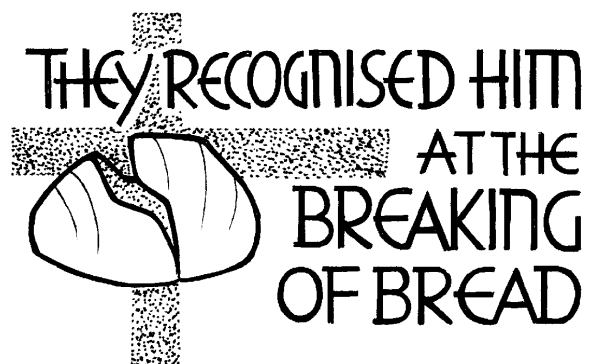




### **FORMATION IN FAITH FOR MOTHERS:**

The next session will be this coming Tuesday May 6th at 7.30pm in the Church. The Next session is Tuesday May 13th.



**LEADERSHIP GROUP** will have it's next Meeting this Monday May 5th at 7.30pm in the New Meeting Room.

### **SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP:**

The next meeting will be this Wednesday May 7th at 7.30pm in the New Meeting Room.



### **CUPPAS TODAY :**

After 9am and 11am Masses in the foyer.

*All welcome*

**SUNDAY FOR THE SICK:** Each year we have a Sunday on which those who are ill or frail are offered the opportunity to be anointed and prayed for at our Sunday Masses.

This year this will take place on **Sunday May 25th at each Mass.**

### **CONSECRATION OF THE CHURCH:**

On the feast of the Sacred Heart, June 27th, we will continue our Centenary Celebrations by consecrating our Parish Church. Churches are blessed when they are first opened, but they were rarely consecrated because they had to be paid for before they could be consecrated—just in case they were re-possessioned!

This has now changed, but it explains the gap in time between erecting and opening a Church and consecrating it.

The Archbishop will come to consecrate the Church and the altar. It is a quite dramatic liturgy with a fire being lit on the altar for one notable thing. And 12 crosses with attached candlesticks will be placed permanently around the walls of the Church.

Over the next weeks, there will be a segment in our Notice Sheet which will explain more about the consecration of a Church.

## **CONSECRATION OF THE CHURCH—PART 11**

In consecrating a Church the emphasis is on the point that this is the place where the people of God gather together to renew their covenant with God, where they are joined to God through Christ. A Covenant is an alliance, an agreement, a giving of two partners to each other as in marriage. So the Church is the place where all this takes place. It is the house of the People of God. It is not the Church really—we are all the Church — it is the house of the Church. All the symbolism of the consecration makes this point as do the prayers and readings.

Around the walls of the Church, there will be placed twelve small crosses with candle sticks attached to them. These are symbolic of us as the People of God the Church: just as there were 12 tribes which made up Israel, the people of the Old Testament Covenant, so the Lord choose 12 apostles as the founders of the People of God of the new Covenant (or Testament). So are we the People of the Church founded on those 12 apostles. The crosses and candles represent them and us who gather in this place.

## **NEW STAINED GLASS:**

The Art, Architecture & Maintenance Committee have met with "Toucan Glass", the glass makers who did our front doors and windows, to look at a new project to continue the style and themes of the doors and windows onto roundel of coloured glass (cross & circle) in the wall between the foyer and the Church.

We have been left a bequest which will cover the cost of this project.

## **DONATE BLOOD :**

*Yes once again your bloooooood is needed !!*

Sandringham Mobile Unit at  
Sandringham Masonic Hall 23  
Abbott St,

**Thursday May 8th : 1.30 - 7.30pm**

**Friday May 9th : 9.30am - 3.30pm**

To book call 131495 /

[www.donateblood.com.au](http://www.donateblood.com.au)

## **DANNY BLUMES WINTER FASHIONS :**

### **Clothing available for sale !**

**Where :** Sandringham Uniting Church,  
Memorial Hall Trentham St

**Date :** This Wed May 7th at 10.30am

**Donation :** \$6 Morning Tea

Lucky Door Prize

***COME ALONG !***

## **PARISH CARD PARTY:**

New term has started so come along  
this Wednesday **7th May at 11am**  
in the Parish Lounge and join in!

Basket Lunch \$10.

*Come along and join in.*

## **COLLECTION COUNTERS :**

**THIS WEEK :** G Thomas, J Garris, L Warner

**NEXT WEEK:** P Thorp, R Clark, M Love, M McCartney, P Myers

## **CHURCH PREPARATION TEAM :**

4/5	J Iskander & Volunteer	Flowers	M Ryan
11/5	D Weddell & M Fiddes	Flowers	D Mitchell

## **CHURCH TEA/COFFEE TEAM:**

4/5	9 am	D Mitchell & A Moran
	11am	R O'Toole & E Chedia



**THE SICK:** Maureen McGuinness, Denis Sime, Paul Mutimer, Carmel Garretto, Russell Eade, Peter Roberts, Tony Cooper, John Lopiccolo, Noel Tomlinson, Emily Bevacqua, Christopher Whelan, Neda Kennedy, Gillian Thomas, Dawn Andrews, Irene Hajdu, Andrew Lee, Barbara Morden

**RECENTLY DECEASED :** Pat Currie, Andrew Meadows

**ANNIVERSARIES :** Margaret Cameron, Kit Carrigg, Owen Cripps, Patrick Leo O'Callagan

We respectfully acknowledge the Australian Aboriginal peoples and especially the Boonerwung people of the Kulin Nation, who are the traditional owners and custodians of the Sandringham area.