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Community Newsletter

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From our Pastoral Associate

Dear Parishioners,

What a vibrant and active parish we have even with COVID. We continue to be active in our Parish and engage with as many parishioners as possible. Since our last Community Newsletter, we have had our Catechumen Shauna Thomas was initiated into our faith. Fr. Peter baptised, confirmed, and gave her Holy Communion on the 2nd August.



Last Sunday Shauna attended the Mass for the new Catholics at the Cathedral and had her photo taken with Archbishop Patrick O'Regan. What a special time for Shauna.



Peg and Graham Spurling celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary and most of the Spurling family attended Mass. Fr. Michael called them to come to the front for a blessing which was a surprise for Peg and Graham. It was a wonderful blessing and both Peg and Graham looked so happy.



On Tuesday of this week, our children who have been preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation made their Reconciliation and a few weeks ago they were presented to the community. It is wonderful to see their young people and their parents at our Masses. Next year they will commence preparation for the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. We are blest that we are able to have 180 people attend our Masses and do not have to book in to come to Mass. However, it is still very important that we social distance and sign in, so that if an outbreak were to occur it can be traced. A thank you for all our parishioners for doing the right thing and helping us adhere to Government regulations.



Thank you to our COVID Marshals, who help at each Mass. Your help is very much appreciated. Many hands make light work.

Next week being the end of the Season of Creation, we will have seeds for parishioners to take home and plant. We will have coffee/tea after the 10 am Mass outside the Activity Centre. Please join us for the blessing of the trees and community gathering, still maintaining social distancing.

We are hopeful that we can re commence our monthly morning teas after Masses on Sunday and the 18th October will be our first one.

Christmas is not so far away, and we have had a conversation with Sacred Heart regarding the Vigil Mass at Sacred Heart College. This year this Mass will be a little different to what we have had in the past and numbers will be very much restricted. We will have a booking system and people will need to book their tickets. We will inform parishioners as soon as we have the booking up and running. We will also have another Mass on Christmas morning. Our Masses for Christmas morning will be 8.30am and 10am like a normal Sunday. This is so we can accommodate as many people as possible. We will still have our vigil Mass at 10.00pm.

Let us continue to be safe.

God bless

Our Parish Vision

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

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The last few months the PPC in consultation with various parish groups has been developing strategic plans for the Brighton Parish, visioning plans for the next 4-to 5 years. To date we have had a period of active listening and dialogue. Now we are gathering all the information including historical information, relevant to informing our next steps. We have been drawing on the hard work of all those who have been involved over the last 5 years on the PPC, finance and feedback from parishioners etc with data already gathered, building on the thinking and ideas already collected through questionnaires focussing on the parish renewal 8 pathways, various gatherings etc. We are developing a clear pathway to ensure we can enliven and enact this vision to ensure a vibrant, sustainable, faith filled community into the future. We look forward to sharing the planning with you once we fine tune the drafts.

Please check out our 'new look' upgraded and updated website at: <http://www.brightonparish.com.au/>



On behalf of the PPC we would like to thank the Communications subgroup of the PPC and in particular Mandy Bosson who led this group and Pete McKenna who

reconstructed the website for us; it is current and operational again. We hope you find the website accessible, informative, and helpful.

Another working group of the PPC is the coordination of community activities and facilities. Congratulations to Mary Hyland, Di O'Neill and Margaret Senyszyn for the establishment of our library with books, games, puzzles, and good company, all this being in a comfortable, welcoming environment.



PPC would also like to recognise the work done to the new garden area and grounds by Graham Workman, Keith Moorman, Pat Hodgson and Antioch members at the working bee, congratulations on your hard work, your time is very much appreciated.

Congratulations Father Peter on this wonderful achievement of 50 years in the priesthood. We give thanks for your wisdom and special way you minister to us all and in particular how you help us unpack and understand the Holy word. May 50 years of memories bring a smile to your face and give you strength for many more years. Happy Golden Anniversary!



Information given by SA health department, the Brighton Parish PPC and staff have ensured communication and measures have been put in place to keep parishioners safe and updated with all relevant information regarding the coronavirus and ensuring we are all diligent in all safety measures. Particularly I would like to thank Fr Michael, Clare, Jenny, and Pat for all the extra time and consideration these measures take.



Best wishes and blessings
Christina Jonas
Chairperson PPC

Call to Service.

Some of the parish attendees at the 10am Sunday Mass may have noticed the recent absence of the regular altar server.

What is the go? , where is he?, Has he been fired?, Donal Gallagher has been a regular altar server at the 10:00 am Sunday Mass at the St Joseph Church since 1999.

In 2019 Donal was advised he had gained employment with the company appointed to build the new submarines for the Royal Australian Navy. Naval Group, the French Ship Building Company has been awarded the contract to build the future "Attack Class" Submarines.

After spending the majority of this year in lock down learning French, Donal departed for France to embark on his new venture as senior construction mechanical engineer, on 23rd August.

He was asked by Monsignor Dempsey some years ago if he thought he might be considering a calling to ministry: Donal responded by asking how much the Pope was paid?!!!!... Mons just walked, looking to the heavens.

Donal has always believed that commitment is an important personal value whether in his employment or role of altar server, irrespective of age.

He was quietly appreciative of the Parish's acknowledgment, gifts and best wishes for the next three years.

See below for photos of the Cathedral in Cherbourg, Normandy, France



AROUND THE GROUNDS

You may have noticed quite a bit of activity around the car park area. The trees have been tidied up and the mulch from the trees is being put to good use.

Solar lights have replaced the electric lights – a far more efficient and effective way of lighting the way.

A group of enthusiastic workers have been very busy creating a new reflection/meditation/social area under the shade cloth at the southern end of the car park. Thank you to the volunteers who attended the working bee on Sunday 13th Sept to lay pavers – the area is really taking shape. This is a work in progress and we are excited to see the end result. Come along to a tree planting by Fr Michael and check out the work that has been completed to date we hope that we can celebrate an opening and special blessing by the end of the year.

To end the 'Seasons of Creation month' following the 10am Sunday Mass 4th October, Fr Michael will process from the church to the redeveloped area to plant and bless a tree. This will take place on the western side of the Activity Centre. You are welcome to attend the celebration and *join us for a cuppa*.



Join us for a cuppa on Sunday 4th October following the 10am Mass. Western side of the Activity Centre.

The Parish Library will be open to visit on this morning also.

WHAT'S NEW.....

Collections:

Due to COVID 19 we are unable to 'pass the plate' during Mass so we have installed letterboxes in the front and side foyers to facilitate your generous donations. There are 2 boxes one for the 1st Collection in support of the Priests of the Archdiocese the other for the 2nd collection in support of our parish. We thank you for using this system, it is proving to be quite successful. If you would prefer to give my direct debit or credit card please contact the Parish Office.



COVID Marshal:

What is a COVID Marshal required for? As of the 21 August 2020 a COVID Marshal is a person who must supervise prescribed operations eg Mass attendance, Parish meetings/gatherings etc. Having Marshals present is a SA Government requirement. The Marshal supports the Parish in their effort to help keep the parish attendees to social distance and observe the COVID safe guidelines. You will notice that there is a Marshal at each Parish Mass – they are clearly identified by their Hi Vis vest and Marshal badge. Thank you to the many volunteers who have completed the on-line training program to become a COVID Marshal for the parish. Your support is appreciated. Many thanks to Phil Laing (Barb Laing's son) for donating some of the hi vis vests through his company iDM clothing.



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Fr Peter's 50th Anniversary of Ordination

On Sunday 6th September our new Archbishop came to Hallett Cove to celebrate Fr Peter Sheedy's 50th Anniversary of Ordination.

Approximately 140 people came to celebrate with him including 13 priests and 3 brothers.

It was a great celebration and a test of our COVID safe plan to accommodate everyone for afternoon tea.

The Archbishops house catered for us with individual food boxes for everyone and a wonderful cake.

We thank the parish staff and the PPC for their efforts in making sure everything went well.



Fr Peter's homily

Many years ago, when I was still a relatively young priest, I was present when Fr Neil Kelly celebrated his 25th Anniversary at Elizabeth.

I remember part of his homily explaining why he was still a priest after 25 years. He misquoted scripture by saying he was too proud to beg and he was unable to dig.

I also remember him saying that the secret of staying with the priesthood was that one got up in the morning, did what had to be done, and went to bed at night.

In my naivety, I thought that not's hard. I can do that. The trouble is with the bit between getting up and going back to bed.

People come into your life. People who are living with all the joys and hopes, the sorrows and problems of humanity.

I thought I am the priest.... I am the one they are coming to see. That was a huge mistake. They were coming to find God or Jesus or the Holy Spirit or Mary our Good Mother.

The image Pope Francis uses of the church as a field hospital offers a reality check to life and ministry.

The Eucharist that we celebrate together is not a prize for the perfect. It is a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak, including myself. It is in Eucharist and in God's word we find hope and joy, a spirit of perseverance and direction. It is in the lives of people we find ourselves and our God. Very early on I was drawn to the words of Psalm 46: Be Still and Know that I am God. We easily get lost in busyness and troubles and disappointments. We need to find stillness let God in.



That is why the First reading is a favourite. Elijah, God's prophet has taken things into his own hands and stuffed up. He is fleeing for his life, confused and disillusioned. God comes to him not in the power of wind and earthquake and fire, but in the sound of a gentle breeze.



The Good Shepherd Psalm means so much after I saw a shepherd in the Holy Land. He was walking along with his few sheep. Being an Aussie I looked for the sheepdog. There wasn't one. There was an amazing relationship between the shepherd and sheep that both were caught up in that kept them together.

That is when celibacy came to life. It is not just a life of no sex. It is about relationships with God and people.

I used to feel really confused and rattled when I tried working out about loving God. I wanted to, I knew I was supposed to, but I was really not sure whether what I was doing was enough. It didn't really feel all that personal. The apostle John found me and said the love of God was not about our love for him, but his love for us. Life became a whole

lot better. It is much easier to let God love us, but it is not without it's response from us.

That made the Gospel feel a whole lot less intimidating. My namesake, Peter, hadn't had the chance to read John's letter because he hadn't written it yet. When Jesus asked Peter if he loved him, Peter..., and I, could say: the important thing is Lord, that you love me.

That is not a good scriptural expose, but it helped me. Our lives, whoever we are and whatever we do, are similar in so many ways. Life is about living love, holding hope, trusting faith, accepting who we are in all our strengths and weaknesses. It is about knowing we are loved by our Father/Mother God, that there is purpose, and a place to where we are going.

We, together, are called to be a light in darkness, to live hope where hope seems useless, to hold on in faith when it seems easier to let go, to be the hands and feet and smile and love of the one who called us into life.



Finance Council Report

We recently welcomed a new member in Mandy Bosson to the Council and welcomed back Brian Burns after a protracted illness. They join Peter Whelan, who joined us in June, Paul Angley and me along with Fr Michael and Jenny McCabe from the Parish Team, to make up the Finance Council.

Following an approach by TUTTI several weeks ago, we have been negotiating with them on their proposal to extend the 5 year lease by another 2 years. In conjunction with the Parish Pastoral Council we agreed and the new agreement is ready for signing. This move gives TUTTI more time to settle in and puts our agreement on a more commercial basis.

Planned and other Giving to the parish has fallen to some extent because of the closure and now partial opening of the church for services. More people now operate using direct debit or credit card giving. Because collection plates have been off limits, collection boxes for 1st, 2nd and special collections have been placed on a pillar in the church porch. Thanks to everyone continuing to support the parish.

Plans for the SHED for new accommodation for the Men's Fellowship are about to be re-submitted to the Holdfast Bay Council, so hopefully this will be underway soon. This is to be located on the concrete slab in the car park.

Other business has revolved around buildings.

- (1) We've discussed the repairs and maintenance needed on the St Teresa's property (some quite extensive – and expensive!).
- (2) The suitability of Fr Michael's accommodation and
- (3) the commercial listing of the ground floor offices of the school, a project that we didn't pursue during business closedown, but are about to resume.

Again I pay tribute to the staff of the parish team who have done so much extra, under a lot of pressure in the changing rules and vagaries imposed by COVID.

Thanking you for your on-going support of the parish and each other.

John Sullivan
Parish Finance Council Chairman



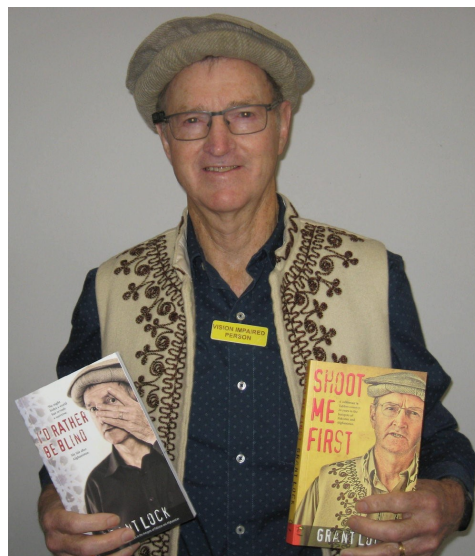
Knight's nights



Knights of the Southern Cross Brighton/Glenelg/Hallett Cove/Marion branch has continued meeting on the first Wednesday of the month at 7.30 in the evening in the Parish Library, with a parallel Zoom connection. The ubiquitous Internet gremlins never failed to make for a challenging meeting.

In continuation of the intent to have more community involvement, the next meeting on October 7 at 7.30pm in the Brighton Parish Activity Centre is planned to be an open meeting with Guest Speaker Grant Lock. He will be speaking about his 24 years of Aid work in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Grant is an Eyre Peninsula cattleman who presents a fascinating account of his experiences in the mostly Taliban region of these two Islamic countries. His presentations, with a lot of pictures from the region, are known to be in a down-to-earth Australian style. For further information on Grant Lock and his talk please see the Brighton Parish Bulletin.

Anyone interested in attending please get in touch with Pat Hodgson on 0412 259 321, or through the Parish Office.



Shedder's news

Over the last few weeks the old Men's Shed guys have been getting together again on Tuesdays and Fridays and enjoying much of the usual fellowship and refreshments.

A move to a more permanent premises in the carpark area is being planned. Plans have been submitted to Holdfast Bay Council and await approval.

New young green shoots are starting to appear on the Claret Ash on the southern end of McAuley Mews and Shedders can look forward to balmy afternoons in its shade at the eastern end of the present space. So don't miss out.

VINNIES KNITTING & SEWING GROUP

The Ladies are all back working hard. Making a lot of lovely clothes to be sent to :

Elizabeth shop, Refugee Conference Kilburn, Fred's Van Hawthorne, Morphett Vale shop and Hutt Street.

BUT! We have a problem getting them to these various places.

If there are any volunteers who would enjoy a drive occasionally and be willing to perhaps deliver a box or two of clothes to any of these places.

Layettes are what we send to Refugees the most and their new home is in LeHunte St. Kilburn.

It would be much appreciated. These clothes etc only get sent out perhaps once a month and not to all places all the time.

If you would like to help please contact me email barblaing38@gmail.com or 0421 106 531.

God Bless and Thank You.

Barb Laing

PARISH LIBRARY **COME, VISIT US.** **TUESDAY AND FRIDAY** **9.30 -12.00PM**

Our parish library now has a great selection of fiction/ nonfiction books, magazines, jigsaw puzzles, TV series and movies as well as children's books.

We invite you to join our enthusiastic group learning Mahjong on Friday mornings, ably nurtured by Erica Korotkoff.

Perhaps you would enjoy a game of Scrabble, Gin Rummy or bring a game of your choice to share.

We warmly welcome parishioners and friends to browse our shelves and join us for morning tea and a chat. Also, please bring along ideas/suggestions of activities which you think would appeal to our wider community.

All offers of support will be gratefully accepted.

Friday 6th November wine and cheese night to celebrate the opening of the community library upstairs. Watch the bulletin for further details.



McAuley Community School News

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A snapshot of what has been happening over the last three months gives a strong indication that Community, Connectedness and Compassion continue to thrive at McAuley Community School.

Reaching out to the local community has become a definite focus since our learners have been able to get out and about, with several visits to Townsend Park to 'get to know' the residents and celebrate special birthdays with them.



Caring for the local environment has seen groups of learners, in partnership with the City of Holdfast Bay, visit the beach to plant in the sand dunes while our Sustainable September initiative continues to reinforce the

importance of reducing the amount of rubbish going to landfill.

Soup making for Fred's Van and our Vinnies Food Drive to help replenish the food cupboard for our local Vinnies Conference have all been enthusiastically organised and driven by the Year 5/6 Minnie Vinnies team as part of our outreach program to those in need.



Connecting with each other to be the 'face of Jesus' to the world and protagonists for change have become important themes our young leaders within the school have been reflecting on. Just recently, our Year 6



learners journeyed together on the Road to Emmaus at a wonderfully inspiring day led by Ben Ellul and Sara Petruzzella who are both Youth Ministers in the region. At the end of last term our Mercy and School leaders attended a retreat in the Activity Centre conducted by Holly Roberts who is

the Diocesan Youth Ministry Support Officer from COYYA (Catholic Office for Youth and Young Adults). This term we welcomed Alice Dunlop to the community as our APRIM (Assistant Principal Religious Identity and Mission). Alice taught at Marymount a number of years ago and described her appointment to the role at McAuley like 'coming home'. She brings with her a wealth of experience and knowledge. 'I live and breathe ecology' are the words she uses to describe her passion for caring for our earth.



History was made earlier in the term when Fr Michael celebrated mass in the chapel for the first time with the Reception Neighbourhood. Since then he has revisited to celebrate mass on another two occasions in what can only be described as a very spiritual and moving space.

Season of Creation at Christ the King



To celebrate the Season of Creation several classes went out into the world to experience the wonders of the creation for themselves. The Year 5 class went on a Zoo Snooze. They were able to spend two days and a night at the zoo talking with keepers and education officers about the care of the animals, their feeding routines and sleeping habits. One of the highlights was 'having the zoo to themselves'. The class were able to take a night time and dawn walk around the zoo exploring the lives of nocturnal and crepuscular creatures. They discovered and learnt a great deal about God's wonderful creation and returned back to school with a renewed vigour to help sustain it.



The Reception/Year1 and Year2 classes continued the theme of exploration of God's wonder with an excursion to Warrawong Wildlife Sanctuary. The highlight was seeing native animals in their own habitat. They were fortunate to hold snakes, have birds rest on their arms and see gliders, wallabies and emus up close. The parents who attended were moved by the looks of wonder on the faces of the students and the staff took this wonder back into the classroom with prayers, art and writing.



The Ordination of Fr Felipe Moniz in East Timor

With the support of our East Timor Seminarian Sponsorship program, Felipe has been studying to become a priest. With great joy and celebration he was Ordained on Friday 4th September in Timor-Leste.



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 1st (Listening and Dialogue) and ongoing 2nd (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/>

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SEASON OF CREATION

A Jubilee for the Earth 1st September – 4th October

The Season of Creation is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through repenting, repairing, and rejoicing together. During the Season of Creation, we join our sisters and brothers in the ecumenical family in prayer and action for our common home.

This year, amid crises that have shaken our world, we're awakened to the urgent need to heal our relationships with creation and each other. During the season this year, we enter a time of restoration and hope, a jubilee for our Earth, that requires radically new ways of living with creation.

The Season of Creation unites the world's 2.2 billion Christians around one shared purpose. With so much injustice all around us, now is the time for Christians everywhere to come together and show the world how to love each other and creation.

As Catholics we are called by Pope Francis to encourage the People of God to accelerate their walks towards new paths for the Church and for an integral ecology by planning activities for the Season of Creation. In keeping with the theme for 2020, drawn from the Old Testament, we can focus on reducing our impacts on Earth and on the most vulnerable people. These might include a special Eucharist or pilgrimage walk, sustainability practices or advocacy initiatives to respond to "the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor."

The Adelaide and Port Pirie Dioceses are in the process of developing a "Council for Integral Ecology" to encourage all parishioners and Catholic bodies to embrace the teaching of *Laudato Si'* in practical and faithful ways.

On Sunday 4th October we ask that you bring to Mass with you a pot plant that can be blessed during Mass.

We will be blessing a tree for our new Reflection garden during the 10am Mass, this will be planted after the Mass, you are all invited to come visit our new Reflection garden and stay for Morning tea

PLEASE WEAR A POPPY

by Don Crawford

"Please wear a poppy," the lady said
And held one forth, but I shook my head.
Then I stopped and watched as she offered them
there,
And her face was old and lined with care;
But beneath the scars the years had made
There remained a smile that refused to fade.
A boy came whistling down the street,
Bouncing along on care-free feet.
His smile was full of joy and fun,
"Lady," said he, "may I have one?"
When she'd pinned it on he turned to say,
"Why do we wear a poppy today?"
The lady smiled in her wistful way
And answered, "This is Remembrance Day,
And the poppy there is the symbol for
The gallant men who died in war.
And because they did, you and I are free -
That's why we wear a poppy, you see."
"I had a boy about your size,
With golden hair and big blue eyes.
He loved to play and jump and shout,
Free as a bird he would race about.
As the years went by he learned and grew
and became a man - as you will, too."
"He was fine and strong, with a boyish smile,
But he'd seemed with us such a little while
When war broke out and he went away.
I still remember his face that day
When he smiled at me and said, Goodbye,
I'll be back soon, Mom, so please don't cry."
"But the war went on and he had to stay,
And all I could do was wait and pray.
His letters told of the awful fight,
(I can see it still in my dreams at night),
With the tanks and guns and cruel barbed wire,
And the mines and bullets, the bombs and fire."
"Till at last, at last, the war was won -
And that's why we wear a poppy son."
The small boy turned as if to go,
Then said, "Thanks, lady, I'm glad to know.
That sure did sound like an awful fight,
But your son - did he come back all right?"
A tear rolled down each faded cheek;
She shook her head, but didn't speak.
I slunk away in a sort of shame,
And if you were me you'd have done the same;
For our thanks, in giving, if oft delayed,
Thought our freedom was bought - and thousands
paid!
And so when we see a poppy worn,
Let us reflect on the burden borne,
By those who gave their
very all
When asked to answer
their country's call
That we at home in peace
might live.
Then wear a poppy!
Remember - and give!



SHC wedding facts

I have been asked some historical questions about weddings in the SHC chapel, and I have done some research. Thought you might be interested to hear what I found out.

The first weddings were held in the chapel in 1948. From 1948 -2019 there have been 4365 Catholic weddings celebrated in the chapel. The years with the greatest number of weddings were 1993 & 1996 with 114 weddings for the year. 1997 & 2001 had 113 weddings for the year. With only 52 weekends in the year this represents more than 2 weddings every single weekend for the year. Last year (2019) there were only 16 weddings held in the chapel, with the number to be much lower this year due to COVID restrictions.

Help for marriages under stress:



The BreakThrough Online Course created by SmartLoving will enable you to identify your conflict triggers, learn strategies to de-escalate an argument and find constructive

ways to re-establish connection. Restore hope for your relationship's future.

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The Dash

I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend. He referred to the dates on the tombstone from the beginning...to the end.

He noted that first came the date of birth and spoke of the following date with tears, but he said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years.

For that dash represents all the time that they spent alive on earth and now only those who loved them know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not, how much we own, the cars... the house...the cash. What matters is how we live and love and how we spend our dash.

So think about this long and hard; are there things you'd like to change? For you never know how much time is left that can still be rearranged.

If we could just slow down enough to consider what's true and real and always try to understand the way other people feel.

And be less quick to anger and show appreciation more and love the people in our lives like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect and more often wear a smile...remembering that this special dash might only last a little while.

So when your eulogy is being read, with your life's actions to rehash...would you be proud of the things they say about how you spent your dash?

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An Antioch open day to welcome the youth community!

Join us for a day of fun, faith and music.
Oct 10 2020, 9am - Brighton Parish.
24 Strathmore Tce, Brighton SA 5048
Enter via the rear carpark on Old Beach Rd.



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