

JPC JULY / AUGUST 2017 NEWSLETTER

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Next Newsletter Deadline

December 2017

Deaf Catholic Conference 2017 announcement:



Take advantage of this opportunity to renew and form new connections!

A rare event for all Deaf and hearing people who live and work in the pastoral care fields and other services within the Deaf Community. Come and learn more about a variety of important topics which are relevant to all of us today. Including changing demographics, relationships, aged care and inclusion. Will be an opportunity to share ideas and practices with a focus on the well-being and sustainability of our Deaf Catholic communities.

Contact JPC for more info or visits our website

From the Executive Manager's Desk

Rachel Miers

Hello,

Winter is here and it means hot chocolate for me, yummy!! I do hope you are keeping warm on these chilly winter days!

We have been keeping busy with our preparations for the Deaf Catholic Conference (DCC) happening next month.

We are excited as we read through some of the presentation materials and as we plan the social events and, we have also had time to reflect as we look at old photos. In addition to this conference, we are preparing history timeline for display at the event to acknowledge significant moments in the Deaf Catholic History of Australia. It has really shown me over the years of the rich Deaf Catholic history and it has proven that JPC still continues to be an important part in the lives of many.

It was actually 12 years ago, back in 2005 when the last conference was held in Victoria and that was a retreat—not really a conference—and it was a great time for participants to learn and understand more on particular topics but this conference in August 2017 will be a perfect time to focus on our theme: reflect, embrace and nurture. We cannot wait to share presentations and discussions with pastoral workers and community members from all around Australia.

You all are welcome to come to the DCC 2017 and especially to Ephpheta Sunday Mass and Lunch on 20th August at JPC. This is the official opening of the conference and we will also launch a project we have been working on. Come and see!

Ephpheta Sunday is a special celebration in our calendar as we take the time to be thankful for our community, culture and language—Auslan. Please bring your family and friends and join us.

Location will be JPC Hall in Prahran

Also, you are invited to join us for the Gala Dinner on Tuesday night 22nd August. Ramas McRae is our special guest speaker and will talk of 'Deafhood and Deaf Space'.

Location: Catholic Leadership Centre, East Melbourne.

I would like to take this opportunity to reach out to any volunteers for our church appeal in November. This appeal is to keep our pastoral services for JPC going. We need volunteers to attend one or two church services and give a talk to raise awareness of JPC's work. An interpreter will be provided for deaf volunteers who may be interested.

I look forward to seeing some of you at the conference in August.

Rachel.

Registration for Deaf Catholic Conference

Register by 1st august to be a part of this unique event

This event is open to everyone. We encourage Deaf and hearing people to attend and any professionals and community members who may be involved in Deaf Catholic communities around Australia.

See the full information booklet online or contact us for a detailed program and registration form.

**THERE WILL BE SPECIAL GUESTS TERRY & MARY OMEARA FROM USA!
AND DR BREA CARY FROM SYDNEY—PLUS...MANY MORE GUEST
PRESENTERS!**

<http://www.jpc.org.au/community/deaf-catholic-conference-2017/>

Registration:

FULL PACKAGE	Monday 21st August - day only	Tuesday 22nd August- day only	Wednesday 23rd August- day only	JPC Event Ephpheta celebration only	Dinner Event Tuesday 22nd Gala Dinner
Includes: Ephpheta Sunday Mass and lunch, PLUS 3 day conference * at CLC PLUS Gala dinner at CLC on Tuesday	Includes: Conference day * Package MONDAY 21st AUGUST at CLC	Includes: Conference day * Package TUESDAY 22nd AUGUST at CLC (Note: Gala dinner not included in this cost)	Includes: Conference day ^ Package WEDNESDAY 23rd AUGUST at CLC	Includes: Ephpheta Sunday Mass and Celebration (lunch, dessert, drinks, tea and coffee)	Includes: 3 course meal and drinks with special guest presentation
\$400	\$150	\$150	\$100	\$25	\$80

Register/book: <http://www.jpc.org.au/community/deaf-catholic-conference-2017/>

Or: [please email to manager@jpc.org.au](mailto:manager@jpc.org.au)

Or: [please see any JPC staff member to buy your tickets](#)



From the Chaplain Fr John Hill CSSR

Soon it will be Ephpheta Sunday, our great celebration of Deaf identity. At JPC's Ephpheta Sunday Mass, we will be thanking God for three things that are central to Deaf identity: language, history and community. But we could also add a fourth: 'communications technology'. It has really changed the lives of Deaf people. When I started at JPC in 2000, I was loaned a TTY machine, and then had to learn how to use it and remember things like "GA to SK". I also used the fax machine quite a lot if I wanted to send some information to a Deaf person. Both the TTY and fax worked well, but they were not portable

and I found that using them to communicate was a slow business.

Smart phones and developments in internet technology have changed how we communicate. Text messaging has been great for Deaf communication, and apps like FaceTime, Messenger, Snapchat and What's App and that mean that we can see the person we are calling and have a conversation with them. Today's technology has helped break down the isolation that Deaf people feel, especially if they live in small country towns or out on a farm. Over the last few years JPC has been able to provide iPads to some deaf people who are living far away from any Deaf community or other Deaf people. iPads have opened up a new world of communication for these people.

So, on the one hand technology has been a great blessing for the Deaf community, but on the other hand it also brings some problems. We know that teenagers can be bullied on social media. They might get hate messages texted to them, or receive or send inappropriate material on SMS.

In the Deaf community, the biggest problem around social media is gossip. Back in the days before our present technology, gossip was a big issue in the Deaf community. Today's social media make it much easier to find out and then spread the latest gossip.

A lot of gossip is harmless, but some is very harmful and can destroy a community. It is disappointing when a Deaf person says that they don't want anything to do with other Deaf and don't want to be involved in the community because of gossip. So, what's wrong with gossip? Everyone, Deaf or hearing, has a right to their good name. That means it is wrong to communicate things about a people that will ruin their reputations. It doesn't matter if what you say is true...it is still wrong to tell others, unless there is a serious reason. If we find out that someone is having a bad time in a relationship then we might try and help the couple directly, but it is not your story to share. It is a personal story.

We might find out that someone had been in trouble with the police when they were young....but we have no right to spread that news around, because that would ruin the person's reputation today. And, of course, it is even more wrong to say things about a person which are not true.

JPC is a community where people are accepted and valued. No-one should feel uncomfortable or afraid to join in. No-one should feel excluded or offended because they are worried about gossip.

Let us pray that we all do our part to keep communication open and honest. Let's try and turn the negatives of new technology....into positives. Let's use it to our advantage and keep the friendly conversations going online and face to face.

I look forward to seeing you at the Deaf Catholic Conference in August. I know we will have the chance to look at the ways our community has changed over the years....and more importantly...we can discuss ways that we can nurture our community and keep it a happy, friendly and safe place for everyone.

REFLECTION:

One of greatest things you can do to help others, is not to just to share and give what you have, but to help them discover what they have within themselves to help themselves.

(Rita Zahara)

<https://trans4mind.com/quotes/empower-others.html>

Community Member Profile:

Let's get to know.....

RON CHAPMAN— NEW PANKINA PRESIDENT

What School did you go to?

Glendonald /Preston Tech school

When did you first join Pankina Senior Group?

2013

Why do you think Pankina is important?

It is fun and enjoyable and a great place to meet old friends.

Favourite Auslan sign? “outstanding”

Favourite colour?Red

AFL team?

Collingwood

Favourite holiday place?

Switzerland

Ideal dinner guests?

Romance dinner with my wife

Favourite meal?

Indian food

Coffee or Tea? Coffee

Favourite TV show? AFL or any sports

Favourite part about the JPC Community:

Men Group & Pankina Senior Group

Special Thanks to Malcolm and Monica Stevenson for their many years of service to the Pankina group at to JPC.

Here are some photos of a special presentation from the new president to them!

Thank you and congratulations!

WHAT DOES PASTORAL CARE MEAN TO US.....

Home Visits: PERSONAL TOUCH

Home Visits are very important. Lots of people like that personal touch and face to face conversations. We share a lot of information that way and also learn a lot about our clients.

Hospital Visits: MAKE YOU FEEL COMFORTABLE

We often visit people in hospital to offer comfort and a friendly face but also we find that we can help bridge communication between the patient and professionals, especially the Nursing staff who look after the patients daily.

Meeting at Café: ENJOY DIFFERENT SURROUNDING

An outing to a Café can be exciting for some. It is amazing what a cup of tea and fresh air can do! We love to spend time chatting for hours and getting our clients out of the house

Meeting to support organizing funerals:

Sometimes, people ask for help....

How to book Auslan Interpreter?

How to find the best Funeral Home?

How to manage finance at the same time grieving?

How to understand the loss of love ones and cope with grief?

Video Conferencing: KEEPING UP WITH TECHNOLOGY

Having visual face to face connecting via video can be fun! We use all different sources, such as: Face Time, Facebook Video, Skype and Glide.

Depending what smartphone or device you have, we will try and match video messaging to you to make it work!

Gotta keep up with technology!

Spiritual Support and Planning Sacraments:

Our Chaplain is able to support the practice of your faith and your faith development—using Auslan.

Our Chaplain can also organise any sacraments, such as Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation, Weddings and Funerals.

Community activities—IMPORTANT FOR SOCIAL INTERACTION AND LEARNING SOMETHING NEW:

We encourage our community members to be an active part of the Deaf community and get out and about to meet new and old friends. This is a way to explore new areas and learn new skills in a comfortable environment.

We have our seniors group called “Pankina”, a Deaf Men’s Group, a Signee Tots Playgroup, a Ladies and a Deaf Art Group. And all activities are open to any Deaf and hard of hearing people and their families.

This is a very enjoyable and rewarding part of the pastoral program for us!

RECIPES...

CHOCOLATE AND RASPBERRY SELF – SAUCING PUDDING

Ingredients:

- *1 x 260g pkt. chocolate sponge pudding mix*
- *1 egg*
- *2 tablespoons water*
- *200g frozen raspberries*
- *375ml (1 1/2 cups) boiling water*
- *Icing sugar, to dust*
- *Vanilla ice-cream, to serve*

Method—Step 1:

Preheat oven to 180°C. Place the pudding mix in a large bowl. Add the egg and water. Use an electric beater to beat on low speed until just combined. Increase speed to medium and beat for a further minute or until the mixture thickens slightly.

Step 2

Use a spoon to fold in raspberries until just combined. Spoon egg mixture into a 1.5L (6-cup) capacity ovenproof dish. Sprinkle sauce mix from the pudding mix packet evenly over the egg mixture.

Step 3

Carefully pour the boiling water over the egg mixture. Bake in oven for 35-40 minutes or until a cake-like top forms and the centre springs back when lightly tapped. Dust with icing sugar and serve immediately with

ice-cream.

Source: <http://www.taste.com.au/recipes/chocolate-raspberry-self-saucing-pudding/4e273441-1f77-4c3d-98d2-bac54f607adc>

GOLDEN SYRUP DUMPLINGS

Ingredients:

- *150g (1 cup) self-raising flour*
- *60g unsalted butter, cubed*
- *1 egg*
- *1-2 tablespoons milk, to beat*
- *Thick cream, to serve*
- Syrup
- *30g butter*
- *220g (1 cup) caster sugar*
- *4 tablespoons golden syrup*
- *1 small lemon, juiced*

Method—Step 1: Sift flour into a bowl, then rub in butter until mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs. Beat egg with a little milk and pour into flour mixture. Combine to form a dough, then divide into small balls.

Step 2

To make the syrup, combine the ingredients together with 1 cup of water in a pan and bring to the boil over medium heat. Carefully add dough balls to syrup and boil for 20 minutes. Serve with syrup and

cream.

Source: <http://www.taste.com.au/recipes/golden-syrup-dumplings/5ec14094-853f-4170-ad35-985f756e1916>

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: SIGNEE TOTS.....

THE WORLD IS THE STAGE FOR SIGNEE TOTS!

Signee Tots has been exploring different countries each session this year. Through play, stories, craft and other activities, we have explored France, Japan, Ireland, and Scandinavia. We have also had excursions to see the State Library 'Story Island' exhibit, the Prahran Market, and 'Bug Lab: Little Bugs, Super Powers' at the Melbourne Museum. Our world tour continues with sessions exploring 'Science Around the World' for National Science Week, on August 8th; 'Escape to Everywhere' for Children's Book Week on 12th Sept, and 'Germany' for Oktoberfest on 10th October. Please let me know if you would like to join in with our travels!

Remember, these sessions are open to everyone who uses Auslan.

Upcoming dates: Tuesdays (11am-1pm)

- . August 8th—Science Around the World' for National Science Week,**
- . September 12th—'Escape to Everywhere' for Children's Book Week**
- . October 10th —Germany' for Oktoberfest**

For more information, please contact:

Melissa Thompson

m.thompson@jpc.org.au

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: DEAF ART.....

It's going to be another interesting term so please put your dates in your diary and come along to one of our art days. You are sure to learn something new and create something for yourself or for gifts for family and friends!

Upcoming Fridays: (10:00am - 2:00pm)

- . **21st July - Welcome and Ideas to share**
- . **28th July - Ideas to share for Deaf Catholic Conf.**
- . **4th August - Card Making with Dawn \$10**
- . **11th August - Glass Bottles Decorations**
- . **18th August - Decorations to be made for conference**
- . **25th August - Paperific Expo—book own ticket**
- . **1st Sept - Work on Own Project**
- . **8th Sept - Painted Daisies on Rustic Paper with Jennifer Bernal \$10**
- . **15th Sept - Card Making with Dawn \$10**
- . **22nd Sept - Outing (Street Art in Melbourne)**
- . **13th Oct— Welcome**
- . **20th Oct— TBA**
- . **27th Oct— Bling Xmas Cone \$10**
- . **3rd Nov— TBA**
- . **10th Nov— Origami with Melissa \$10**
- . **17th Nov— Flower Paper with Jenny \$10**

- . 24th Nov— TBA
 - . 1st Dec— TBA
 - . 8th Dec— Outing—High Tea
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COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: LADIES DAY....

We have some great times in our group! Visiting interesting and yummy places! Recently we went had a Yarra Valley Cheese day and a warm Movie day at JPC hall. It was very enjoyable and we hope you can join us for upcoming events.

Wednesdays: contact Katrina for more details-

26th July – Great Ocean Road Chocolaterie & Ice Creamery

30th August – Peninsula Hot Springs, Springs Lane, Fingal (Rye)

27th September – The Tulip Farm

25th October – Mornington Market

22nd November – Christmas Lunch

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: MENS GROUP.....

Deaf Men's Group meet fortnightly on Mondays (from 10am to 2pm). Most meetings are held in the JPC Hall and we play cards, talk, share news.

Come and join the men's group whenever you like — It's an open house!

Coffee/ Tea are provided, but please BYO Lunch.

Upcoming Dates—Mondays (fortnightly):

- July – 31st
 - August - 14th and 28th
 - September - 11th and 25th
 - October - 9th and 23rd
 - November – 20th
 - December—4th
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COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: PANKINA.....

Pankina group continues to attract the most people and we were lucky to celebrate 25 yrs anniversary last May with over 80 people! A huge thanks to the committee for their hard work for that celebration and of course, over the years!

Malcolm Stevenson was the treasurer and he was happy to be involved for many years but now looks forward to passing on the teachings to the new committee! Come and join in and meet old and new faces!

Upcoming Dates—Mondays (fortnightly):

- 24th July – Outing
- 7th August – 7.7.7
- 21st August - BINGO
- 4th September – Crazy Whist
- 18th September – Bingo

- 2nd October – 7.7.7
 - 16th October – Bingo
 - 30th October – Crazy Whist
 - 13th November – 7.7.7
 - 27th November – Bingo
 - 11th December – Christmas Lunch
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REST IN PEACE...

Carmel Burnett—22nd March 2017 (Anne Madden’s mother)

Dawn Marie Barry 21st April 2017 (Michael Barry’s aunt)

Ant Lill—9th May 2017

William Clarke 16th June 2017 (Mary Lou Clarke’s father)

Valerie Wallis—5th July 2017 (Charlie Wallis dec. Wife)

LEAVE A BEQUEST.....

By leaving a gift to John Pierce Centre in your Will, you will have a lasting impact, supporting our centre for years to come. A bequest makes a lasting positive change. It is a powerful reflection of the values and principles you treasure. It enables you to create a legacy of love and care for those who most need assistance and it will continue your life’s aims beyond your own lifetime. For more information, please contact our Office on 03 9525 1158 or email admin@jpc.org.au Thank you.

HALL FOR HIRE.....

Did you know that you may hire the JPC hall for a small fee, for your workshop, seminar, events or meetings?

We are proud of our centre and we have many features to offer:

- Off street parking (easy access to tram line)
- Large, versatile area
- Natural lighting
- AV equipment (including projector)
- Full kitchen
- Male, female and disable access toilets
- Kids play area
- Cooling and heating

**For more information, please contact us: Christine Elder on:
admin@jpc.org.au**

Calendar for Signed Masses:

First Sunday Mass every month at John Pierce Centre

Second Sunday Interpreted Mass at St. Francis Church, Elizabeth Street, Melbourne.

Third Sunday Mass every month at John Pierce Centre

(1st Sunday Mass)6th August Auslan only	Prahran, JPC 11.00am
	<div data-bbox="701 1688 1198 1812" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"><p>20TH AUGUST – SPECIAL EPHPHETA SUNDAY MASS – SEE DETAILS ABOUT THE DEAF CATHOLIC CONFERENCE</p></div>

(1st Sunday Mass)3rd September Auslan only	Prahran, JPC 11.00am
(3rd Sunday Mass)17th September Interpreter provided	Prahran, JPC 11.00am
(1st Sunday Mass)1st October, Auslan only	Prahran, JPC 11:00am
(3rd Sunday Mass)15th October Interpreter provided	Prahran, JPC 11:00am
(1st Sunday Mass)5th November Auslan only	Prahran, JPC 11:00am
(3rd Sunday Mass)19th November Interpreter provided	Prahran, JPC 11:00am
Christmas Celebrations—10th December Interpreter provided	Prahran, JPC 11:00am - followed by Lunch
Christmas Eve—24th December - Auslan only	Prahran, JPC 3.00pm

SPECIAL FLYERS FOR UPCOMING EVENTS:

EPHPHETA SUNDAY CELEBRATION

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This is a very special event in our community's calendar, and this year, it will be the start of the Deaf Catholic Conference! This is the first conference of this kind in VIC in over 10 years!

Event Details:

- When:** Sunday 20th August 2017
Where: JPC Community Hall
25-35 High St, Prahran, Vic
Mass: Starts at 11am
Lunch: Starts at 12:15pm at JPC
Includes: Lunch, dessert, drinks, tea and coffee
Cost: \$25.00

Please RSVP by 1st August 2017

COMMUNITY GALA DINNER:

A poster for a Community Gala Dinner. The top section has a gold background with the words 'COMMUNITY' and 'GALA DINNER' in white, with 'GALA DINNER' being larger and bolder. Below this is a dark blue section with a diamond pattern, containing white text. The bottom section is black with a diamond pattern, containing gold text for event details and white text for the RSVP deadline.

**COMMUNITY
GALA DINNER**

JPC invites you to join in this social dinner as part of our Deaf Catholic Conference. This is a wonderful opportunity to have a nice dinner with friends - old and new - and to enjoy a special presentation on "Deafhood" by Ramas McRae.

Event Details:

When: Tuesday 22nd August 2017

Where: Conference venue

Address: Catholic Leadership Centre ,
576 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne

Time: 6pm - 10pm

Costs: \$80.00

*Includes a 3 course dinner & drinks, photo booth, presentation,
Take home cake gift made by Brianna from "Little Eco Cakes"*

Please RSVP By 1st August 2017

If you are coming to the whole conference, then, these events are already included!

Or, if you only want to come to these social events—you are welcome!

Email : manager@jpc.org.au
Or see any JPC staff member to buy your tickets

SPECIAL VIDEO TO WATCH:

*Ramas McRae will be giving a very special presentation at the dinner—
go online and watch a video from Ramas today:*

GO ONLINE -

<https://vimeo.com/224317756>

SPECIAL EVENTS AND SAVE THE DATE.....

Christmas Mass & Celebrations

When: SUNDAY 10th DEC—11:00am

More details to come!

Christmas Eve Service (Auslan Only)

When: SUNDAY 24th DEC—3:00pm

Where: JPC Community Hall - 25-35 High St, Prahran.

WORKING BEE AT JPC :

Can you help?!

TUES 25th JULY and WED 26th JULY

10am—3pm

We will be having a little tidy up at our community centre and we

need some help! Please contact us to find out more!

Email to: admin@jpc.org.au ...OR...see any JPC Staff Member

SPECIAL NOTE:

JPC OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MON 21st AUG to WED 23rd AUG!