



From our Pastoral Associate

Our world constantly changes and COVID 19 continues to challenge us with its unpredictability. However here in South Australia we have been more fortunate than some of other states in Australia. We are fortunate to be able to have 75% capacity in our church and we are now able to sing albeit with masks.



From a positive perspective our Archdiocese has had its Diocesan Assembly which was a wonderful gathering of many people from most parishes and various organisations. In the next few months we will be able to share some insights from this gathering. Our parish was very well represented, and the members will be coming together to have a conversation about our personal experiences and then share with our parishioners.



The first part of the Plenary Council has just finished, and I have listened to some of the podcasts and read some blogs which people who were at the Plenary Council put out. I must say there is hope for our Church and all its members.

Our parish celebrated Confirmation and Eucharist for 50 students from our parish schools and parish and we were very blessed that these ceremonies were able to go ahead with some restrictions, but each child was able to have 9 people present with them. They were celebrations that show that our parents are committed to having their children receive the Sacraments and support them.

All the preparation would not have been possible without the APRIMS I work with, who were very giving of their time.

Early next year we will be commencing the Sacramental journey for new students with Confirmation, Eucharist and Reconciliation, so each child will receive these Sacraments in the same year.

Our bereavement team have recently put a flyer in the bulletin to assure parishioners that if they wish to be involved in organising their own funeral Mass, a member from the bereavement team would be happy to assist them organise this.



We will be inviting all families whose children have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist to a Mass specially for them followed by a sausage sizzle. Please keep these families in your prayers.

Christmas is not far away, and we have been told that if things stay as they are, we will be able to have 1000 people at our Sacred Heart College Christmas Vigil Mass, which is very heartening.

We are going to have a Carols in the garden on Sunday the 5th December from 5 – 7pm and there will be some information about this in this week's bulletin. We plan to have carol singing and we will be serving food.

As always, my door is always open and even though it is early, I wish each and everyone of you a blessed and wonderful Christmas.

Take care

Clare Thewlis
Pastoral
Associate



Our Parish Vision

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

AROUND THE GROUNDS



Tutti have been very active in beautifying their buildings and grounds, their murals look very colourful. Watch the wall on Commercial Road. Something very exciting will be happening there in the very near future.

Tutti have at last had their lift installed, this is great news as access to upstairs is now available to all students and staff.



Access4U the new neighbours in the downstairs admin area of St Teresa's building have settled in and they love their new office space.

The Men's Group have moved into their new shed and have been very busy with their community garden and settling in.

They will be fencing the area with the fencing material that enclosed their old area. Fencing will help provide security and privacy.

The area the Men have vacated will be cleared and in the near future we will work on putting in new garden beds and reflection areas – a beautification of the area. If you have any comments or suggestions of what we can do with the area please put in writing and send into the parish office or pop in for a chat about your ideas.

The Columbarium area is looking lovely with the wisteria blooming and the roses are looking healthy again and getting ready to bloom.

Next week we are having CCTV installed in St Joseph's Church for safety reasons.

Thank you to the Maintenance Committee for their ongoing work with maintenance issues around the buildings and grounds. We have a large site now and there is always something requiring attention. Please don't hesitate to notify the office if you notice something that might need attention or if you notice a safety issue.



Bill Brown is the parish maintenance worker, he works on a Monday cutting lawns & gardening, he also attends to small maintenance & repairs.

Our buildings and grounds are now used by many and varied groups. It is fantastic to see our facilities being used so productively.

In 2022 the Archdiocese will be introducing new booking forms for all parishes to use for regular & once off groups using facilities. The information provided and collected will help protect parishes from any liability issues that may arise. I will be contacting the various groups in the near future who will be required to complete the new forms.

COLLECTIONS

Due to COVID 19 we are unable to 'pass the plate' during Mass so we have installed letterboxes in the front foyer of St Joseph's to facilitate 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. The boxes are only available over the weekend and are removed during the week. If you wish to donate during the week please drop into the parish office to leave your donation. If you would prefer to give by direct debit or credit card please contact the Parish Office.

Jenny McCabe

Parish

Business

Manager

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Vinnies Knitting & Sewing Group

It is great to be all back together once more after a year of on again off again days.

The ladies are still doing all the great knitting and sewing for the disadvantage folk.

We were able to send a large box of goodies to Elizabeth Shop, and also to the Refugees' One of our sewers also took a large box to Morphett Vale a couple of times over the last 2 months.

At last we have had requests for Layettees and have sent out 12 in the last 6 weeks.



Last year in the earlier stages of the Pandemic I asked if any Parishioners would be able to help us to get goods out to the various areas.

Then COVID 19 hit and were unable to meet and produce goods to share with the community.

I thank all those people for their offers. However now Vinnies have their vans on the road again and we are able to send them with them.

And THANKS AGAIN TO ALL BRIGHTON PARISHIONERS FOR THEIR GREAT SUPPORT.

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Meditation group

11am on Tuesday mornings in the McAuley Room, you are welcome to join us.

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL REPORT

The main item to report over the last few months is an intake of new members to the Council.

At the July meeting we welcomed Cami McGowan and Michael McCarthy and at the September meeting, Robert Taylor. It is refreshing to have new faces and some different approaches and they are to be congratulated and thanked for accepting the positions.

The general financial position is reasonably good in spite of lower attendance at church. Planned giving has been near budget. Loose coin and unpledged giving is down a fair bit.

Expense on repairs, maintenance and purchase of new and replacement equipment has been well over budget.

The leasing of the Ground Floor offices of the school has worked out well for the parish and the tenant is Access 4U.

A few matters are on-going. The Crowe unit transfer hasn't been finalized. We are waiting to let it out but there are still some legalities in the estate to be finalized before the official handover can be made.

Plans for promotion of the Planned Giving Programme have been delayed by Covid and other events and so a sub-committee of members is to look at options for a strategy for next year.

LATE NEWS

There has been a lot of speculation among parishioners about the sale of the Heritage property at 21 Old Beach Rd. [the house between our car park and the grassed area].

There were arguments for and against the purchase of the property for our future development and a lot of work went into trying to arrive at a suitable outcome.

The property was sold on offer prior to the Auction [due Saturday 16th. Oct.] The figure was very much higher than the top price advertised and which seemed well beyond what we considered a reasonable proposition.

Thanks to all those people who support the operation and funding of our parish.

John Sullivan
Chair, Parish Finance Council

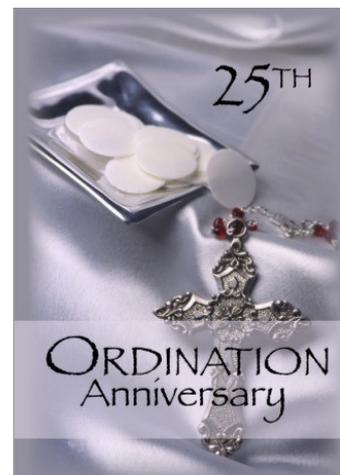
Community Carols

The Brighton Catholic Parish is holding a Christmas Carols Sing-Along on Sunday 5 December, from 5pm onwards, in the garden area outside the Activity hall. Parish organist James Mignone has been nominated as event coordinator. The Parish extends a warm invitation to the whole community to volunteer as a musician or singer. If you would like to participate in the Sing-Along, please contact James directly at james.mignone@hotmail.com by November 5, 2021. Once we have our musicians and singers we will have a couple of rehearsals. Please consider being part of this special event.



Fr Michael's 25th Anniversary of Ordination

On the 18th January, 2022, Fr Michael will celebrate 25 years of Priestly Ordination. He will be celebrating the midday Mass (Tuesday) on his Anniversary, and we will help him celebrate the weekend before with Morning teas etc. Look out for more information in the coming newsletters



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Men's fellowship is in full swing every Tuesday and Friday, 10am to 2pm, at the new premises, just in from the western end of Old Beach Road. In comparison to the old premises, much enjoyed as they were, the new place is in a different league.

All the regulars are attending and there are a few new ones too. As always, conversations and camaraderie are lively. No.2 religion (footy) is high on the agenda and current affairs and politics don't miss out. Even a few technical topics find their way into conversations every now and then.



The vegie garden is thriving under the watchful eyes of Jim and Keith. Folk are welcome to take home a bunch of greens. Lettuce, spinach, kale, radish, silver beet and more are there for the picking and broccoli, spring onions and a few others are on their way. Drop by and check it out, perhaps after Sunday Mass, if you are not a regular on Tuesdays and Fridays. Much credit goes to the Parish Council and Management for their generous support of this additional mode of Pastoral Care.

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SPEAKING MADE EASY

is a Ladies' Group meeting in St Joseph's Activity Centre at 11am on a Monday twice-monthly.

If you want to improve your speaking ability in conversation, self confidence in front of an audience, or reading at Mass (for example) call Maureen on 0408 628 899 for further information.

(FYI: The first two meetings attended are free!)

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Parish Library

We continue to enjoy playing Rummikub, Scrabble, Mah-jong and the odd game of Bridge at our library on Tuesday and Friday mornings.



New parishioners and friends are very welcome to join us for a friendly chat over a cup of tea or coffee.

We encourage you all to browse through and borrow from our excellent collection of books, videos, CD's, magazines and games.

We welcome mothers and their children.

Also on display are the following:
A collection of beautiful antique dolls loaned to us by Jeanette Roach



Collection of Philippino traditional dresses and artifacts loaned by Rowena Pulley

Our library is also supporting the Afghani refugees and donations of the following will be gladly accepted at the library or the Parish Office
Toiletries, socks, jocks as well as baby and children's wear.

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Bikes for Refugees SA Incorporated

The Bikes for Refugees program, co-located with the Adelaide Community Bicycle Workshop is a bike recycling scheme that supplies bikes free of charge to people in need. The public, sometimes bike shops and schools generously donate most bikes, and they accept donations of helmets, accessories, and bike parts in good condition. You are welcome to come and visit the Adelaide Community Bicycle Workshop – 111 Franklin St, Adelaide. Donations of bicycles or parts are also welcomed. adelaidebikeworkshop.wordpress.com/bikes-for-refugees/



THE KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS (SA) INC.
Brighton – Marion – Hallett Cove - Glenelg Branch

Opportunity Missed.

Recently, Fr Dominick Okwadha was our guest speaker at the mixed Branch meeting. Father enlightened the gathering with his journey from Kenya-Spain-USA-to Hallett Cove. This included his childhood & teenage days; education and seminary/s, then ordination. Upon arrival in SA, several months at Mt Gambier with Fr Dean Marin PP and then to Hallett Cove. Fr Dominick speaks and thinks in many languages and is now trying to master Australian English! We are pleased and honoured that Father is with us and is welcome in our homes.

We had approximately 30 people present, so to the 100 people who didn't come along. Your loss. All who were there were thrilled with not just the story Fr Dominick was able to impart on to us, but all congratulated him on his presentation as they all heard and understood. It was like Pentecost. Was it the apostles who spoke in different tongues or was it the listening public that were able to decipher in each of their tongues. You had to be there to understand for yourself.

Quarterly, we have continued our support for five Vinnies conferences in our parishes. We further supported the Mary Potter Hospice at Calvary re Palliative Care.

We again thank those parishioners who support our 45 Club and keep us in mind with the Knights Bottle Drive. Just a phone call to Pat Hodgson 0412 259 321 for collection of bottles.

Your support helps us to support the Vinnies and others.

We remember in our Masses and prayers the recently deceased and for those who are sick in our Parishes.

Stay Safe and well.

Pat Hodgson
Chairman Retired

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A Native American Blessing

*May the sun bring you new energy
by day,
may the moon softly restore you by
night,*

*may the rain wash away your worries,
may the breeze blow new strength into
your being,*

*may you walk gently through the world and
know its beauty all the days of your life.*



ANOTHER MILESTONE IN THE LIFE OF AOIBHINN DELANEY IN IRELAND



My sincere thanks to all who have been praying for my cousin, Aoibhinn since her birth. You will be pleased to know that now aged 10, she received her 1st Holy Communion on 30 Sep 2021 in St Fiacre's Church in Kilkenny, Ireland. It was cancelled 3 times since early 2020, due to COVID-19. A time of great excitement and joy for her, and all the Traynor & Delaney families. With appreciation, Gen Traynor



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Are You Called to be a Pastoral Supervisor? Heart of Life's **2022/23 Emmaus Supervision Program** (part-time, in-person or via Zoom) commences in Feb 2022. Developed in response to the demand for professional supervisors for those in individual ministry, eg clergy, chaplains, spiritual directors, pastoral carers etc, the program forms competent, experienced professional supervisors. It draws on the encounter of the two disciples with Jesus on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35) and is open to those with at least five years' experience in their particular ministry who are drawn to support the ministry journey of others. For more information, please see the Emmaus page on the Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation website at www.heartoflife.melbourne, or contact us at secretary@heartoflife.melbourne or tel (03) 9890 1101.

Antioch Week End 2021

On Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th July our local Antioch chapter celebrated a special fellowship week end. The vigil Mass at 6pm was organised by the Antioch group after which they and parishioners joined together for a sausage sizzle. Our Knights conducted the cooking and distribution as well as providing the tea and coffee. KSC also donated \$200.00 towards the evening during which Parishioners were invited to view the new Antioch meeting rooms situated in vacated school rooms above the undercroft.

Frs. Michael and Dominick were welcome guests and it was a pleasure to see our parishioners interacting with the younger members who after all are our future church. All in all a successful well attended event despite the unpropitious weather. A special accolade for our esteemed chairman Bro. Pat Hodgson for his selfless contribution in its organisation.



Aid to the
Church in Need

ACN AUSTRALIA

November is the month of Holy Souls, consider arranging Masses for your deceased loved ones and for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. For over fifty years, ACN has passed on the Mass offerings of the Catholic people, to poor priests, who have no other means of material support. In return, these priests offer Masses for the intentions of the donor. Each year, over 400,000 priests, ten per cent of the world's priests, are supported by 1.5 million Mass offerings. One hundred per cent of every Mass offering is sent directly to the priest in need. To arrange your Masses visit: www.aidtochurch.org/Masses

"Rivers do not drink their own water;
trees do not eat their own fruit;
the sun does not shine on itself and flowers
do not spread their fragrance for themselves.
Living for others is a rule of nature.
We are all born to help each other.
No matter how difficult it is....
Life is good when you are happy;
but much better when others are happy
because of you."

-Pope Francis

Advent 2021

1st Sunday of Advent—Blessing of the cribs

Bring along your Nativity scene or part of it to be blessed during Masses on the weekend of the 27th and 28th November.



Blessing of the Crib

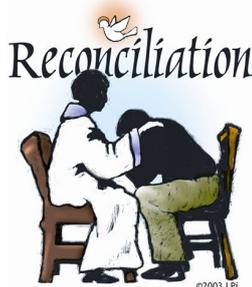
Advent Donations—see attached flyer

Reconciliation

After the midday Mass on Fridays and the 10am Mass on Saturday mornings

Penitential Liturgy followed by Individual Reconciliation

Brighton: Wednesday 15th December, 10am
Hallett Cove: Tuesday 21st December, 7pm



Anointing of the Sick Mass

Brighton: Saturday 18th December
Hallett Cove: Wednesday 1st December, 12 noon



Christmas Office Closure

The Parish office will be closed from 27th December to reopen on Tuesday 4th January.

Christmas 2021

Christmas Masses

Friday 24th December

7pm Vigil Mass at Sacred Heart College

7.30pm Vigil Mass at St Joseph's

10pm Vigil Mass at St Joseph's

Saturday 25th December

Mass 8.30am at St Joseph's

Mass 10am at St Joseph's

If COVID restrictions still apply, we will have restricted numbers for these Masses—a ticket system will be in place, watch out for further developments

Please note there will be NO Sat night Vigil Mass for **Sunday 26th December**
Only Masses on Sunday morning at 8.30am and 10am

Cancelled Masses between Christmas & New Year.

Tuesday 28th December 12 noon Mass
Wednesday 29th December 6.30pm Mass

New Years Eve

There will be our normal Friday Masses on Friday 31st December, ie 9.30am at Hallett Cove and 12 noon at Brighton.

New Years Day

Mass at 10am at Brighton.

Normal Mass times for the weekend of the **1st/2nd January**, ie 6pm Saturday 8.30am and 10am on Sunday



The Fifth Plenary Council in Australia

First General Assembly | Sun 3 Oct – Sun 10 Oct 21

A Deacon's Diary

I thought I'd learn about the Plenary Council of the Catholic Church in Australia through Catholic and secular media reports. A month prior to the start of the Council, however, the General Secretary of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC) asked if I would assist its Secretariat to produce an accurate and enduring record of Council proceedings. Quite unexpectedly, I had become a proverbial 'fly on the wall' to the Council's proceedings.

Monday 4 October 2021

Had an early start and a late finish on this historic first Plenary Session. While attentive to rich proceedings unfolding, I scrambled during break times to assemble a vivid, sensible record and confirm numerous details. Not everything goes to plan, understandably. It reminded me of the Easter Vigil liturgy: lots of practical instructions behind the scenes surround meaningful liturgy; lots of people with different roles silently working together to support the congregation's worship. It comes together only by the grace of God! I was utterly exhausted in the end but had a sense that Council members were more serenely aware of God's grace than our human inadequacies.

Tuesday 5 October – Wednesday 6 October 2021

What a gracious gift, the Plenary Council! Delayed by a year due to COVID-19 restrictions, it has finally started. Not face to face, as all would have preferred, but virtually online. The longstanding impulse to gather trumps all impediments. Despite occasional glitches (technology and prayer don't always mix), Council members appear captive to the Holy Spirit. Reflective sharing, respectful listening, prayerful discernment. Some predictable views were expressed, yes—but liberally interspersed with fresh, surprising perspectives.

Thursday 7 October 2021

A special Plenary Session dealt with the clergy sexual abuse crisis and those who feel marginalised by Church teachings. Several profound disclosures by members occurred: of being abuse, of being let down by the Church's response to abuse. A somber tone. Holy ground, honoured by heartfelt listening. While I recorded proceedings, I was inescapably touched by the gravity of hurt and betrayal. How many the tears our Lord sheds with us.



Regarding the role of Deacons

Council members were invited to submit brief statements, or interventions, during plenary sessions. Two interventions drew specific attention to the diaconate: Deacon Collin Nunis (Melkite Eparchy of Australia) and Major Gavin Keating (Military Ordinariate):

Collin was able to speak to his written submission, asserting in 3 minutes that the diaconate is 'new wine' in the service of a mission-driven and structured Church, overflowing with much creative potential. What could diaconal ministry look like if it was more strategically aligned with the missional needs of an outward-facing Church?

Gavin's written intervention noted that the diaconate lies at the intersection of many of the issues raised by Council members: the relationship between the laity and the ordained; between the secular and spiritual; between married and family life and religious lives. In particular, he noted it was a 'missed opportunity' that no deacon from the Latin Rite had been called to serve as a Member of the Council.

The Second Assembly of the Plenary Council commences in early July 2022. Between now and then, much work needs to be done to humbly discern specific proposals for reform and renewal. Please keep the Council's ongoing processes in your prayers. Through the Spirit, none of us are called to be mere 'flies on the wall' in the Church. Rather, we're drawn together as active participants—witnessing to the life of Christ in a world that God loves.

Deacon Tim Grauel



CRY OF THE EARTH CRY OF THE POOR

This year's [Social Justice Statement](#) encourages each one of us, to listen with an open heart to the Cry of the Poor and those most affected by poverty, so that we can begin to make a difference in their lives and thereby a difference to our earth.

This year we can do this by helping out those less fortunate by donating items that we will pass on to Vinnies and Backpacks for Kids. Each week there will be a different item that we will ask for. All items must be new, unused and clean.



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

20th/21st November:

Small containers of Toiletries ie soap, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste

27th/28th November:

Pasta, Rice, Pasta Sauce, Tinned Meat/Fish/Fruit/Vegetables

4th & 5th December:

Breakfast Cereals, or Long life milk

11th & 12th December:

Children's books, toys, games or stationery, pyjamas to go towards Backpacks for Kids.



BRIGHTON PARISH CARITAS PROJECT
STORIES FROM AFRICA



Zimbabwe Drought Relief

Following a prolonged drought, vulnerable communities in Zimbabwe are facing food shortages. We're providing food to those most at risk, as well as improving the overall health of people in the region by distributing supplies to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.



COVID-19 Prevention

Our local partners are working to assist over half a million people across Kenya, Malawi, South Sudan and Sudan to prevent the spread of COVID-19. We are providing food water, sanitation and other emergency supplies – as well as lifesaving COVID-19 prevention information.



For more than 50 years some of our parishioners have been supporting various projects in Third World countries around the world. We thank our present contributors for their generosity and we have been pleased to see the return of several contributors following the article in the July edition of the parish Community Newsletter.

We would like to continue this practice of providing assistance towards some of the poorest people, by supporting them and their communities. Currently our contributions are providing assistance to African projects in: Kenya, Malawi, South Sudan, Sudan and Zimbabwe. More information can be found by going to the Caritas website: <https://caritas.org.au/about/where-we-work/Africa>

An invitation is extended to all in our parish to join our Parish Caritas Project. Donations, small or large, can be placed in 'Caritas' marked envelopes, weekly, monthly, annually or whenever it suits you. Envelopes marked 'Caritas' are available for this purpose. Direct debit can also be arranged.

If you are interested, or you would like some more information, please fill in the tear-off slip below and place in the collection box in the church foyer or return to the Parish Office. Alternatively you can contact Dawn Sullivan on 0424 250 089 or Aileen Hodgson 0431 593 545.

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BRIGHTON PARISH CARITAS PROJECT

I would like to learn more about the Brighton Parish Caritas Project:

Name: _____

Contact No: _____