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Community Newsletter

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Holy Spirit and our parish

The Easter season is always a time of renewal, strengthening and deepening our relationship with God. In our parish, many events and activities took place during this Sacred Season. Hopefully, connections and relationships were sustained and refreshed within our families and community. My prayer is that we all experience the divine love in a new way. John 3:16-18

Pentecost:

This Solemnity completes the Easter Season, with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the apostles, who are the pillars of the church. Also with this Feast we celebrate the birth of the body of Christ. Now equipped with the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit we are encouraged to continue sharing our gifts and talents in witnessing the Risen Lord in our secular world.

Mission:

The church fathers will remind us over and over again that... the church has no mission but rather, the church is the mission. We are the mission! Matthew 16:18-20. What is our mission as a parish and as an individual believer? With the daily blessing of the Lord, how can I make Christ present in my life and family? Recommendations have been made on how to be the mission: prayers, scriptures and sacraments will help keep us focussed on the Lord and his church.



Future:

Pastoral: Our Parish Pastoral council is committed to ensure that all are involved with the life of our community. The parish offer multiple ministries for all to participate and connect. For more information visit/ call the parish office. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide us.

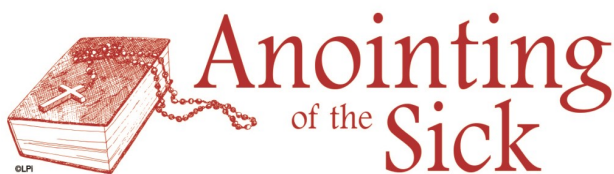
Finance Committee: This leadership group is continually consulting and deliberating our financial position so as to make sure our parish is financially sustainable for the future. They look at our resources and properties to maximise a healthy and practical approach for such, in serving the needs of our parish. We are grateful for their work.

Together let us serve each other with our gifts and talents in making our parish a Joyous Worshipping Community, where life and healing is experienced. The Holy Spirit is our powerful gift and force who leads us all to the presence of God, the Father, through the Son, Our Lord and Saviour.

Come Holy Spirit, and renew the face of the Earth.

Shalom

Fr Michael



You are invited to join us for *Anointing of the Sick* during Mass of the 1st Saturday of every month, or the first Friday of each month at the 9.30am Mass at Hallett Cove (which will include Exposition from 9.15am.) All welcome to attend.

Our Parish Vision

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

From our Pastoral Associate

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

Lamentations 3:22-23

Once again it is the time of the year that we take a moment to look back at all the many wonderful things that has happened in our lives, in the life of our parish community. As for me, I always consider it a blessing to be part of this beautiful parish and have come to see the hand of God at work amongst the people through the highs and lows.

We have stepped into the Ordinary Time of the liturgical year after a busy period of Lent and Easter.

During each week of Lent, we focused on various themes to help our journey of fasting, almsgiving and prayer. There were two Lenten Groups conducted by Fr. Michael and Fr. Peter that parishioners participated in to strengthen their prayer life and many resources were offered to all parishioners who could not attend the reflection sessions. A highlight of the season was the overnight Adoration that attracted a lot of parishioners, and this was a big success given that it was a first-time experience in the parish. As always, we witnessed to the generosity of the parishioners through their donations to the Vinnies Lenten Appeal.

We had a really good attendance over the Easter Triduum, and it was a great success. There were many volunteers who helped in various ways and particularly the number of volunteers who helped in decorating the church this year was greater than the last year and I am truly thankful for all their

contribution. There also were a few young families who took an active part in the services, and this is a clear indication that the parish is growing.



Pentecost marked the end of Easter, and we welcomed the teachers, students and families of Christ the King school and McAuley Community school during the 10am Mass. We also listened

to the 2nd reading read in a different language during the Saturday Vigil Mass and Sunday 8.30am Mass and were open to the move of the Holy Spirit to be a more inclusive and welcoming community. As always, there were areas that could be improved to better accommodate to the need of the congregation but overall, the period of Easter was joy filled and reviving



We journeyed with 18 candidates who prepared in small groups to receive their sacrament of Confirmation and they will be receiving Confirmation on Thursday, 1st June. The same group will then go through their preparation to receive the First Holy Communion in August.

We are seeing a growing number of young families bringing in their children to be baptised and on top of our usual baptism weekends (2nd and 4th Sunday of every month), we have been accommodating to this demand on 1st and 3rd Sundays too. There had also been a number of primary school aged children who were received into the church through the waters of baptism. I am truly grateful to Emmy, Sarah and Samantha who is part of the baptism team for their commitment and support.

This year we said our farewells to Mary Hyland, Margaret Senyszyn and Emmy Smyk for their precious contribution over many years in the Parish Pastoral Council. Mary, Margaret and Emmy will



still take an active role in the many other ministries that they are part of and will always be valued members of our parish community. We were also blessed to welcome six new members to the PPC this year and look forward to a fruitful year ahead.

Looking at the life of the parish, there are many good things to be thankful for and even when situations seem rather ordinary and slow moving, I know and believe, God is at work. With a grateful heart, I take this a moment to thank God for the many blessings showered upon us as a parish community and entrust our future into God's hands so that whatever comes, it will be for the glory of God.

God bless you!

Nirmanthi Rupasinghe

An update from the Parish administration:

It's been a year since I am at the service of this Grateful & Generous Parish. A year with a lot of challenges but with a lot of blessings. I learned a lot and I am still learning about the details and all the tasks required to look after the office, the Church the Columbarium, and all the Parish Properties.

It has been a busy year where the general business covered a range of items:

Information and technologies (IT) measures were put in place to protect the Parish and the information (Mail assure, filtering secure passwords, multi-factor authentication, online backup, and end-point security management).

The Parish has now an EFTPOS machine at the front desk for all types of payments.

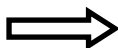


A tap & go machine is ready to be installed in the Church, which is only waiting for the works in the Church's doors to finalize (the jobs were delayed waiting for supplies to replace the 14 existing top sliding bolts)

The old amplifier in the Church was over 15 years old and has been replaced; however, there are still other items to be replaced which will improve the sound system quality and will prevent any inconvenience. I would like to thank you for your patience.

Over this year along with the group of volunteers that are part of the maintenance team, we were able to identify many areas that require maintenance and I put myself on the task to obtain several quotes to be able to put them in the budget and that is why now I am glad to inform that the Parish has created a sub-account in the bank named Capital Asset destined to have an emergency fund available for large repairs and a new item was incorporated in the budget for Large Repairs > \$20,000.

About the items listed as Parish needs that were presented in the Church in May, I am glad to inform you that thanks to some parishioners that put in their work, the kitchen was painted and has a new hot water system, the moldy cupboards were replaced and fixed to have room and installations ready for a new dishwasher.



We are expecting to book the works for the front garden irrigation which will be possible thanks to the parishioner that offered to donate the funds. The Church door repairs will happen as soon as the contractor receives the supplies to proceed with the job, and all the other items listed will be happening before the year ends.

The envelopes for the new planned giving programme and receipts are to be distributed at the end of June.

It has been a busy year and I am happy to be part of it with the support of kind and gentle people.

Andrea Machicado
Business Manager

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ANZAC Day photos



FINANCE COUNCIL REPORT

With the year nearly half over, the Council has had 2 official meetings, along with many informal meetings and sub-committee work.

At the February meeting, we welcomed a new member in Bill Spurling, our former Auditor. He joins me, John Sullivan (Chairman), Michael McCarthy (now officially Deputy Chair), Cami McGowan, Peter Whelan, and Robert Taylor. Fr Michael Kyumu, as Parish Priest, is the President. Andrea Machicado, our Parish Business Manager, attends all meetings and is invaluable in preparing the minutes.

One item that involved a lot of work and meetings, was the preparation for and delivery of the Planned Giving Renewal sessions, conducted at Masses on 5/6th May. Following this there were 2 new pledges made, 2 pledges being re-activated, and one pledge increase.

Some of the overheads used during the presentation were hard to read, so you can find them on the website and the pamphlets printed out and located in the Foyer.

Parishioners were invited to sponsor some of the projects highlighted. We are grateful for one person who offered to pay for the irrigation system in the front church garden and another parishioner who will assist with works in the Activity Centre kitchen.

The other on-going item at our meetings is that of property, land, and investments. The decision was made last year to purchase another house for Fr Michael.

Other plans to deal with land and property are still being formulated.

General business covered a range of items: evaluation to replace the phone system in the office; new laptops; general repairs and a maintenance program for buildings. There is a lot happening behind the scenes.

The Parish Audit from last year was satisfactorily completed at the end of March, meaning that funds were managed transparently and efficiently.

Thanks to those who continue to support the parish in so many ways and those who have newly come onto the giving program.

John Sullivan,
Chairman, Parish Finance Council



THE KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS (SA) INC.

Brighton – Marion – Hallett Cove – Glenelg Branch

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Men's Fellowship

Fellowship meetings at the Shed continue regularly from 10.30am to 2pm every Tuesday and Friday. From the attached pictures one can see how congenial, if not almost 'posh', things are! So come

along and enjoy a BBQ or a pie and pastie lunch, and some friendly company. If you are into footy there's an active tipping school going with abundant commentary and analysis. One can also sample the veggie garden or even grow your own favourite herbs and plants, with ready help at hand.



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Congratulations to first time great grandparents. John & Christine Clegg.



A new beginning: Welcoming the Adelaide Mercy Associates Group

Imagine... a beautiful, sunny day on which around thirty Sisters of Mercy and friends, staff members and learners from McAuley Community School have gathered in the school chapel at Hove (a beachside suburb of Adelaide), the branches of a giant gum tree sway gently outside the large window and a group of Year 4, 5 and 6 learners are skilfully directing guests to where they ought to be.

The occasion was the Commitment Ceremony for Mercy Associates Emmy Smyk and Jenny O'Brien. Both parishioners of the Brighton Parish, Emmy and Jenny will join Mandy Bosson who became an Associate in 2020. Jenny has been a Mercy Associate since the early 1990s, but has now reaffirmed her commitment with the ISMAPNG configuration of



the Mercy congregation. As both women pronounced their words of promise there was a strong sense of the presence of God the source of all mercy, and of warmth and welcome from the Mercies gathered. This was echoed in the words of Sr Nola Morrissey who accepted the commitments and presented Emmy and Jenny with their Mercy Associate badges and certificates. It was a time of great joy for all those gathered and came to a close with a shared afternoon tea. Just what Catherine McAuley would have done!

Thanks go to School Principal, Amanda Parslow, for generously allowing us to use the McAuley Chapel and to Emmy who was not only making her commitment as a Mercy Associate but also organised the venue, the learners and the afternoon tea.

May the Mercy Associates of Adelaide thrive and grow and be the face of God's gracious mercy wherever they are.

Jenny O'Brien, Founding member of the Adelaide Mercy Associates Group

A letter of appreciation to the school from Claudette Cusack rsm:

I am writing to say how impressed I was with our visit to your school today. I was most impressed with the delightful children who greeted us on arrival and served us at the luncheon.

Thank you so much for your kind hospitality and for hosting the ceremony for the Mercy Associates.

Catherine McAuley would be proud to have her name connected to your school.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Claudette Cusack (Sr)

Emmy Smyk reading her Statement of Commitment as a Mercy Associate, with Nola Morrissey rsm (Community South A Leader at the time of the ceremony)



Nola Morrissey rsm congratulates Jenny O'Brien, after Jenny read her Statement of Renewal of Commitment



Reflection by Anne Pate, Mercy Associates Network Facilitator (VIC and SA)

One of the great joys of my role as a Mercy Associates Network Facilitator is to support the emergence of new Mercy Associates groups, as ordinary people experience the call to live and share the mercy of God and to journey with each other and the Mercy Sisters. The three members of the new Adelaide Mercy Associates group found one another through their existing connections in the parish and with the sisters. For just over a year, I met with them online to explore the story of Catherine McAuley and the sisters together, and to provide a space for each one to discern whether to make a commitment, or renewal of commitment, as a Mercy Associate. To finally meet in person at the Commitment Ceremony which Jenny so beautifully describes, was a wonderful blessing. The support of the local sisters, and the strong bonds of companionship and love between them and Jenny, Emmy and Mandy, were made clear by the presence of so many sisters at the ceremony.

As the Adelaide Mercy Associates group begins to meet and find its own path of mercy, we trust and pray that God's hand will continue to lead them, and that others will be drawn to join them in this new community. Emmy's role as chaplain McAuley Community School, and the holding of the ceremony there, nurture our hope that some in the school community will experience a call to become Mercy Associates in the future.

Staff News



At the end of January we farewelled Sue Wigg who was working on Mondays and Tuesdays as Parish Secretary. We celebrated a lovely morning tea in the library and gave her a few plants to start on her horticultural journey. We wish her all the very best in her new endeavours.

Annemarie Pugsley joined us in February working on Mondays and Tuesdays. She has fitted in so well, she will now be in the office on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and Pat will be here on Thursdays and Fridays.

Birthdays

Happy Birthday to all who have celebrated Birthdays in the last few months including many of our staff.



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.

Marian procession



Morning Teas

On the Third Sunday of each month after the 8.30am and 10am Masses. Held in the McAuley Room, all are welcome to attend. Bring a plate to share for morning tea.



Hall of Honour Induction.

On 22nd February, my husband Frank and I were invited to attend the Sacred Heart College Laureate Assembly in the Brother Joseph McAteer Centre, along with all students of the college, and the class of 2022 Year 12's. Many students received merit awards for their achievements in their final year at school, and Samuel Becket, dux of the school for 2022, confidently addressed the assembly. We were there to see the presentation of Hall of Honour to our daughter Robyn Verrall (Bullen). Robyn was in one of the first classes when SHC became co-ed. She is the 28th Inductee and only the third girl to receive this honour. Also in the audience were Robyn's husband Chris, her sister Terina, daughter Amy (also a SHC old scholar) and Amy's daughters Zoe 3, and Isla 8 weeks old. Robyn's twin, Jacqui, travelled from Melbourne to be part of the celebration.

Robyn studied nursing after leaving school, then had a 20-year career in medical equipment sales. In 2002 at a school reunion, she re connected with Christopher Bullen, a farmer from Keith, who had been a Boarder in her class, and they married in 2007. She quickly adapted to life in the country, a property of 5200 acres producing beef cattle and dorper lambs, and formed the Bully's Beef company with Chris, selling direct to loyal customers. She successfully campaigned heavily with the locals to save the Keith Hospital, and was awarded the Advantage SA Regional Award.

Three years ago, Robyn became aware of the plight of many Central Australian Aboriginal communities paying exorbitant prices for food. She was able to follow her passion for providing food security, and with aboriginal lady Jessica Whishart as CEO, she created an Aboriginal owned food distribution company based in Alice Springs called 'Kere to Country' (Carry to Country), meaning food from animals. This involves providing mentoring and logistic support to the group, to transport Bully's Meats and other local products from Adelaide to Alice Springs on a weekly basis. With affordable interest free payment plans available to customers, the organisation has consistently fed over 300 families of the past 3 years. The model is sustainable, there is generosity, but there are no handouts. Everyone gets paid from processors to transport.

For this work, Robyn was awarded the 2022 South Australian Rural Woman of the Year, with a \$15,000 Westpac grant towards the purchase a

refrigerated mobile cool room which provides safe transport of meat locally to families.

She is a Fellow of the Governors Leadership Foundation, SA Woman Member of the Year, and sponsors a Year 10 girl border annually from SHC to do the Youth Leadership Course through the Leaders Institute.



In 2022 she was the SA Life Best Community Individual Finalist and won The Seven Effect

Business Winner Contribution award, for using her business to benefit others, i.e. Food Security.

She is a Board Member of SA Leaders for Gender Equity in Agriculture, and has recently been appointed Chair of the Industries Skills Council for Agriculture, Food/Beverage, by the state Education Minister with approval from the Governor of South Australia.

Robyn was recently named one of 'Four Women of Influence' in Adelaide, who were guest speakers at a fundraising lunch for Foodbank.

Her passion and project in life is to continue to get affordable food into homes and on communities in SA and NT.



Congratulations Robyn!

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Happy 90th Birthday Aileen Aujard!



Celebrating Aileen's 90th Birthday at Fr Peter's Scripture group, who meet faithfully every Thursday morning to learn about an indepth study of our faith. The study is so inspirational, knowledgeable and inspiring as well as educational. All are welcome to join us.



*Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Royal Australian Corps of Transport
in South Australia*

The Army Transport Open Day at Keswick Barracks, Adelaide

Saturday – 17 June 2023, 11.00 AM – 2.00 PM

FREE ENTRY!!!

- ❖ *See and touch some amazing vintage Military Transport vehicles, used from World War II and onwards, along with some of the current transport fleet, all on display at Keswick Barracks Parade Ground.*
- ❖ *See South Australia's military history on display at the Army Museum of South Australia.*
- ❖ *Hear the Band of 10/27th Battalion, the Royal South Australia Regiment in concert from 12.00 PM.*
- ❖ *Visit Keswick Cafe – Open for hot coffee, drinks and snacks.*

Bookings are essential @ Eventbrite (<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/army-transport-open-day-at-keswick-barracks-tickets-636969381567>)

- ❖ *Access is via Gate 4 Anzac Highway. Limited parking available within the barracks.*
- ❖ *Public Transport is readily available using Bus, Train or Tram*
 - *Bus – Any bus up or down Anzac Highway and get off at Bus Stop 2 (Keswick)*
 - *Train – get off at Adelaide Showgrounds Station*
 - *Tram – get off at Stops 3, 4 or 5 and walk to the barracks.*

