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Catholic Charities Thanksgiving Mass

Wednesday December 2
12.10pm
St Francis Xavier's Cathedral

November 2020



Giving thanks in difficult times

This year we have had to get used to the 'new normal' way of operating under COVID-19. For Catholic Charities this has meant some of our events had to be amended or cancelled like the annual Easter egg collection and delivery, as they couldn't fit within the regulations specified under the South Australian restrictions.

Also affected is our Catholic Charities Expo which usually follows the Thanksgiving Mass held in December. While the Thanksgiving Mass will still go ahead – with a reduced attendance – the Expo has had to be cancelled. Having

an Expo that featured charity booths along with a BBQ as well as lots of students trying to maintain social distancing was not considered possible.

The Catholic Charities Thanksgiving Mass is an important event in the Archdiocese. It gives us the chance to recognise and thank our donors especially now that we have our new Archbishop Patrick O'Regan on board.

As chair of Catholic Charities I want to thank you again for helping us support our eight agencies which continue to work with the vulnerable and disadvantaged in our

community especially during the difficulties that are raised living with COVID-19.

They are:

- The Aboriginal Catholic Ministry
- Catherine House
- Centacare Catholic Family Services
- Calvary: Ain Karim
- SA Catholic Deaf Association
- Hutt St Centre
- Our lady of La Vang and St Patrick's Special Schools

On behalf of Catholic Charities I would like to thank you for your commitment to assisting



those in need within our 'own backyard'. Your support this year has been incredible. Numbers will be limited for the lunchtime Thanksgiving Mass on December 2 so if you are keen to attend please RSVP before the deadline of November 27 to Mary Coombe Tel: 08 8210 8117.

Jenny Brinkworth
Catholic Charities Chair

agency news



Centacare provides free counselling

People struggling to cope with the chaos and fear surrounding COVID-19 can now access a service rolled out by Centacare Catholic Family Services. Their free phone counselling service is inclusive, non-judgmental and unconditional.

"Centacare wishes to offer a connection to those who seek counselling, strategies, or ways of working through individual, family or relationship issues, without having to leave their home," Deputy Director Pauline Connelly said.

To book an appointment for COVID-19 telephone counselling, please call Centacare on 8215 6700.

Annual Report



The Adelaide Archdiocese dates back to 1842 and today is home to more than 280,000 Catholics. Find out about the work of the Archdiocese as well as Catholic Charities news and its financial report.

View the report at www.adelaide.catholic.org.au/news-and-events/publications



Above: Smart Tech Electrical who have been working on Hutt St Centre's re-development site supporting the builders Mossop are ready to start the annual Walk a Mile event.

Below from left: Mikayla York-Brown, Gen Honner and Danielle Loftes at Hutt St Centre.

Hutt St Centre

The Adelaide Diocesan Centre again involved their staff in contributing snacks and soup to Hutt St Centre clients. Serving Adelaide's homeless community, the centre is one of the organisations supported through Catholic Charities and during winter there is an urgent need for non-perishable food. Mikayla York-Brown, Events and Community Fundraising coordinator at the centre, accepted several large boxes of goods on behalf of the Hutt St Centre and expressed her thanks to Gen Honner and Danielle Loftes, representing



the Diocesan Centre.

Even during COVID-19 people came together to celebrate Hutt St Centre's Annual Walk a Mile (1.6kms) event. As the Hutt St Centre said, "...what

an absolutely heart-warming community we have supporting people experiencing homelessness. We are so grateful for our wonderful, generous and compassionate Walk a Mile community."

Catherine House celebrates

Annie O'Neill from Catholic Charities attended International Women's Day at Catherine House on March 8. As Deirdre Flynn, director of client services remarked, it was an important opportunity to celebrate the achievements of women who have, "gone before us and among us today, who have all overcome so much". The celebration included a performance from the Catherine House music group and an interview with long-time supporter, journalist and author Lainie Anderson.



"Having the opportunity to stand up and have a voice meant so much to me. For all of us to come together on such an important occasion, it is empowering and makes me incredibly proud to be a part of Catherine House." Emma

(client). The event concluded with a powerful keynote speech from a previous Catherine House scholarship recipient who is currently engaged in her Masters of Teaching with a focus on early childhood.

school news

Young fundraisers do us proud



Schools continue to play an important part in supporting the work of Catholic Charities through the me4u (help each other through) program. Annie O'Neill from Catholic Charities works with schools to publicise their events.



St Joseph's, Payneham, students banded together in Weeks 8 & 9 to raise money for Catholic Charities that included Reception classes holding a crazy socks day! 1

Galilee Catholic School, Aldinga, Year 6/7 held a Market Day raising money for Catholic Charities on September 11. 2

St John the Apostle School, Christies Beach, students showed their solidarity with those less fortunate than themselves by holding a sponsored Walk for Water on August 3. Money raised will be divided between Catholic Charities and a Dominican charity. 3

St David's Parish School, Tea Tree Gully, raised \$1386.35 for Catholic Charities at their recent fundraising event to support people experiencing homelessness. 4

St Francis School, Lockleys, social justice Week initiatives included Year 1 'Coins for Caring' activity; Reception 'Coin for a KM Walk' around the Oval; Year 2 Lorax Activity Day; Year 3 Board Games; Year 4 Photo Gallery; Year 5 Colouring competition; Year 6 Arcade Games and Lolly Bags raising a fantastic \$2889. 5

Blackfriars Priory School, Prospect, on September 18, students from ELC to Year 12 joined a day of festivities and fundraising with activities including handmade arcade games, coin toss, football dribbling and sumo suit wrestling! 6

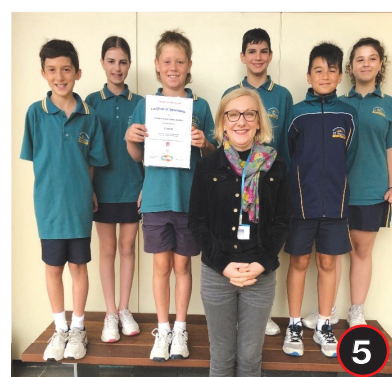
St Martin's Catholic Primary School, Greencares, held their sponsored PJ Day for Catholic Charities on September 11.

Stella Maris Parish School, Seacombe Gardens, held a fundraiser with Nerf targets; coin toss; spin to win; lolly guess; mini golf; games; ice cream; cartoon café; disco; lucky dips and food stalls and prizes.

St Mary's College, Adelaide, Annie O'Neill attended their annual Justice Day on September 25 to talk to the Year 11 & 12 students about the agencies that Catholic Charities support and also about the me4u campaign. "It was great to see so many students interested in Social Justice and see the difference they can make in their own south Australian community," she said.

St Joseph's, West Hindmarsh, ran a staff reflection day on October 12 and invited some Catholic Charities agencies along including Catherine House and SA Catholic Deaf Association.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Primary School, Brompton, held some fundraising events in term 3 and are planning on studying a unit about Catholic Charities next term. A great way to promote Catholic Charities and continue to encourage their classes to raise money for charitable purposes.



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Catholic Charities Annual Golf Day

The annual Catholic Charities Golf Day raises funds to support Centacare's Auricht House which provides respite care for families with children living with a disability.

The event is possible due to two major sponsors, the Whelan family and Southern Cross Care. The 2020 event is due to be held on Monday 16 November.

The 2019 event was held on September 16 at Westward Ho Golf Club, where more than 100 golfers took part. The committee, chaired by Peter McCarthy, raised (along with sponsorship) a fantastic total of \$17,300.

Catholic Charities joined with Centacare in commending the golf day committee and players for their efforts in raising this money.

"On behalf of Centacare and, importantly, those clients who continue to benefit from your support, please accept our genuine thanks; it is truly appreciated," said Dale West, director, Centacare Catholic Family Services.

Pictured above is Peter McCarthy (right), Catholic Charities Golf Committee chair presenting the cheque to Liam Connelly, Respite Service Coordinator, Centacare Catholic Family Services.

Fundraising campaign more important than ever



Parishes and schools around the State focused on helping out those most in need in our local community as Catholic Charities month took place in September.

With the coronavirus pandemic and its impact on the economy creating additional hardship for many people, Catholic Charities manager Annie O'Neill said this year's fundraising campaign was more important than ever.

The artwork on the cover of the Catholic Charities annual September leaflet included bubbles, the idea taken from an original picture (above) of a student and staff member at Our Lady of La Vang special school, blowing bubbles at their sensory table.

Over 40,000 leaflets were packaged up and sent out to donors, schools and Parishes in South Australia (pictured right).



Catholic Women's League

Annie O'Neill travelled to Wellington to attend a lunch meeting and to meet representatives from the Keith branch of the Catholic Women's League.

She was able to talk about the work of Catholic Charities



and their eight agencies and was also presented with a cheque for \$1000 from the members. Catholic Charities would like to thank Maureen

Clark the President of CWL Keith for her invitation and for all the hard work of the CWL Keith in raising the money for Catholic Charities.

me4u is on Facebook!

Catholic Charities' bright and colourful me4u website and Facebook page highlight and celebrate the fundraising work done in schools to help those 'in our own backyard'. Check them out and like the page! Please contact Annie O'Neill to share your fundraising stories T: 8210 8157.



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