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LENT 2021

The season of Lent is a journey of 40 days. It has a beginning, **Ash Wednesday** (Feb 17) and an ending, **Easter**. Jesus had His own journey of 40 days which prepared Him well for His ministry and ultimately for His Passion, Death and Resurrection.

May our Lenten journey of prepare us for life in Christ.

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A Word from Pope Francis

Jesus does not want disciples
who are merely able to repeat
memorised formulas.

He wants witnesses:
people who spread hope,
with their way of welcoming,
smiling, and loving;
above all loving
because the power of
the resurrection makes
Christians capable of loving
even when love seems
to have lost its motivation.

— General Audience, Oct, 2020

FEBRUARY

1 L Pat MULRANEY
Thomas F MEANEY

3 Kevin F FERNANDEZ

5 Robert F RABBITT

6 Peter RAPHAEL
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MARCH

1 William P FABIAN
Francis W JAMES
Desmond E HAARSMA

2 Augustine P WALKER
John V LEAR
William (Bill) Edward
PARKER

4 G George BAKER

5 Ronald P WILSON

6 William (Bill) MORRIS

7 Robert B GEAR

8 Brian D BAKER
Gregory M NEAGLE
Carmine PIANTEDOSI
Leo BRENNAN

9 James V CAREY
Neil E POBKE
Neil F MALYCHA

10 Kevin B KEANY
John F WALLACE

11 Ian I HANNAN
Eugene (Lofty) KRAWCZYK
Lloyd D FITZPATRICK

12 Charles M DOUBE
John DOWLING

13 Thomas H WARD

14 Jack SCHUTZ
Keith T SMITH

15 Bernard J MORIARTY
James E BURROWS

19 James C RIDGE
Colin P CARMODY

20 James A HEATH
Archbishop James W GLEESON

22 David H G WADE

23 John P WALSH
T J (John) HURLEY

29 William A AYLIFFE
Paul RIORDAN
Keith M MARGITICH

I would like to commence by wishing each of our Members and your families a very Happy New Year, with the hope that you will experience a much brighter year ahead. I certainly trust that you were able to celebrate the birth of Christ with your family where this was intended, and that you weren't affected in any way by the dreaded corona virus experienced interstate as Christmas approached.

Overall, despite the disruption for many of our fellow Australians with the virus or by the virus, we can be very grateful and thankful to Our Lord that we have not experienced the escalation of Covid-19 in this country, at the depth felt in many other parts of the world.

As we begin the new year, the main focus for me and that of State Council is firstly on a Planning Day set down for January 30, and the yet to be had 2020 State Conference and Annual General Meeting on Saturday, March 6.

The Planning Day provides all State Councillors the opportunity to put forward their ideas for KSC direction in 2021 and beyond. I have held one on one coffee or Zoom meetings with State Councillors in an effort to draw out such ideas. These will then be considered at the Planning Day meeting and our direction and goals agreed by the majority, as in any meeting. By the time you read this report in Knight Life, the Planning Day will have occurred and the goals for the year set. However, utmost in my mind as the key projects and for priority are:

- **The KSC history** — This is progressing well, but the book is scheduled for completion by our AGM in 2022.
- **Our Centenary** — scheduled for May 2022.
- **Membership** — what is needed, how, and who will do it.
- **State Council succession planning**, and
- **Our IT systems** — i.e., digital Knight Life availability, Branch / State Council video conferencing and availability of social media.

As you can see, these are all important subjects for discussion and for taking KSC in South Australia forward. We welcome your comments through your Branch and your Branch's State Council representative where you would like to have input. More importantly, State Council would welcome any Member who would like to participate in our Centenary, Membership, Succession planning or IT Systems sub-committee meetings. Such meetings can be enlightening and informative about the Order and its direction. There are also many other issues for discussion on Planning Day, but these are too numerous to mention here.

The second issue raised earlier is that of the 2020 State Conference and AGM, which was postponed when a secondary outbreak of the pandemic in Adelaide occurred. It is now planned for Sat, Mar 6 at John Martin House, The Pines. The commencement time will be notified after the Planning Day.

Whilst the agenda will also be confirmed then, it is expected to be along similar lines to that proposed previously.

I can advise also that an election for Chairman was declared in November, and as the number of State Councillors did not reach the maximum, a vote for Councillors was not required. It was necessary to declare the election so that the business of State Council could proceed uninterrupted by distractions that we would have otherwise faced. So, whilst Bro Bill Longworth has now retired from State Council, the makeup of Members is now myself as Chairman, and Bros Andy Tamassy (Deputy SC), David Huppatz (Executive Secretary), Ian Fleetwood (Minute Secretary. Ian held the status of casual membership in 2020 and was nominated for SC for 2021), Dino Persico (Treasurer), Michael Boyle, Brian Cooper, Peter Kay, Tony Sexton and Peter Sullivan (Councillors).

Also, the constitution does not limit the number of Members who can attend an AGM, but there could well be a limit created by the 2 square metre COVID-19 rule applying. Despite this, I don't expect this would change our numbers from those who would normally attend, and we will be taking all precautions to ensure your safety against Covid-19 in accordance with our policy. I therefore encourage all Branches to ensure they have representatives present on the day to support your State Council and the decisions to be made.

And whilst on the subject of State Councillors, I thank Bro Bill Longworth for his dedicated service

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to State Council and to KSC in general. Over the years he has done a marvellous job as a Member of the Order, in his Branch and his Parish, and at State Council level with his participation, considerate views and wise counsel at our meetings. Thank you again Bill and may you enjoy good health in the years to come.

KSC John Brewer Memorial Scholarships

Scholarship winners for 2021 are:

Nicole Coppola

St Mary's College, Adelaide.

Oliver Warley

St Patrick's Technical College.

Kaitlyn Bowes

Cardijn College.

Jaylee Daniels

Samaritan College, Whyalla.

It is planned that each recipient will receive a certificate with written confirmation and partial payment of their scholarship from the Knights of the Southern Cross at this year's Australia Day Mass.

Finally, I hope to catch up with a number of the Branches again this year, God willing and the pandemic laying low. For now, stay safe and I hope to see some of you at our conference.

Contributions to APRIL/MAY 2021 Knight Life are due on or before March 14, 2021

Please email your contribution to Knight Life Editor at —

kscsa@kscsa.org.au

as a Word document or as part of an email.

Death of Archbishop Philip Wilson — Sunday, Jan 17, 2021

Archbishop Philip Wilson, who served as Bishop of Wollongong and Archbishop of Adelaide during 45 years of priestly ministry, has died in Adelaide this afternoon at the age of 70.

Born in the Hunter region of New South Wales, a young Philip Wilson studied at St Columba's College, Springwood and St Patrick's College Manly before being ordained a priest of the Diocese of Maitland/Newcastle.

Ordained Bishop of Wollongong in 1996, he was seen as an important figure in introducing reforms to help the Catholic Church respond to the issue of child sexual abuse.

In 2001, he was appointed Archbishop of Adelaide, a post he held until his resignation in 2018. He served as president of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference for two terms, from 2006 to 2010.

Archbishop Wilson had suffered a series of health problems in recent years, including cancer. Even so, his death on Sunday was unexpected.

"We know that Philip was much loved by people across the country, but especially in the places he served – in Maitland-Newcastle, in Wollongong and here in Adelaide," said Archbishop Patrick O'Regan, who last year succeeded Archbishop Wilson.

"He made major contributions to the Church and the wider communities in which he ministered, and was seen as a valuable part of the Bishops Conference, including during four years as president of the national assembly of about 40 bishops."

Archbishop O'Regan said while his predecessor had been charged with failing to respond adequately to allegations of child sexual abuse while a priest in the Hunter region, he was acquitted of all charges.

"A harrowing period of allegations, charges, conviction and eventually acquittal was a significant chapter on Philip's life, but his record of supporting and advocating on behalf of victims and survivors is part of his legacy," Archbishop O'Regan said. "Philip knew what pain many people had endured and suffered as a result of the sickening actions of some within the Church. He was part of the solution, and widely recognised as such."

Media Release: Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide



Acknowledgements: Source unknown

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As I write these lines the TV is displaying constant reruns of the day's inauguration of the 46th President of the USA, Joseph Biden.

I am reminded of our late Archbishop's love of Washington and the USA from his days as a Canon Law student at the National Catholic University in Washington. He developed an encyclopaedic knowledge of American history and a widespread circle of American friends.

Today, (January 21st) is also the feast of St Agnes the Martyr, the day in Rome they shear the lambs from whose fleece the palliums are made. (The pallium is the woollen band that the Pope places on the shoulders of metropolitan archbishops as a sign of their authority.)

The reception of the pallium from Pope Benedict XV1 was for Archbishop Philip a defining moment of his life.

The Adelaide Church benefited greatly from his grasp of history and its role in the development of community.

Archbishop Philip often spoke of the insights he gained, when as a student of St Patrick's Seminary in Sydney, he used to read our Southern Cross Newspaper. From Father Bob Wilkinson's editorials he was able to glean something of our archdiocesan affinity with the Cardijn movements.

Archbishop Wilson also understood, before he came here, the role of Mother Mary MacKillop in the foundation of the Church in South Australia. History will record his many writings and homilies on the subject.

The Knights of the Southern Cross in particular will remember Archbishop Philip as one who understood well their aims and mission.

In spite of the suffering of his final years he was always a warm welcoming person whose memory is cherished by the many thousands whose lives he touched.

Those who were suffering poverty, were homeless, or new refugees who came to our state, were recipients of his love and concern.

*Happy are those who die in the Lord.
Happy indeed the Spirit says:
Now they can rest forever
after their work,
since their good deeds go with them.*

Vale Archbishop Philip.

Mgr Rob Egar

Let us not ignore God's word!
It is a love letter, written to us
by the One who knows us best.
In reading it, we again
hear his voice, see his face
and receive his Spirit.

Pope Francis — Jan 24, 2021



Photo:
Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide

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Annual Conference and General Meeting

Will be held at

John Martin House Plympton**Saturday March 6, 2021**

Conference will commence with Mass at 9.30 pm
Morning tea and Lunch will be provided.

Registration fee: \$10 pp

A link will be provided for Members
wishing to participate in the AGM by video link.

Registration Form

Name(s):

Branch:

Phone/Mobile:

Email:

☐ I / we will be attending: *(please put the number attending in the box)*

- **Conference /AGM** (Registration Fee \$10)

☐ PAYMENT of \$.....is enclosed — *(please Tick)*
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Banking details are — Bank: Commonwealth Bank**BSB:** 065 000**Account No:** 000905 080**Ref:** Conference + Payee's name
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but would like to link into the AGM
Branch Reports**Southern Fleurieu** — Bro Paul Kennelly

At the end of my last article I mentioned how we were looking forward to our yearly Christmas Dinner as well as the State Conference, with five of our Members due to attend.

However, Covid had other ideas about all of the above with a state lockdown coming in because of a new alarming spread. But it seemed to get us all back on track and that is the most important result.

Goolwa has had record crowds over the Christmas /New Year period. Most of the shops have had record takings with the great Cockle Train regularly carrying six carriages or more.

Our church at Goolwa had a limit of 170 people placed on it. We usually get a crowd of 300 or more at our Christmas Vigil Mass.

Our parish priest Fr Vinh made it easier by having two Vigil Masses, one at 4.30pm and the next at 6pm. He was then off to Victor Harbor to say a Mass at 7.30pm, again with a big crowd. That followed by Mass in each church on Sunday morning.

I think he showed great dedication so all could celebrate the birth of Christ.

Our wine raffle was a great success once again with a profit of \$350 recorded as the last winner donated his prize back to us.

Our monthly BBQs **are now going weekly to cater for the holiday makers with promising results.**

To all our Members and their families, we wish you all a safe, happy and healthy New Year.

Let's hope and pray that it is a better year for all.

Answers to the Quiz page 13

Sources: Various Wikipedia biographical pages.

1	Doris Day	8	Marilyn Manson	15	Dean Martin
2	John Wayne	9	Bob Dylan.	16	Rory Calhoun
3	Cary Grant	10	Pope Adrian IV	17	Twiggy
4	Maureen O'Hara	11	Sid James	18	Madonna
5	Joseph Stalin	12	Rock Hudson	19	Lady Gaga
6	Alan Alda	13	Roy Rogers	20	Al Jolson
7	Marilyn Monroe	14	James Herriot		

Branch Reports

Clearview | Kilburn — *Bro Peter Molloy*

Well, 2021 is finally with us so the Clearview / Kilburn Branch of the Knights of the Southern Cross wishes all fellow Members of the Knights, their families and our hard working Office staff a very safe and prosperous 2021.

What a year was 2020! Covid-19 affected all our lives whether socially, family or employment; and, of course, our attendance at Masses due to the number of parishioners available to attend because of the social distancing protocols.

The Clearview / Kilburn Parish, under the guidance of our Parish Priest Fr Selva, conducted four weekend Masses: two at Clearview and two at Kilburn thus allowing more parishioners to attend Mass. The Branch's Knights of the Southern Cross continued to service our Parish as Covid Marshalls and Ushers.



Photo Left: (L – R)
Bro Gary LOCKWOOD,
Mrs Marie LOCKWOOD,
Bro Brian CALLAHAN,
Mrs Iris DALY,
Mrs Anita MIRANDA and
Bro Ivan MIRANDA
(Branch Chairman)

Below Left: (L – R)
Mrs Agnus NGUYEN,
Bro Linh NGUYEN, Miss Isabelle
and, Miss Amelia NGUYEN,
Mrs Nellie BARTON, Mrs Rose RUIZ,
Bro Ben RUIZ and
Bro Bruce BARTON

At the Clearview Church we were permitted to have up to 125 parishioners and Kilburn 95 parishioners. This was unfortunately due to the small outbreak of the locally transmitted infections of Covid-19 in November, which put our state into lockdown for three days. Our Parish numbers were drastically reduced on resumption at both churches for a couple of weeks. This put a lot of pressure on the Knights to ensure the safety of our parishioners who had booked to attend weekend Masses.

In the 2nd week of December, the number of people permitted to attend Masses was once again increased to 125 at Clearview and 95 at Kilburn. This was a blessing as Christmas was around the corner and with 10 Masses being held over the four days at Christmas, the Branch's Knights once again excelled in their attendance at both churches as Covid Marshalls and Ushers.

Unfortunately the Clearview / Kilburn Parish 'KIDS DAYS' had to be postponed due to the Covid-19 outbreak in SA, but the Knights are looking forward for when this special day is re-scheduled.

On a brighter note — our main fund raiser 'Club 45' has taken off like wild fire and has been accepted by all parishioners, with games sold out very quickly.

On the Nov 28, 2020, the Branch's Knights held our Xmas dinner at the Bridgeway Hotel. The night was extremely enjoyable with both Fr Leon and Fr Selva in attendance.

In conclusion, the Clearview / Kilburn Branch is looking forward to a very busy and successful 2021 in supporting our Parish and Parishioners.

God Bless.



Hi there, Brothers — I know it's a bit late but Happy New Year to you all and welcome to 2021.

Let's pray that this year will be a better one than the previous one. Not much to report about at the moment however, I would just like to mention about a few items that we discussed at the last meeting held on Dec 2, 2020. We only had five Members present with one apology, and only a few items on the Agenda to deliberate over.

The last collection that our Bottle Drive Team did just before Christmas achieved the sum of \$22.20 (thanks to Bro Jim). Members were also made aware as per a message received from Bro Don Campbell (State Chairman) that the State Conference & AGM has been deferred to Sat, Mar 6, 2021.

(Our Chairman) Bro Mike Boyle reminded me to try and finalise some dates for our Calendar of Events for 2021 which will then be debated at our first Branch Council meeting (at Bro Otto's place) on Mon, Jan 25 2021. Meanwhile our first General Meeting (at Tranmere Hall) will be a mixed meeting on the Wed, Feb 3, 2021. At this gathering we will begin with a short Mass (officiated by our Parish Priest, Fr Roy) and will also include the

installation of the new Branch Council Members for 2021. This will be followed by a brief discussion of the coming events & meetings for the year and ending with some nibbles and drinks.

Speaking of events, our last function for the year 2020 was the Branch Christmas Dinner. This was celebrated at the Kensi Hotel on Thursday night (10/12/2020) in the private Function Room and 21 Members, partners, a few priests and widows of deceased Members enjoyed the 2-course menu and the camaraderie of the evening. During the night, small Christmas parcels were handed out to the women at the function (thanks to Bro Otto and his wife, Antonina).

Well, that's it from me for this month, see you next time.

A Bible Verse for Lent

Joel 2: 12 – 14 -

Even now, declares the Lord,
return to me with all your heart,
with fasting and weeping
and mourning.
Tear your heart
and not your garments.
Return to the Lord your God,
for he is gracious and
compassionate.



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Branch Reports

St Mary MacKillop | Copper Coast — *Bro Frank Camporeale*

Hopefully, the New Year 2021 has begun well for everyone. All we should wish for is good health, regular contact with family and friends, and God's blessings on all we choose to do, particularly in helping others.

Remember – *'Being there for others doesn't cost anything and brings a lot of joy.'* (Pause and Ponder)

So, to make you smile (just a little) ... A teacher keen to develop a positive relationship with some of his students enquires a little about what was shared.

Teacher: *Why do you want to work in a bank, Frank?*

Frank: *Because there's money in it Sir.*

(Do I hear a sigh??) Moving on to the next student

Teacher: *Bill, I hear your brother became a writer when he left school. Does he write for money?*

Bill: *Yes Sir, with every letter home!*

Now hopefully you see my 'jokes' as 'blessings' which make you smile?

Our November meeting was, again, via Zoom, and the December meeting was Face to Face at a Moonta home, namely 'Yours's Truly'. (Attendances — Six, with one visitor, and one apology; Six, with two as apologies.)

In November, our final Formation Program was left for Members to attend to prayerfully at home, in their own time.

Those of us who felt comfortable and compelled to voice our views and opposition, attended to the Termination of Pregnancy Bill as individuals, expressing our concerns to politicians as either emails or phone calls or both.

Bro Jim McCall and I, along with our wives, Joan and Laura, accepted Pt Augusta Branch's invitation to their Christmas Dinner. This evening again proved enjoyable, with a good venue, good fellowship, good food and formalities kept simple and to the point. Dinners such as these are great for keeping friendships going. We caught up with Members from Whyalla while there, and that was an added bonus from my personal point of view. Emails and phone calls are fine but getting together, face to face, has greater impact, I believe.

[St Mary MacKillop | Copper Coast Report continued on page 11](#)

Now, attached to this report is a picture of our newest Member (and youngest), George Joseph, being admitted at our December meeting — our Christmas Family Dinner Meeting. We were all very welcoming, and congratulated Bro George on taking the step to become a Knight with our Branch. Not only did he receive his Membership Certificate and Pin, but also a set of the commemorative St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Rosary Beads with which he was well-pleased.

While we were conducting presentations, we presented Bro Bruce Taylor with his copy of our own 'Certificate of Service' for his thirty-five plus years of membership.

It would be remiss of me not to list other certificates presented to date. (Three members are yet to receive theirs.)

Bro Jim McCall	40+ Years
Bro Frank Camporeale	40+ Years
Bro Roger Cunningham	40+ Years
Bro Peter Oswald	20+ Years
Bro Peter Sims	20+ Years
Bro Vin Slattery	15+ Years
Bro Tony Vanderhorst	15 Years
Bro Mike Turner	10+ Years, and
Bro Fab Appay	10 Years

We kept business short and to the point, including beginning 2021 meetings in February, at Kadina Church Hall for the time being. (Up until COVID-19 Restrictions began, we rotated meetings around the three main Copper Coast Towns.) This brevity of business allowed us all to enjoy the evening, catch up on news, share stories and have a few laughs.

Parish and Diocesan news: Masses continue in our Parish with Fr Matthew coordinating as many daily Masses as possible each week, along with our

regular Sunday Masses. We had the pleasure of two visiting priests (on different Sundays) saying Mass for us in recent weeks — thanks to Frs Robert Stewart and Ben Mkuchu.

We ask all Members to continue praying for each other, for past members of the Knights and their families, and for those not in the best of health, and for our parishioners. Let us not forget our Archbishop, Bishops and Priests — our latest to lead us in our Adelaide and Pt Pirie Dioceses will need not only our prayers, but our support in whatever way we can manage.

'The Lord will reward you for the concern you show to countless others.' (Pause & Ponder.)

How to finish is always a challenge BUT a note for the coming months?

'The Lord always blesses a person's generosity and faith.' (Pause & Ponder.)

From me — Christmas was wonderful with family in Adelaide. We managed to connect with our son and his family in the UK via Skype which



was an added blessing. Finally, celebrating my eldest brother's eightieth birthday just after Christmas really set our minds with a forward-looking headset.

I pray our break allows us to be revitalised and come back with a far more positive approach to what we can do and achieve in 2021, individually, as family and as a Branch.

— Until next time ...



Photos:

Above: Bro George Joseph receiving his certificate and pin from Bro Fab Appay after being admitted.

Left : Bro George Joseph and his proud family with his certificate of membership.

Far Left : Bro Bruce Taylor (R) receiving his 35+ Years Membership Certificate from Bro Frank Camporeale.



Above: Alan Dwyer
12/11/1952 to 8/1/2021.
Photo supplied by family

Sadly, following quite a lengthy illness, Bro Alan was taken into God's hands on Jan 8, 2021 at the age of 68.

Alan was raised in Broken Hill and became an architect. Through his employer he oversaw a number of large projects in Broken Hill and throughout NSW.

Alan was a Member of Branch 14 in Broken Hill, and after relocating to

Adelaide, he transferred to the Brighton / Marian / Hallett Cove / Glenelg Branch. He also served on State Council for a two-year term before illness prevented him from renominating.

Alan served for many years on the Board of Southern Cross Care in Broken Hill. He maintained a keen interest in SCC in Adelaide.

He leaves his wife, Colleen and two adult children, a son Lochlann and a daughter, Emily and her partner, Chris.

We miss Alan's presence and wisdom in our State Council meetings. He was inspirational in his ideas, particularly on membership.

May he now rest in peace.

Don Campbell — State Chairman

Branch Reports

Tailem Bend | Murray Bridge — Bro Terry Critchley

Tailem Bend / Murray Bridge Branch had its first meeting for 2021 with Bro Peter Connolly in the chair and we were pleased to welcome Mark Scott who is a prospective new Member.

Plans are in hand for some fundraising activities with a 45 Club about to be launched and a Bingo selling week coming up.

Recently donations have been made to the Hutt Street Centre and St Vincent de Paul.

Our next meeting will be held at Murray Bridge at 4.30 pm on Feb 14. Tailem Bend will be hosting our following meeting on Mar 14.



Isaiah 58: 6–7

**Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of wickedness,
to undo the straps of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?**

**Is it not to share your bread
with the hungry and
Bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover him,
and not to hide yourself from
your own flesh?**

Branch Meetings 2021

Aberfoyle Park: 1st Monday — 7.30pm
Parish Centre, 26 London Rd, Aberfoyle Pk

Brighton | Marion | Hallett Cove | Glenelg:
1st Wednesday — 7.30pm
Parish Activity Centre, Strathmore Tce, Brighton

Clearview | Kilburn: 2nd Tuesday — 7.00pm,
Parish Hall, Clearview

Copper Coast: 3rd Thursday — 7.30pm — Parish Hall

Dernancourt: 2nd Wednesday — 7.30pm
Parish Centre, 1 Avoca St, Dernancourt

Edwardstown | Plympton: 2nd Wednesday — 7.30pm
'The Pines' Club Rooms — 336 Marion Rd,
North Plympton

Emmaus: 3rd Thursday — 7.30pm
St Therese School Hall, Col Light Gdns

Hectorville | Tranmere: 1st Wednesday — 7.30pm
Tranmere Hall, 1 Birkinshaw Ave, Tranmere

Mt Barker | Strathalbyn: 2nd Wednesday — 7.00pm
Our Lady of Mercy Church Foyer

Murray Bridge: 3rd Sunday — 4.00pm
Holy Redeemer Pastoral Centre

Murray Mallee: 2nd Tuesday — 2.00pm
Church Hall, Tailem Bend

Para Region: 1st Monday — 7.30pm
St Ann's Parish Church Supper Room
Midway Road Elizabeth East

Penola: 2nd Wednesday — 7.30pm — Parish Centre

Port Augusta: 3rd Thursday — 7.00pm — Parish Centre

Port Pirie | Crystal Brook: 2nd Tuesday — 7.30pm
Pt Pirie Diocesan Centre, odd months
Crystal Brook Parish Centre, even months

Southern Fleurieu: 3rd Thursday — 4.00pm
St John the Apostle, Gardiner St, Goolwa — odd months
St Joan's Annex, Seaview Rd, Victor Harbor — even months

Whyalla: 1st Wednesday — 7.30pm
Knights Meeting Room in Church Grounds

Woodville | West Torrens: 1st Tuesday — 3.00pm
St Margaret Mary's Presbytery,
Torrens Rd, Croydon

Well, what an extraordinary half-year it has been, including a 'Christmas like no other' (due to the continuing COVID-19 restrictions). It has also been tragic for some members of several parishes across the nation, who have lost friends and relatives to COVID-19-related issues, or whose health has been severely compromised by the virus. We hope and pray for better news this year, as new vaccines become available — however I would advise caution, against having the vaccine early (before more evidence becomes available, about its effectiveness and safety). Having said that, of course, though — 'it's your call'.

Our planned Nov. 2020 BBQ, at the 'new-ish' Bunnings branch in Reynella, was cancelled, due to the SA 'short lock-down' (remember that?). However, we were able to hold one there in January this year, which was 'moderately successful' (despite a post-Christmas 'lull' in customer numbers at Bunnings — hence at our BBQ). We were very grateful to our non-Knights helpers on the day — mainly from the local Vinnies branch, and also from a lady who's a regular Tuesday walking-group member. Some good news is that our weekly walks have resumed, so we're exercising regularly again, to 'beat the pandemic'.

More good news — recent attendances at Mass have been almost back to pre-COVID-19 numbers (especially over the Christmas period), and our choirs and parish groups are functioning well. Although we are not yet able to hold parish BBQs (or congregate after Mass), social gatherings are still possible (e.g., at local cafes, afterwards — social distancing being observed, of course). We have greatly appreciated the reverence and attention-to-detail of our Priest, Fr Santiago Fernandez ('Fr San'), who is currently preparing to join a new parish.

Some of the ladies of the parish have consistently produced excellent displays of flowers for the church, and the music is becoming quite 'professional' and uplifting (can't quite understand why the congregation is not allowed to join-in the hymns and other sung liturgy, but I guess it all makes sense, Covid-wise).

Bro Tony Hughes has continued to supervise the recent improvements, around the church building, as well as ensuring the functioning of the new air-conditioner in the transportable (very comfortable, in both winter and

summer), and leading the preparations for our Bunnings BBQs. All this despite being a casualty of a 'health-and-safety-issue', which caused him a trip to Flinders Emergency Dept. (luckily, he has now recovered from this, and we've 'learnt from it').

In spite of the stresses of the past year, there are some promising signs that our parish, and the wider community might 'emerge' from this pandemic, with greater love for our Neighbour wherever they might live. We have been relatively lightly affected by the coronavirus crisis, compared with other parts of the country, and with other countries of the world. Knights will continue to support those less fortunate, as we have always strived to do (directly or indirectly, via our fundraising activities and our Christian example) — keep up the good works, Brothers!



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Introduction

• As I was writing this letter, the Covid-19 pandemic unexpectedly erupted, exposing our false securities. Aside from the different ways that various countries responded to the crisis, their inability to work together became quite evident.

For all our hyper-connectivity, we witnessed a fragmentation that made it more difficult to resolve problems that affect us all. Anyone who thinks that the only lesson to be learned was the need to improve what we were already doing, or to refine existing systems and regulations, is denying reality.

It is my desire that, in this our time, by acknowledging the dignity of each human person, we can contribute to the rebirth of a universal aspiration to fraternity. Fraternity between all men and women. “Here we have a splendid secret that shows us how to dream and to turn our life into a wonderful adventure. No one can face life in isolation ... We need a community that supports and helps us, in which we can help one another to keep looking ahead. How important it is to dream together... By ourselves, we risk seeing mirages, things that are not there.

Dreams, on the other hand, are built together.”[6] Let us dream, then, as a single human family, as fellow travellers sharing the same flesh, as children of the same earth which is our common home, each of us bringing the richness of his or her beliefs and convictions, each of us with his or her own voice, brothers and sisters all.” — *Fratelli Tutti*, Pope Francis, 2020

On October 3, 2020 the Holy Father Pope Francis, from the tomb of St Francis in Assisi, gave us his latest Encyclical Letter *Fratelli Tutti*. While traditionally the words of the Popes’ Encyclicals are named after the opening words of the document, on this occasion they are actually words the Holy Father is quoting from St Francis of Assisi. They are taken from one of the early writings of the Saint addressed to his community of brothers and sisters in which he admonishes and encourages them to adopt a very respectful and encompassing approach to each other and to all those and everything around them.

Over the past year (2020) everyone has been experiencing significant challenges to our community life. The global pandemic of COVID-19 has threatened our spiritual, family, social, economic and fraternal cohesion. Sadly the term ‘social distancing’ has become almost a mantra when what was really being called for was ‘physical distancing’. This distancing has been felt globally and locally and has threatened our sense of community at every level.

With the closure of our Churches, initially completely, and then limiting numbers being allowed to be present, attending to our spiritual life has demanded that we review our normal practices and compensate for the lack of opportunities we normally rely on to reinforce our experience of community. Tremendous opportunities have been presented by the means of technology for us to find new ways to pray together. When I reflect that even 20 years ago mobile telephones were only just starting to become more common, now we can not only hear but also

see each other on a variety of platforms. For most it is almost as if we have a TV set in our pocket! Now we can participate ‘virtually’ in our religious community practices.

I was somewhat amused to read a notice that Bishop Robert Rabbat (the Melkite Bishop of Australia) sent to his faithful in the early days of 2020 to advise his community of the fact that Sunday Mass would be ‘livestreamed’ and to encourage them to ‘tune in’ so that they could, at least in part, not feel so isolated from the worshipping community. The good Bishop suggested that while it would be probably normal practice for families to gather in front of the TV to watch a program and sometimes that was accompanied by cups of tea or coffee and cake and biscuits. He strongly suggested that it might not be entirely appropriate to sit and watch Mass in the same way! But it did give an early sign that we can use this

technology in a different way to assist us.

And so we now have the opportunity for many to ‘participate virtually’ in livestreamed (and recorded) Masses, Benedictions, Rosaries and prayer services and from a variety of sources. So called ‘zoom meetings’ have also taken on a new strength and we can meet together, albeit in a different way, and continue on the work of prayer and work in spite of physical restrictions.

Movement restrictions have severely limited family get togethers also — particularly where members of the family are scattered across different areas and jurisdictions.

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We have all experienced in our own circumstances the sadness of not being able to be with our loved ones particularly on those occasions of joy or sadness when so much more can be communicated by a good hug, kiss, a meaningful glance, or a handshake, than by mere words. There is also the element of concern that, because of our love for each other, it might be better to stay away in case we might bring infection with us.

I recall being told by a young man that, while he understood the reasons, he was devastated that he should not go to visit his widowed grandmother. At the other end of the same thought is that of an elderly lady who was telling me that — for no other reason — she would not let her family (and grandchildren) come to visit (or she to visit them) for fear of putting them at risk; and yet she felt so miserable and isolated. In that case there was also the added factor that she depended upon one of her grandchildren particularly to establish and set her up technologically (mobile phone, iPad, etc) — it was beyond her capacity. Our children and their teachers have had to cope with significant changes to the way their education is provided.

The continuing judgements about the need for border restrictions, movement, gatherings, wearing facemasks, periods of isolation and/or quarantine, testing, being alert to symptoms, etc, have also required us to reassess what social activities we are able to participate in. Many find themselves questioning what the value of freedom really means and what must we do to protect it. How much 'power' is enough to entrust to our social leaders? Because we do not always have all the underlying data and facts at our disposal it is hard to discern sometimes whether our trust has been well placed.

The decision about who — or rather when and how — can come into the country, or leave it, is a very important one. Already the much longed for and planned Plenary Council for Australia has been

affected. A decision was made to postpone it for a year and then — at least for the First Session — further modifications about the process have had to be made.

Many herald the government intervention to provide measures to assist the economic survival of many in our society. Despite this many businesses have gone to the wall. Many are unemployed and the number of those receiving economic support has increased. Trade regimes — both national and international — have significantly changed bringing more pressure on the economy than was previously the case. We are told by many the need for a balance between the health and the economy is hard to maintain. All this brings some uncertainty and loss of a positive outlook for many. We see signs of many who are struggling to make ends meet. For the first time in many years I have seen people looking in garbage bins in my street to recover what might be of some use to them.

One of the most impressive aspects has been to see how our sense of fraternity has developed. There seems to me to be an increased awareness of each other's needs. More and more is being done by those who have as their mission providing assistance to those in need. We seem to be more alert to the needs of others in different ways — health care, loneliness, mental health, etc. Like



other Churchbased agencies our own Order has been challenged to adapt to new ways to provide care and assistance and have done it with great enthusiasm and confidence in God's help.

Into this scenario the Holy Father has injected the Encyclical 'Sisters and brothers all together'. This is a very comprehensive document that encourages us all to reflect on and participate in bringing the message of Jesus Christ into the situation in which we find ourselves immersed. It seemed to me that we could benefit from the encouragement and practical insights the Holy Father offers in our Formation Program this year. It provides us with an opportunity for us to reflect on our circumstances, consider what might be done, and finally to determine what we can do.

I have in mind especially that — unless circumstances change and I pray they do — this year we will probably still be meeting virtually or even not meeting at all and so the Formation Program is designed principally to be of use as individuals.

May the Holy Spirit accompany us with insight, wisdom, understanding, strength and perseverance.

Advancing Along the Paths of Hope

“God continues to sow abundant seeds of goodness in our human family. The recent pandemic enabled us to recognize and appreciate once more all those around us who, in the midst of fear, responded by putting their lives on the line. We began to realize that our lives are interwoven with and sustained by ordinary people valiantly shaping the decisive events of our shared history: doctors, nurses, pharmacists, storekeepers and supermarket workers, cleaning personnel, caretakers, transport workers, men and women working to provide essential services and public safety, volunteers, priests and religious ... They understood that no one is saved alone.

I invite everyone to renewed hope, for hope speaks to us of something deeply rooted in every human heart, independently of our circumstances and historical conditioning. Hope speaks to us of a thirst, an aspiration, a longing for a life of fulfillment, a desire to achieve great things, things that fill our heart and lift our spirit to lofty realities like truth, goodness and beauty, justice and love ...

*Hope is bold;
it can look beyond personal convenience,
the petty securities and compensations
which limit our horizon,
and it can open us up to grand ideals
that make life more beautiful and worthwhile.*

Let us continue, then, to advance along the paths of hope.”

Pope Francis, 2020: Fratelli Tutti – paras 54 & 55

Shortly after addressing some matters concerning what he calls the ‘illusion of communication’, the Holy Father asks us to consider the deeply human characteristic of our ability to sit down and listen to others, to accept them, to care for them and to welcome them into our lives. He points out that, while the age of technology that makes available many forms of social media widely available, there are some elements of our current experience of communication that in fact diminish our sense of human dignity. He asks us to reflect on what our spiritual sense of community really means in practice. Rather than encouraging free debate and the

universal sharing of ideas, which Pope Francis would identify as workings of the Holy Spirit, there is evident a climate of fostering division and separation based on a form of social aggression which has found unparalleled expansion through computers

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and mobile devices. Individuals who share the same values, principles and ideals can band together to reinforce and encourage each other often at the same time excluding, attacking and blocking alternative positions taken by others. These ‘networks’ of verbal abuse that shield others from any debate are often characterised by remarkable hostility, insults, abuse and defamation destructive of others. There are many platforms that facilitate the spread of fake news and false information, fomenting prejudice and hate. The capacity to be able to choose the people with whom we wish to share our world can also lead us to delete persons or situations we find unpleasant or disagreeable and a ‘virtual circle’ is created which isolates us from the real world in which we are living. It can further entice us to reject all ethical standards and respect for the good name and dignity of others.

The Holy Father asks us a simple but powerful question: “**How can this contribute** to the fraternity that our common Father asks of us?”

“Together, we can seek the truth in dialogue, in relaxed conversation or in passionate debate. To do so calls for perseverance; it entails moments of silence and suffering, yet it can patiently embrace the broader experience of individuals and peoples. The flood of information at our fingertips does not make for greater wisdom. Wisdom is not born of quick searches on the internet nor is it a mass of unverified data. That is not the way to mature in the encounter with truth.”

Pope Francis: Fratelli Tutti – para 50

Reflection:

- 1 How much time do I spend on 'social media' devices? Is it proportionate?
- 2 How willing am I to accept without question its contents?
- 3 How willing am I to reject out of hand what is unpleasant?
- 4 Am I tempted to deny dignity to persons who may express a different view or dismiss them out of hand?
- 5 Am I tempted to engage in 'verbal violence', defamation, or slander?

Prayer for the Plenary Council

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.
Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.
O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia
and guide us on the pilgrim way
of the Plenary Council.

Give us the grace to see your face in one another
and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.

Give us the courage to tell our stories
and to speak boldly of your truth.

Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and
a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.

Lead your Church into a hope-filled future,
that we may live the joy of the Gospel.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
bread for the journey from age to age.
Amen.

Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.

St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.

Starting Anew

Each day offers us a new opportunity, a new possibility. We should not expect everything from those who govern us, for that would be childish. We have the space we need for co-responsibility in creating and putting into place new processes and changes. Let us take an active part in renewing and supporting our troubled societies. Today we have a great opportunity to express our innate sense of fraternity, to be Good Samaritans who bear the pain of other people's troubles rather than fomenting greater hatred and resentment.

Like the chance traveller in the parable, we need only have a pure and simple desire to be a people, a community, constant and tireless in the effort to include, integrate and lift up the fallen. We may often find ourselves succumbing to the mentality of the violent, the blindly ambitious, those who spread mistrust and lies.

Others may continue to view politics or the economy as an arena for their own power plays. For our part, let us foster what is good and place ourselves at its service.

We can start from below and, case by case, act at the most concrete and local levels, and then expand to the farthest reaches of our countries and our world, with

the same care and concern that the Samaritan showed for each of the wounded man's injuries. Let us seek out others and embrace the world as it is, without fear of pain or a sense of inadequacy, because there we will discover all the goodness that God has planted in human hearts. Difficulties that seem overwhelming are opportunities for growth, not excuses for a glum resignation that can lead only to acquiescence. Yet let us not do this alone, as individuals.

The Samaritan discovered an innkeeper who would care for the man; we too are called to unite as a family that is stronger than the sum of small individual members. For ...

*the whole is greater than the part,
but it is also greater than
the sum of its parts.*

Let us renounce the pettiness and resentment of useless in-fighting and constant confrontation.

Let us stop feeling sorry for ourselves and acknowledge our crimes, our apathy, our lies.

Reparation and reconciliation will give us new life and set us all free from fear.⁹

Pope Francis, 2020: Fratelli Tutti – paras 77 & 78

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The Holy Father gives us a wonderful exposition of the familiar parable of the Good Samaritan that olved by, others either deliberately or thoughtlessly in failing to respond to a need? But beneath all of our faults there is instilled in us a sense of goodness that will not be silenced.

The Holy Father encourages us to honesty with ourselves and inspires us to a faith-filled action to be the 'neighbour' that Jesus is describing. He calls us to constantly '**start anew**'.

Reflection:

- 1 How alert am I to the genuine needs of others? How determined am I to meet those needs completely?
- 2 When aware of a situation of need how often am I inclined to respond with ***it can't be fixed*** or ***what can I do?***
- 3 Does Jesus' definition of a ***neighbour*** as one who helps all no matter what the barriers social, real or imagined) describe me?

Serenity Prayer

Lord,
give me the courage
to change the things I can,
the serenity to accept
the things I cannot change,
And the wisdom
to know the difference.

The Knight Life Quiz

By what name were these people better known?

- 1 Mary Anne Kappelhoff
- 2 Marion Robert Morrison
- 3 Archibald Alec Leach
- 4 Maureen Fitzsimmons
- 5 Ioseb Besarionis dze jughasvili
- 6 Alphonso Joseph D'Abruzzo
- 7 Norma Jean Mortenson
- 8 Brian Hugh Warner
- 9 Robert Allan Zimmerman
- 10 Nicholas Breakspear
- 11 Solomon Joel Cohen
- 12 Roy Harold Scherer jnr
- 13 Leonard Frank Slye
- 14 James Alfred Wight
- 15 Dino Paul Crocetti
- 16 Francis Timothy McCown
- 17 Dame Leslie Lawson
- 18 Madonna Louise Ciccone
- 19 Stefani Joanne Angelina Germanotta
- 20 Asa Joelson

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