



**From our Parish Priest**

A thank you note for all of us who have been actively involved with the life of the parish during this lockdown.

The parish council, office team and various groups and individuals who have been working tirelessly to keep us connected and supported throughout this pandemic. Thank you

For all our families who supported us with prayers of hope. Your prayers brought comfort and peace to many of us who need it. God Bless.

I have been encouraged and touched by all of you.

You have demonstrated the Brighton parish is about people, connection, relationship and faith. Please keep on praying, hoping and reaching out to others with love.

Peace and blessings to you all.

Fr Michael

**HELP NEEDED – MINISTERING TO THE SICK**



In our parish of Brighton we have eight Nursing Homes where we visit about 150 people either weekly or fortnightly.

As you can imagine it takes quite a few people for this to happen. We are blest in our

parish to have some parishioners who have taken this ministry on for many years.

However, as numbers in the Nursing Homes are increasing, we need more parishioners to come on board and become Ministers to the Sick.

It is a very rewarding ministry, and training will be given.

You may think that this ministry is not something that you can do, or that you will not be good at it. Let me assure you that this ministry is very life giving and most ministers will tell you that they get more out of it than the people they visit.

You would need to have a current Police check and with COVID 19 have had a flu vaccine and have proof of this.

I encourage you to discern whether this ministry is something you can give your time to and please contact Clare at the Parish office on 8296 7292 or email

[pa@brightonparish.com.au](mailto:pa@brightonparish.com.au)

God bless, Clare Thewlis

**From our Pastoral Associate**

Dear Parishioners, from our last Community newsletter, so much has changed in our families, our parish and our world.

We all have been affected by COVID 19 in one way or another. The way we attend Mass has changed and many of us have had to get out of our comfort zones. What we have taken for granted has changed.

We now watch our Mass online, our families don't see us as much, we don't socialise with our friends, don't go shopping as often, our funerals are limited in the number of people attending and they are also live streamed or we can watch a Mass or a family member's funeral at a later time.

In the parish we have been reaching out to parishioners as much as possible, and reaching out to the people in Nursing Homes by sending cards to them, ringing parishioners who are not on the mailing list and we even had a drive through on Pentecost weekend to give parishioners a flame which the children in our parish schools decorated and a candle for the church's birthday.

Fr. Michael has been recording a message for our students at Sacred Heart Senior and a message for the students at Christ the King and McAuley Community School.

We have been live streaming our Masses and generally being here for people, either if they call into the office or via phone.

Even though things are different, as a parish we are still connected. Many things are starting to resume, our baptisms even though at present only 20 people can attend. Our Masses can now have 20 people and hopefully some more restrictions will be lifted soon so, that we can have more people come to Mass.

I think this changed time has made us think more of our fellow neighbour, fellow parishioner and we have shown that in various ways. The secret is that when we go back to "normal" we don't forget all the good we have done and hopefully throughout this, we have been able to see the hand of God in it and when we get to "normal" or what may be normal, we will see the benefits of COVID 19.

Please feel free to phone or call into the office if you want to chat or email me.

God bless  
Clare Thewlis

*Our Parish Vision*

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

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Dear Parishioners

As previously mentioned, I am Christina Jonas and, in the February PPC, meeting I was nominated as chair of the PPC.

We have had two meetings this year face to face but otherwise we have been meeting online via Zoom.



The PPC have been looking at ways we can navigate these difficult times and have been thinking creatively in what might be possible to best support you as our Brighton Parish community.



We have established working groups of the PPC and some of the initiatives are:

Establishing the library, evaluating and exploring possibilities for the website and bulletin with clear communication as a focus. Another group has a focus on children, in developing school, Parish partnerships.

Also considerations and action in our COVID responses to ensure during these times we are still connected and continue to build community.

Some other initiatives:

Online Easter ceremonies, cards delivered to schools and nursing homes, online video messages for students and parents, phone calls to parishioners particularly those who may be alone or isolated. Drive through Pentecost with PPC members distributing a tea light and gift from school students of Christ the King and McAuley community schools.

*You are in our Thoughts,  
Prayers and Care*



*From the Brighton Catholic Parish*

I would like to acknowledge the parish team and Father Michael with his leadership, who all have adjusted and made big changes during these times to ensure you are supported in as many ways as possible.

Last week was Pentecost Sunday when we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he told his followers not to be sad, to wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit would help them to grow in their understanding of all that Jesus had taught them. The Spirit would bring them unity, love and wisdom. This must have helped to put their minds at ease.

In the PPC's attempt to reassure and put your minds at ease that in love and unity the Brighton Parish community is in God's hands and very much keeping the Spirit alive. In conjunction with this special celebration we had our own drive through Pentecost event, see some of the photos below capturing this event.

How will you keep the Spirit alive?

Best wishes and blessings  
Christina Jonas



## BRIGHTON CATHOLIC PARISH PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME RENEWAL 2020

Our Parish Vision Statement says we are *'To be a people of God working together to build a caring, faith filled community.'* We at Brighton are doing this in a variety of ways, with our pastoral care in the areas of sacramental programmes, weddings, funerals, baptisms, Holy Communion to the sick, housebound and infirmed. Some of our parish groups include the Pastoral Council, Bereavement Team, Antioch, Men's Shed, Society of St Vincent de Paul Conference, Vinnies Knitting & Sewing Group, our new Parish Library, all of which are based and work from within the parish. We reach out in visits to care facilities and hospitals, our recent streaming of Masses and services, the expansion of our e-mail network and many other ways.

Thank you to all who contribute in any way to the life of the Brighton Parish Community, we would not be able to offer the many and varied services to the community without you. Thank you, also to the many people who have done so much in the past to build the community we have today with a special thanks to our current planned givers. Now it is time to consider your generosity of your time, talent and giving to keep the parish alive and moving forward.

Each year the Parish Finance Council prepare a budget for Parish income and expenditure. The basic expenditure covered includes: the necessary items to conduct Mass, electricity, water, maintenance, parish activities, insurances and if there are funds available to make improvements and upgrade facilities.

The parish also employs staff, engages people and purchases resources to develop and enrich parish life.

The Parish's income comes from the ongoing generosity of parishioners, interest, bequests and a small amount from other sources. The best way you can assist the parish to maintain its current financial commitments is through your meaningful financial pledge to the Giving Programme. Your pledge supports the parish to maintain the facilities and to provide spiritual and pastoral services for the benefit of all parishioners.

The recent Covid pandemic crisis has affected us all in a number and variety of ways. We understand some people may have or are currently experiencing financial difficulties but ask you to consider your giving and consideration to changing to direct debit.

**\*\*** If you are unable to continue giving or having trouble in keeping up, please contact the parish office to make alternative arrangements.

It is important that the Finance Council has a basis on which to work - that is planned giving. It is now time to review your giving and to all those who are not a part of our envelope giving we extend an invitation to join parishioners who are already giving by sharing through giving envelopes or electronic contributions: Direct Debit or Credit Card.

New envelopes will be distributed in early July and we ask that you consider your options with Giving to your Parish. If you would like to give to the parish on a regular basis please consider the Credit Card and Direct Debit options, for further information on these options please contact the Parish Office or send an email [bm@brightonparish.com.au](mailto:bm@brightonparish.com.au) and we will forward forms for you.

*With thanks, Finance Council*

### Giving to your Parish

Name : ..... Present Envelope No: .....

Address: .....

Email: .....

My pledge will be \$ ..... (I wish to continue with current giving yes/no)

per week **OR** ( ) fortnight ( ) month ( ) quarter ( ) half/year ( ) yearly

( ) please send me offering envelopes **OR**

( ) to contribute by direct debit please tick box an authorisation form will be sent to you **OR**

( ) Please debit my (please tick) ( ) Mastercard ( ) Visa each month with the

sum of \$.....

Card No:    expiry date:.....

I understand that this authority may be cancelled in writing at my option.

Signature ..... Date .....

## **FR SEÁN FRANCIS McGEARTY**

### Funeral Mass & Burial

On Wednesday, the 22nd January 2020, Fr Seán's Funeral Mass was celebrated in his home village Church of St. Columbanus' at 12 noon in Ballivor, Co Meath, Ireland, followed by the Burial, after Mass, in the Church grounds.

The Main Celebrant was Fr Seamus Houlihan PP Kilcormac, Co Offaly and long time friend of Fr Sean, Fr Joe Gallagher VG and PP Tullamore, Co Offaly and Fr Kevin Taylor JCL Adelaide. There were 35 concelebrants, including Mons Michael Ryan, from St Kierans College, Seminary Kilkenny, Co Kilkenny, where Fr Sean studied, followed by Fr Seamus many years later. At the conclusion of Mass Fr. Sean was laid to rest in the grounds of the Parish Church. Bishop Thomas Deenihan, Bishop of Meath, presided over the rite of committal. Fr. Kevin Taylor led a decade of the rosary and all the clergy and those present sang the Salve Regina. Fr. Mark Mohan PP Ballivor was Master of Ceremonies for the Mass and Burial.



1st Photo from left to right:

Michael McGearty (nephew of Fr. Sean), Fr. Mark Mohan PP of Ballivor, Bishop Thomas Deenihan DD Bishop of Meath, Fr. Kevin Taylor JCL Adelaide, Fr. Joe Gallagher VG, PP Tullamore, Kieran Ward (nephew of Fr. Sean) and Phil O'Reilly (snr) Funeral Director.



2nd Photo from left to right during the recessional hymn:  
Fr Kevin Taylor, Fr Seamus Houlihan, Fr Joe Gallagher and the new Bishop of Meath, Bishop Tom Deenihan.

## **Finance Council Report**

The council held a meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> June, its first formal meeting since February. Welcomed to the meeting were Christina Jonas, Chair of the Parish Pastoral Council and Peter Whelan as a new member of the Finance Council. Sadly Leon Welsby's letter of resignation was received. Leon has been on the council for some time and facilitated the preparation of the Columbarium Agreement as well as working on strategic planning.

The state of finances in the parish was an important topic. A review of the income to date shows a drop off in income via Planned Giving but we are still in a manageable state. Some parishioners have moved from envelopes to direct giving. The parish office has been accepting envelopes and cheques. Because we've had no public Masses, there has been a drastic drop in 1st collection and loose coin giving.

Maintenance and repairs to the Church and other buildings and grounds were discussed as well as the relocation of the Men's Shed Project.

Whilst the upstairs rooms are being well used and appreciated there has been a fair bit of time and expense involved in refitting and servicing the area. The NBN arrival hasn't been smooth either. The business climate caution has meant we haven't been able to lease out the ground floor.

Overall we've done fairly well and are very fortunate to have on staff Fr. Michael, Jenny McCabe, Clare Thewlis and Pat McKenna [and family members!] who have looked after affairs extremely well in the last few months.

John Sullivan, Finance Council.

### **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.





### VINNIES In the time of the Pandemic

Throughout the past few months there has been no let-up in the number of people seeking assistance from Vinnies.

Thank you to all parishioners who donated food to the Lenten Appeal.

These items helped to re-stock our store cupboards for the winter.

We were advised by State Office of special guidelines for the pandemic and could no longer visit people in their homes. However, we were still able to interview them by phone and do a contactless food drop-off at the front door for which the recipients were most grateful.

In the past couple of weeks we were also advised of a special Emergency Relief Fund being provided by the Federal government to help families struggling with utility and other bills at this difficult time. Consequently our Conference members have been doing phone interviews to assist in the local distribution of this funding and to ensure it is directed where it is most needed.

We are finally going to be able to hold a meeting on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June and look forward to welcoming two new members to our group.

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### VINNIES KNITTING & SEWING GROUP

The ladies from the Knitting and Sewing Group were very busy during the break due to COVID 19.

- 30 pairs of pyjamas
- 24 pairs of long pants

24 knitted children's jumpers and cardigans

Many knitted scarves, beanies, baby jackets & Booties, knitted shawls and some quite imaginative Bunny Rugs.

I think one or two sewing rooms got a good work over.



### Meditation Group

Meditation will recommence on *Tuesday 30th June* at 11am in the McAuley Room

### Parish Library



Over the past 2 months, a small group of enthusiastic, dedicated ladies have transformed the St Teresa's school library into a welcoming Parish Library Centre.

We have gratefully received donations of a large variety of books, adult and childrens', games, DVD's and a few posters.

The fiction books have been grouped into the following categories,

General Fiction, Romance, Classics, Mystery/Thriller, Australian Authors and Scifi/Fantasy.

Non fiction books are sorted into subject groups, eg. Cooking, Wellbeing, Biographies, Religion/Spirituality.

All books have been stamped Brighton Parish Library so borrowing books will be on an honour system.

Donations of books, games, posters are still welcomed.

In line with COVID restrictions, a maximum of 20 people are allowed in the library at one time and all are required to sign in and out.

Initially we plan to open on Tuesday and Friday mornings from 9.15am to 12pm. The parish car park will be opened and entrance to the library is via doors by the playground. A member of our group will always be in attendance to welcome you and offer tea or coffee as you browse our shelves.

An opening date will be discussed at the Parish Pastoral Council meeting on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June and we will publicize this through the Parish Bulletin and by word of mouth.

We look forward to welcoming members of our community and invite you to offer suggestions of ways in which we can develop the library into a vibrant and welcoming community hub. We would also welcome offers from anyone who would like to join our small group to assist during opening times.

Cheers

Parish Library group



## Knights of the Southern Cross Knights zooming along



With the embargo on live gatherings due to COVID-19, the May and June 2020 meetings of the Brighton/ Glenelg/ Hallett Cove/ Marion Branch of the Knights of the Southern Cross were held on Zoom.

About a dozen members logged on keeping 'attendance' more or less on par with normal live meetings. Branch President Pat Hodgson initiated these sessions and very ably kept proceedings moving along through all items on the agenda.

As is usual for new members, Austin Nevis, who joined KSC earlier in the year, was invited to introduce himself to the meeting and he did this in good style. Austin was born in India but went to school and University in Sri Lanka. After a short stint of work in Mumbai in India, he spent the next 20 or so years working in the Middle East, mostly in Dubai, in a series of managerial positions. He migrated to Australia in the 1970s and has been a member of the Brighton Parish since that time. He made the point, however, that he has only been an 'active' member of the parish since he was introduced to the Men's Shed. He couldn't speak highly enough of the welcome he received and the wonderful fellowship and outreach maintained by members of the Shed. He was convinced every parish should have a Men's Shed.

Members felt that meeting through Zoom was an excellent innovation.

Going back to the March 2020 Branch meeting held in the McAuley Room of the Brighton Parish Activity Centre, it was the last live meeting before the virus shut - down and, fortuitously, was an open meeting attended by about 40 people. The drawcard, of course, was the Guest Speaker, Brighton Parish Priest, Fr Michael Kyumu. The McAuley Room was a bit crowded, but it suited Fr Michael's conversational style. And Father didn't disappoint.

His talk was about his Kenyan antecedents and his journey towards the priesthood. Interestingly, he pointed out that Kenya was not populated by just one homogenous people but is an amalgamation of six separate tribal nations with their own distinct languages and cultures, dominated by an essentially patriarchal society with clear demarcation of male and female roles. For example, the kitchen was the exclusive domain of women. The first time Father entered a kitchen was when he was appointed Parish Priest in Blackwood! Overall, the main ethos of his homeland was the sublimation of individual interests to those of the family and the wider community. Today, due to the British colonial era, English is the official national language but Swahili remains the common lingua franca, and Christianity has become the majority religion. Father gave much credit to the Christian missionaries who enhanced education and improved health and hospital care in Kenya.

The meeting ended with a very active question time followed by a vote of thanks by Tony Schar.



Austin Nevis with Graham Workman & Pat Hodgson

*Congratulations!*



### **Congratulations to Bob Korotcoff**

It was a great day on the Queens Birthday Week-end Monday for Bob Korotcoff to learn that he had been awarded a OAM (Order of Australia Medal) In the General Division, for Service to the Community. His 58 years of Membership in 4 different Lions Clubs in North Queensland and South Australia has given Bob a platform for assisting "Those who are less Fortunate than him"

Alongside of his Lions' Commitments and Involvement, Bob has found time to belong to many other Groups – many as the Treasurer. Brighton Senior Citizens – South Western Schools Ministry Group – Abbeyfield House & Flinders National Servicemen's Assn. Angel Flight Australia is a favored Organisation of Bob's where he has made over 300 Promotional Presentations and he has served 6 years with the Brighton St Vincent de Paul Conference including 3 years as President.

Behind every successful man, there must be a good woman and so, in Bob's case, Erica has always been there supporting him in all that he has done. Together, Erica and Bob have volunteered for almost 10 years with the Port Adelaide Outer Harbor Cruise Ship Meet & Greet Programme – that is, when they are not cruising themselves.

Bob & Erica say that they have not finished yet for there is still much to be done!



**McAuley Community School**

A Catholic school  
in the Mercy tradition

## McAuley Community School News

Since our last Parish Newsletter went to print, McAuley Community School has experienced God's blessings in a variety of ways. During these most difficult and uncertain times, our school has been a place full of smiles and friendly faces

reaching out with love and concern for each other, the wider community and indeed the world. Through their prayers and actions, our young learners have displayed hope and joy, resilience and courage and above all a real sense of what it has meant to echo 'We're All in This Together'.

Learners throughout the 3/4 Neighbourhood showed their concern and compassion for our local community and frontline supermarket workers with messages and cards of love and gratitude.

A group of volunteers within the 5/6 Neighbourhood have formed our inaugural Mini Vinnies team dedicated to serve and fundraise within our local parish and the wider community. Their first fundraiser is our Winter Warmers Showdown Drive to be held on the eve of the Showdown inviting all families to donate either a beanie, scarf, socks or gloves which will be distributed to our street friends through Fred's Van.

Another highlight has been our invitation to welcome Archbishop O'Regan to Adelaide in a short video clip which was shown before his installation. A group of our older learners accompanied by the Principal, Mrs

Amanda Parslow, welcomed him to Adelaide in a number of different languages with huge smiles and welcome waves.



During Archbishop Regan's Installation Mass, we were very honoured and excited to have Angelina Schinella, a Year 3 learner, meet and welcome him to Adelaide as the sole representative of all primary school students in the Adelaide Diocese.



We look forward, with great anticipation, to hopefully welcoming him to our school community later in the year at the official opening of the school.

With so many blessings and so much to be grateful for, McAuley Community School looks forward to more exciting times ahead and cannot wait until we're all back together again as a Parish community.

*Hearts in the Plaza we did one sunny afternoon late in term one*



## Easter Celebrations & live streaming set up



Family Candles that were lit during our Easter Services—you were included in our prayers

### **Plenary Council Discernment Papers**

As you would be aware due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Plenary Council Assembly in Adelaide has been **postponed until October 2021**, with exact dates to be finalised.

On Pentecost Sunday, the Discernment papers from the Writing and Discernment Groups, taking into account everything said from the 1<sup>st</sup> (Listening and Dialogue) and ongoing 2<sup>nd</sup> (Listening and discernment) phases of the Plenary Council were released. They can be found at:

<https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/continuing-the-journey-of-discernment/>

### **Readiness Plan**

On the following 2 pages there is a Readiness Plan which you can fill in (if you do not already have one)

This will help if you become ill or need to go to the hospital, a plan to give to those helping you with all the details needed.

Hope you find this useful. Pat

### **2020 a year of reinvention for Tutti Arts**

So much has happened in the world, and for Tutti Arts, since we introduced ourselves last year. In the midst of the Coronavirus pandemic, we managed to move into the former St Teresa's classroom block and performing arts centre which are all looking very smart thanks to new flooring and a fresh coat of paint.

In late March we made the decision to temporarily suspend our face-to-face programs and channelled all our energy into creating online programs. These commenced in mid-April and have been a wonderful success with many artists and families telling us how much it has meant to them to be able to re-connect with their friends and peers.

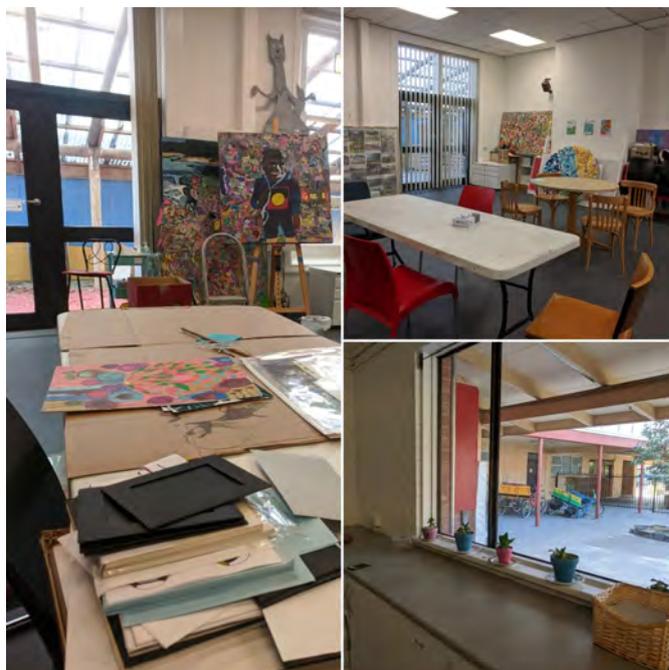
The unusual circumstances have also prompted some exciting developments. On 27 April we launched Radio Tutti, our very own web-based radio station, which features music chosen or created by Tutti artists as well as interviews and other fun programs. You can listen from the Tutti website: [www.tutti.org.au](http://www.tutti.org.au) Sometimes out of adversity comes ingenuity, and Tutti is definitely one of those little places on earth where invention and optimism abound!

We have enjoyed showing the Parish staff members around, and are now eagerly looking forward to gradually re-opening our face-to-face programs in June. Hopefully we'll soon be able to welcome you as visitors to Tutti. It would be great to have your ideas about the kind of creative after-hours programs you might enjoy!

We sincerely hope you are staying well in these trying times, and I look forward to meeting you in person in the not too distant future.

**Pat Rix**

CEO and Artistic Director – Tutti Arts



# My Readiness Plan

This form is designed to assist you to prepare yourself if you become unwell or require a hospital stay.

Date of plan: .....

## My Details:

Name: .....

I like to be known as: .....

Date of Birth: .....

Address: .....

.....Post code: .....

Phone: .....Mobile Ph: .....

Email: .....

## In an emergency please contact:

Emergency Contact Person 1: .....

Relationship: .....

Contact Numbers: .....

Emergency Contact Person 2: .....

Relationship: .....

Contact Numbers: .....

## Advanced Care Directive:

Do you have an Advanced Care Directive?  Yes  No

A copy is located .....

## GP Details:

Doctor: .....

Clinic: .....

Address: .....

Phone No: .....

## Hospital Bag:

Do you have a hospital bag ready to go?

Yes - it can be found:

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No ( consider packing a bag which includes snacks, pyjamas, toothbrush/toothpaste, list of your current medications etc)

**Medical Conditions:**

Do you have any known allergies?

No

Yes , please list

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Have you been diagnosed with any medical conditions?

No

Yes , please list

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I need to take the following medication(s)

Name	Dose	Frequency

I currently receive the following treatments/therapies:

Name	Dose	Frequency

**Extra Information**

You will also need to know: (ie Pet care instructions etc)

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