the day with a brief prayer of thanksgiving: 'Thank you, Lord, for this new day of life (or: of love, of grace)'. Blessing ourselves with the sign of the cross can be a powerful, bodily action that remind us of the true light of a new day: in God's light we see true light (Psalm 36.9). When we become mindful afresh that 'I am a child of God, beloved by God our Father'—we are consoled by the meaning and purpose of our baptism.



The very first prayer in the Divine Office (a set of psalms and prayers prayed morning and evening by clergy, religious and other interested believers), reminds us that praising our Maker and Redeemer is itself God's gift, a moment of grace: 'Lord, open my lips—and my mouth shall proclaim your praise'.

My morning ritual often leads to quiet meditation and scripture reading. From this time I like taking one sparkling phrase and let it linger as a mantra throughout the day, much like a rough gemstone is tumbled repeatedly until it produces a smooth, attractive gem. Here are just a few of my memorised favourites: 'in you, O Lord, all find their home'; 'where sin abounds, grace abounds all the more'; 'in your will is our peace'. What are yours? How might your day change by bring them to mind and heart?

Every new day is a God-given gift—don't let it go unwrapped. While it is normal and natural for the dawn to awaken us, why not enter into the grace of 'awaking the dawn' with moments of gratitude for the many tender mercies of God, new every morning?

Deacon Tim Grauel

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship continues every Tuesday and Friday 10.30 am to 2 pm. Lots of parking is always available. All the regulars faithfully turn up and it is good to see some new faces.

There has been a lot of activity in the last few weeks making the premises more comfortable, with better privacy. Better lighting too, fans and even heating to combat the winter chill have now been installed. You don't even have to wash up, there's a dish washing machine to do that.

Winter veggies are growing well. Glad to see folk taking some of the produce but hope people will not damage plants while picking fruit and, of course, be



PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL REPORT

Since the last report, the Finance Council has had 2 regular meetings and some special meetings.

Majella Jovanovich from Diocesan Human Resources, attended our April meeting. She outlined the employment processes in Diocesan Office to help us in looking at the role and the process of employing a new Business Manager. (It was going to be difficult to 'replace' our Jenny who is retiring!!)

As part of the discussion we decided to take up the option offered by the Diocesan Finance Office of the PARISH ACCOUNTING PROCESS. This would take care of a lot of the day to day financial processes.

At a special meeting on 3rd May, Danielle Roocke and Hayley Thanki from the Diocesan Office came to us and explained the package. Basically we send invoices, payments receipts, bank statements, etc. to town and reports are produced following processing of material. This is a free service!

The process of the Planned Giving Programme is nearly complete, with the new year starting in 2 weeks with the issue of receipts and new envelopes.

At the last meeting on 23rd June, we welcomed our new Parish Business Manager, Andrea Machicado. We wish her well as she settles into her new role.

With these big changes in our operation, it will be some time before we can resume 'normal operations'.

I have attached a brief end of year finance report your information.

Please continue your generous contributions to the parish.

John Sullivan

Chairperson, Brighton Parish Finance Council

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New Business Manager

Firstly, I would like to thank the Lord for guiding my way to this new job to serve the Brighton Parish as the new Business Manager. I would also like to thank Fr Michael for giving me the opportunity and big thanks to Jenny McCabe for taking the time to guide me and introduce me to this new position. Also big thanks to the office team, the Finance Committee and all the lovely, kind and gentle parishioners that have wished me the best in this new role. It is a big challenge and I am glad and really happy to do it. I am committed to give my best effort to do a good job and bring new ideas with all my knowledge and experience to help and support the Parishioners. I just ask everyone to have a little bit of patience with me at the beginning while I settle down, learn and get to know about all the processes and collect the information as well as I get to know the volunteers and the parishioners.

For those who I did not have the chance to meet yet, here is a little bit of my background, I am from Bolivia in South America, my native language is Spanish, and I am a Public Accountant with a master's in business administration. I have twelve years of working experience in a corporate environment in a Multinational Company. I consider myself highly motivated, and a progress-focused professional with a track record of initiative and dependability. I was educated in a catholic school and catholic university, and I consider myself a woman of Faith, strongly committed to serve the community. About my family I am married and have two little children who are the biggest blessing in my life.

Andrea Machicado, Parish Business Manager

Brighton Parish Finance Report to year end 2021

Income	Actuals 2020	Actuals 2021
Planned giving	\$ 125,032	\$ 126,689
unpledged collection	\$ 20,383	\$ 17,592
donations, candles etc	\$ 10,884	\$ 8,251
interest	\$ 98,527	\$ 68,175
other income	\$ 7,155	\$ 10,020
rent	\$ 35,542	\$ 66,576
draw down for unit purchase		\$ 460,000
total income	\$ 297,523	\$ 757,303
Operating expenditure	Actuals 2020	Actuals 2021
Wages	\$ 53,687	\$ 115,954
General repairs/maintenance, amenities	\$ 93,696	\$ 91,841
Council rates	\$ 6,351	\$ 20,737
equipment/furniture	\$ 18,789	\$ 17,430
Car park shedding		\$ 24,731
Insurance	\$ 32,582	\$ 32,398
other operating expenses	\$ 36,971	\$ 45,868
Co responsibility	\$ -	\$ 37,066
Unit purchase		\$ 463,616
total expenditure	\$ 242,076	\$ 849,641
	\$ 55,447	\$ (92,338)



Thank you to Clare

Extract from the speech by Teresa Pascoe on Sat 25th June

Clare has a large heart that she often wears on her sleeve, which helped make her the parish Associate that we love. On arrival she got to know and began to work with and support the many groups within the parish: Men's Shed, Craft women, school communities, hospitality women, Bereavement group, parish council etc.

Clare brought professionalism, organisation and compassion to her role. She thought nothing of stopping what she was doing to speak with a grieving spouse or son and daughter. She did not judge those who sought her help, advice or knowledge. Many a time I saw her give comforting words or metaphorically take someone's hand, lead them through the unknown of a baptism, wedding or funeral and answer questions and introduce them to the many others in the parish who would become invaluable in their preparation. She was very diplomatic and could negotiate tense or difficult situations and always endeavored to find a solution.

Clare instigated groups that encouraged like minded people to come together, from prayer to gardening. She always knew how to connect people and knew who to call to get help for someone. She was with you all as the parish worked through the move of St Teresa's school and the opportunities it brought for new innovations such as the library and the greening of the surrounding area during the Season of Creation. She worked with many families and the schools to build on the successful Sacrament programme and made it stronger and more connected to our families.

Clare was always looking for ways to build liturgy and to make liturgy and prayer meaningful. We have witnessed Christmas and Easter Masses that were innovative but not too much that they became foreign. I remember climbing all over the church with her daughter to hang over 200 flames from the choir loft to usher in Pentecost and many other colourful additions and traditions.

Her compassion and flexibility and commitment to Liturgy was on display throughout the challenge presented in the past years by COVID. Clare was determined that parish and parishioners were not separated, that the connection would continue. She worked closely with a small group to find a way to not only record Mass but have as many parishioners as possible able to connect and watch it. The innovation of putting the weekly bulletin under the verandah allowed all and sundry to drive past and do a pickup without breaking social distancing protocols.

She also had the local schools create flames for parishioners to drive through and pick up during Pentecost and liaised again with the schools for handmade card deliveries at Christmas.

Clare never gave up during these past years to connect during COVID, making endless phone calls, checking on people, supporting those who were visiting others or seeking help. She would not let COVID defeat her.

Clare worked with many people during her time here from volunteers to colleagues in the office, Council members, school APRIMs and many priests. Clare proved invaluable to them all and supported them to make a strong connection with parishioners from 3 months old to those over 100 years.



Clare is a dedicated and loved mother and Nonna and gives of her heart to them and they are the lucky winners in our loss. She has spoken to me and I'm sure others about how she will miss the people of St Joseph's and how her time in this parish filled her soul.

Clare, you came to us as a woman with a big heart and a passion to help others whilst you leave us still with your heart and passion intact. You leave us as a loved and

respected friend who will be terribly missed.

We wish Clare all the very best for her future and grazie mille.

JOHN SULLIVAN'S PRESENTATION TO JENNY McCABE—summary

John began by thanking Jenny for her friendship and for her work as the Brighton Parish Business Manager. He acknowledged that he had known Jenny for many years, "our children went to school together at Christ the King School" he said.

For more than 25 years they have been part of the same Parish Family Group. It was at a Family Group gathering over 20 years ago that it was suggested to Jenny that she ought to apply for the Business Manager's position.



John thanked Jenny for the dedication she displayed in the role. He acknowledged that she was well respected in the parish and in the Diocese for her skills and abilities. "You're lucky to have Jenny" was said in other parishes and in the Diocesan offices. Often people in the Diocesan Offices would check 'what is Brighton doing?' before implementing a new procedure. Jenny was a coach and sounding board and made Brighton Parish a well respected organization.

John praised her for her many achievements, and as most people are aware, just about every project in the parish has had her management and involvement. He acknowledged her 'after hours' and 'behind the scenes' work and added "that it was when I joined the Parish Finance Council I found out what she really did!"

Jenny ran the office by phone and e-mail for weeks when isolated in Port Douglas because of COVID, while her husband, Peter, did the leg work back in Adelaide.

Jenny and Peter would attend to 'call outs' at all hours, attending to alarms being set off.

She would open the premises 'outside of hours' to let trades people in.

She attended meetings and seminars in the parish and in the diocese, outside working hours.

John presented Jenny with a cheque, a sign of the esteem people have for her.

SATURDAY 25TH JUNE

On Saturday 25th June, many parishioners and visitors attended the 6 o'clock Vigil Mass in St Joseph's Church, Brighton, to say thank you to Jenny and Clare and to wish them well in their retirement. The Mass was con-celebrated by Fr Michael Kyumu, Mons Ian Dempsey and Deacon Tim Grauel. Fr Michael expressed his personal thanks for the way in which Jenny and Clare had carried out their roles and for the support they had been to him as Parish Priest. Before leaving the church, Fr Michael prayed a special blessing over them.

More than a hundred parishioners and visitors adjourned to the Activity Centre, where they were very well looked after with food and drinks. Thanks you to Carol de Souza and her many helpers for their catering arrangements. Fr Anthony Kain and Fr Peter Sheedy were amongst those present. Peter Whelan, the Parish Pastoral Council Chairman, facilitated the formalities for the evening:

Mons Ian Dempsey shared several reflections and highlights about his time working with Jenny and Clare while he was Parish Priest in Brighton. It was during his time as PP that both Jenny and Clare were employed in the parish.

Orla Wright from the Diocesan Office, presented a gift to Clare on behalf of the Pastoral Associates in Adelaide. She spoke of the support Clare has been to other Pastoral Associates in the Diocese.

John Sullivan, Chairman of the Parish Finance Council, presented Jenny with a gift from the parish, and spoke of her friendship and her work as our Business Manager.....

Teresa Pascoe, Aprim at Christ the King School, presented Clare with a gift on behalf of the parish.....

Peter McKenna, spoke on behalf of the Hallett Cove parish in thanking both Jenny and Clare for their contribution to the life and work of the Hallett Cove parish.

Jenny responded on behalf of herself and Clare. They were overwhelmed by the presence of so many people and the good wishes being expressed.

Thank you

Both Jenny and Clare wish to thank parishioners for their kind words and generous spirit which have overwhelmed us. We are most grateful.

We would like to share some of our thoughts.

The Brighton parish community has many facets and is blessed to have so many volunteers who are involved and when called upon seem to always rise to any occasion. The community spirit is alive and rich with experience and goodness. We have enjoyed working with the various groups, volunteers and parishioners. We thank you for your insight and helpful ways. You have been an immense help to us in our work. You certainly made our work life so much easier.

We hope that the community spirit continues to grow and the groups work to build on connecting and supporting each other, the parish and the church.

Over the past few weeks we have spent time talking with each other about our involvement with the parish. We have reflected upon the good times, the sad time and some of the challenges the parish has faced.

We have worked for two parish priests - Mons Ian and Fr. Michael and we are grateful for their guidance and support.

We need to thank our respective families for their love and support, because as everyone knows we all need the support of our family in our working life.

Our paths have crossed with many people in a variety of ways and our lives are richer for all the people we have worked for and worked with. It was always a partnership.

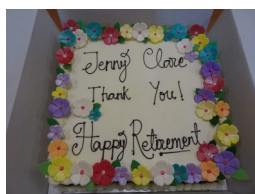
To the community - thank you for your friendship, your trust in us, the warm smiles, the listening ear.

We both agree that it has been a joy, privilege and honor to work for the people of the Brighton Parish.

We say farewell and we thank you all from our hearts. It is not goodbye.

God bless

Jenny and Clare





THE KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS (SA) INC.

Brighton – Marion – Hallett Cove - Glenelg Branch

The March pre-dawn chill still hung in the air as shadowy figures emerged onto the Veranda of the Activity Centre for our annual "Breakfast on the Green". By 8am sausages, onions, eggs and bacon were sizzling while our chef in the making Bro. Graham Workman prepared his signature "Toad in the hole". Pancakes drizzled with Maple syrup and cream followed, to complete the menu, together with the Orange juice, tea and coffee. Apart from our members and a group of Daughters of Charity we only had one parishioner. Why? Perhaps it was too early so, we are considering starting about 10am next year.

Sister Maria DC., Bro. Des Tellis and Anne Fleetwood enjoy the early breakfast



Our March meeting was enlivened by an interesting and informative talk by the Hon David Spiers concerning his role as the then Minister for the Environment and Water. The opening of some of Adelaide's Reservoir Reserves has been a popular move with several hundred thousand visitors to the Happy Valley site alone in one year. As the State Government's Titular owner of the National Parks and Gardens he is responsible for an area nearly as big as his native Scotland. Later he mingled easily with our members during the post meeting fellowship.



He is pictured with Bros. Graham Workman, Jeff Papps and Des Tellis.

John Kenneally, the one half of the Bald Brothers from ABC radio 891 and 5AA was our Guest speaker for May with a tour of his life in radio and music

The last weekend in May saw us involved in the Centenary Celebrations for the Order which started in 1922. The high point was the big dinner at the Morphettville Racecourse Phar Lap room with distinguished guests. A silent auction with several items contributed by our branch raised \$1200.

Our branch continues its commitment to our faith with Prayers and Formation as part of our meetings the latter creating interesting discussion, a regular chaplain is needed to facilitate some of the lofty theology encountered in these documents.

Fund raising forms a large part of our energies. Our resident "Bottle-O" Pat Hodgson has continued with his tireless energy collecting, sorting and delivering to the recyclers, bottles and cans raising \$1000 last year. Well done Pat.



Our program for the rest of the year includes Wine Tasting in August and a Crazy Whist Night in October. Our Branch annual dinner will be held on Thursday July 14th at the Tonsley Hotel 6.30 for 7pm. Cost \$50pp and this is open to all parishioners, if you are interested please contact Tony Schar on 0419 127 491. This is a chance to meet fellow parishioners and clergy.

STOP PRESS At the recent KSC Centenary Celebrations the 100yr. history of the Knights of the Southern Cross "A Bold Story well proven" was launched. This is a fascinating story of the tumultuous start and evolution of KSC with pictures and stories a great historical read of this organisation. The copies cost \$40 and if you wish to purchase please contact our Secretary Bro. Graham Workman on 0419 812 049. Bro. Rod Roach, Chairman

Have you seen our new kids corner in the church???

Puzzles, coloring and activities for the kids during Mass



Parish Library



Open Tues & Fridays from 9.30—12 noon. Come and join us for a cuppa and a chat, borrow a book or learn to play mahjong, rummikub, chess, scrabble and many more.



Mass Ministries

As COVID restrictions are gradually lifted, we are able to bring back some of our regular Mass activities.

We are now able to have the Offertory Procession again.

We are working on ways to safely have the collections during Mass.

We would like to have people welcoming others to Mass once again.

Morning teas are able to recommence.

We are back to 4 Host ministers at Masses, (Chalice ministers not yet)

All of these activities require volunteers, ie:

- People/ families to bring up the offertory
- Collectors to pass the bowls
- People to hand out bulletins and greet others when they come to Mass
- Morning tea servers and people to set up
- Ministers of Communion

We also need more readers, commentators, Ministers of Communion as well as Sacristans and people to lock up the church after Mass.

If you are able to help with any of these roles, please contact the office for more information. You will be required to have a current Police Clearance, which we can organise for you at no cost to you—just bring along 100 points of ID (passport and Drivers licence cover this or a photo ID and 3 cards).



*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.



News from Christ The King School

Moved by the plight of recently arrived refugees the Year 5 students at Christ the King organised a collection of items that would support the adults and provide some joy for the younger arrivals. The students researched what was needed and the most useful items.

They then visited classes and promoted the collection to all families. Their collection of toiletries, warm clothing, toys and books were delivered and gratefully received.





**BRIGHTON
PROJECT**

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CARITAS

It is with mixed feelings that I advise parishioners that the Brighton Parish Caritas Project will cease to operate at the end of June, 2022. There is a sense of sadness and disappointment in closing the Project. At the same time there is a sense of joy and comfort in the knowledge that we have been able to make a positive contribution to the lives of hundreds of people living in some of the most under-developed countries throughout the world.

The Brighton Parish Caritas Project began in 1971. Over the years there have been up to 200 parishioners supporting Projects like: clean water in Tanzania, empowerment of people with disabilities in Bangladesh; a resettlement program in Uganda; a program to promote sustainable living conditions in Cambodia; the resettlement of refugees and the provision of equipment such as water pumps and tractors.

In recent years the number of parishioners contributing to the Caritas Project has dropped significantly. In the past 6 months, the number of monthly contributors has been down to between 3-5. Many factors have led to this situation, including the impact of COVID on the number of people attending Mass each week. The envelope offering at Mass used to be the main way to make a donation.

In closing this Project we can be proud of the contribution we have made to the lives of thousands of people in many of the under-developed countries throughout the world. For over 50 years this Project has played a part in keeping us informed about some of the countries and their people struggling with poverty and we have been able to make a small contribution to improving their standard of living.

As parishioners, we will no doubt continue to generously support Project Compassion during Lent each year. We will also be looking into other ways of supporting Caritas Australia. I acknowledge and thank the many people who have been involved in the Brighton Parish Caritas Project over the past 50 years.

Dawn Sullivan
Brighton Caritas
Ambassador



Happy 90th Birthday to Des Kelly

A reluctant guest of honour, but he did enjoy himself with family and friends on
Sunday 19th June.



Pictured here with his 2 daughters Lynne & Patsy

SA Variety Bash: Car 13 presents Along Comes Mary Variety Show Fundraiser

THE CAR 13 BAKERS

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Car 13 presents

Along Comes Mary

Come dressed in your best retro outfit!

Drinks* & platters available from the licensed bar

All funds raised support Variety

Gold coin donations to play

Sing and dance to hits from the 50s, 60s and 70s + trivia and games

Tickets \$35

Book online at <https://tinyurl.com/car13fundraiser>

7pm Saturday 23 July 2022
Club Holdfast
583 Anzac Highway, Glenelg North
Doors open at 6pm *SORRY NO BYO!

SCAN ME!

Saturday 23rd July, 6-10:30pm

Cost: \$35 pp

Platter: \$15 pre-booked for 4-6 people

Venue: Holdfast Bay Bowls & Croquet Club (Club Holdfast), 583 Anzac Hwy, Glenelg North (Access is via Darwin Street)

Tickets available at : <https://events.humanitix.com/sa-variety-bash-car-13-along-comes-mary-fundraiser>

Music by Along Comes Mary.

There will be singing, dancing, some trivia games (quiz night-ish) and other small games.

- Come dressed in your best retro outfit!
- Drinks and platters available from the licensed bar (sorry no BYO)
- All funds raised support Variety
- Gold coin donations to play

McAuley Community School happenings

At McAuley Community School, we have a deep commitment to connected ecology.

Our goal for McAuley Community School this year is to keep progressing through the Earthcare school's certification process and to develop a whole school ecology strategy. To support us in this journey, we elected four learners as Eco Leaders. They have already been a wonderful support in driving our whole school ecological initiatives.

Our Eco leaders and Sustainability coordinator have been very busy with a wide range of recent initiatives including:

Building a Native Butterfly Garden planning with Receptions and the 3–4-year-olds at Alive Catholic Early Learning

Designing and planting a Stir-fry Garden plot with the 3/4 Neighbourhood

Setting up wicking beds on the Year 2 balcony

Designing a sensory garden for nature play

Developing a new bin system

The creation of an Adopt-a-Spot recycled plastics mural panel. The panels will all join together to make a giant mural to be displayed in Myponga to inform the public about the scourge of plastic waste in the ocean, and the good work done by the Adopt-a-Spot Scheme and its amazing volunteers. This will be a joint project between the Eco Leaders and the Arts Leaders.



From the 16-24 May, our whole school community also celebrated Laudato Si Week.

This global celebration united all people to listen and respond together to the cry of creation and to rejoice in the progress we have made locally and globally in bringing Laudato Si' to life. All our learners engaged in a Laudato Si liturgy bringing awareness to our call to care for creation. They named an action they could take away to help care for our Earth.

We also have a deep commitment to formative experiences that reflect Catholic Social Teachings and our school values

On Friday 17 June, our Mini Vinnies led a whole school Beanie and Scarf Winter Appeal. This was a huge success with many donations. The Mini-Vinnies model of 'See, Think, Do' encourages young people to connect with their faith and the values of our Catholic school through volunteering, advocacy and fundraising. We have also progressed our planning with Umes (Vinnies Youth Engagement Officer) for a Mini Vinnies Formation and Fundraising Evening at McAuley Community School for our Mini Vinnies to help change the lives of Australians experiencing homelessness. This will occur early in Term 3. Thank you, Mrs Emmy Smyk, School Chaplain, for gently guiding our leaders on their social justice journey.



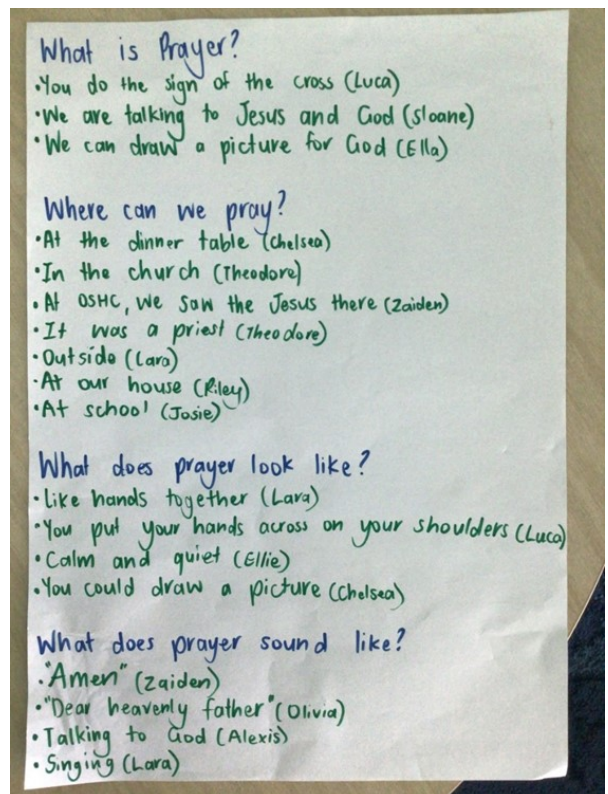
We also celebrated Reconciliation Week by welcoming Kurna elder, Uncle Tamaru, who shared wonderful stories of Indigenous culture and performed a very special smoking ceremony on Friday. Learners from McAuley and Alive Early Learning Hove, participated in a 'sea of hearts' challenge. These beautiful hearts represent our commitment to positive relationships between Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Australians and our commitment to Catholic Social Teachings.

McAuley Community School has a whole school focus on prayer

Our whole school focus on prayer continues with educators providing perception data around their experiences. Over the last month, educators and learners have engaged with the following prayer types:

- Grace before meals
- Praying outdoors
- Praying with music and songs
- Praying scripture
- Prayer with writing
- Christian Meditation
- Guided Meditation
- Building prayers

Learners have also been sharing about their experiences of prayer. Here are some of their responses:



Our reception learners have also been engaging in Godly Play. This has been a great opportunity for our youngest learners to ask lot of wondering questions about their faith and the gospel stories.

At McAuley Community School we nurture faith formation opportunities

With restrictions now lifted, our whole school community has now been able to come together to celebrate the Eucharist. On Wednesday 1 June, our school community celebrated our first **whole school mass** for the year. We celebrated our 2022 theme of 'A Place to Discover' sharing the quote from Catherine McAuley that "*We must do ordinary things extraordinarily well*". We also celebrated our school leaders through a blessing ceremony within the mass.



Neighbourhoods have also started celebrating Neighborhood liturgies and masses. This has been a wonderful opportunity to share and celebrate the learning that they have been undertaking in Religious Education, linking this to the Mass and liturgy theme and scripture.



On Friday 3 June, our Year 6 learners joined other Year 6 students from St Martin De Porres, Christ the King, St Bernadette's and Stella Maris for Day 1 of the **Journey to Emmaus** Program. This program was led by our Southern Cluster Youth Ministry Team and revolved around the theme of "Jesus Walking With Us". The theme intended to highlight the fact that our journeys are always shared, both with other people and with Jesus. Getting to know others was also an important focus of the day, emphasising that the journey towards middle school is shared with new friends. Our learners had a great time!



Our 5/6 learners celebrated the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Confirmation over the months of April, May and June. This provided wonderful faith formation opportunities for both families and learners as they engaged in family group sessions. They are currently preparing for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.



THE EXPERIENCE OF A PARISH CHAPLAIN IN FLOOD RECOVERY QUEENSLAND

Day one, answering the call from the Queensland Government and Chaplaincy Australia, having to respond in one hour, packing a bag and getting on a flight was the first challenge. Then being driven at night from Brisbane Airport, driven for nearly 3 hrs to Eumundi, next day started the commute to Gympie and back which was the base from where I travelled each day. The 5 am starts and 6 pm returns plus travel to the outer flood area of Gympie and the outer area further north, tired out the teams each day, meeting and assisting people who had lost every thing they owned. Dealing with Covid 19 and mozzies was another challenge, walking through water-soaked area was very hard on the legs. This is only a small view of the challenge and journey. This is a new chapter in Chaplaincy, that all Chaplain who in the work of recovery faced.



Dealing with Domestic violence – In between all other problems, was dealing with displaced people due to domestic violence. Police resources were stretched to the fullest. Centre's that normally accommodate these women/ children were full to its capacity. One had to reach out to other resources to combat this problem. Finding shelter for people, was a challenge in its self, as normal avenues were full to capacity. Flood victims resorted to sleeping in their motor vehicle, those who were lucky to have one. Slept in McDonald's Car Park.



Unprepared Incidents – Many a times I was asked by people I met during the out-reach process, if I had any food. Due to the lack of transport many people they couldn't attend a shop to buy food. Coupons that the Red Cross had given out wasn't much help as the people couldn't cash it for the goods they needed.

Medical Needs – There were people with mental wellness and wheel chair bound problems that weren't catered for, the shortage of medication and attaining it due to the lack of transport and available chemist shop cause a problem for those who had a need for medication. This wasn't thought of.

Heroes of the day – Many people who weren't affected by the flood came out to assist those, with equipment who made the recovery process easy. Government agency could not cope with the response to the victims needed.

We need to rethink the processes and procedures that this experience brought and tweek it better for the next emergency.

I like to Thank all the residents of Gympie and surrounding area who gave up their time and money selflessly. Well Done **all** who are working in the service of flood recovery. **I raise my hat to you.**

Chris Nell



...CONVERSATION... ...SPEAKING TO A GROUP... ..CONFIDENCE...

A group of ladies meets
twice monthly on a Monday at 11.00am
in the Activity Centre (next to St Joseph's Church)

~for~

confidence speaking in front of a group
meeting new friends

followed by a cuppa and chat!

Does this sound like something to interest you?

If so, there are two ladies from the Parish you
can contact

for further information if required, viz.,
Erica Korotcoff (Mobile 0418 831 426)

or

Maureen Carpenter (Mobile 0408 628 899)

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