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# SACRED HEART SANDRINGHAM

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## PARISH NOTICES EASTER SEASON

*I am the good shepherd,  
says the Lord;  
I know my sheep,  
and mine know me*

**Mass will be available on the Parish web site every Sunday**  
**[www.sandringhamcatholic.org.au](http://www.sandringhamcatholic.org.au)**

Once a week, Fr Frank will say Mass specifically for those suffering in any way as a result of the Corona Virus.

If you would like anyone prayed for, please leave their name at the Presbytery 9598 1511, or email to [domecc.sand@bigpond.com](mailto:domecc.sand@bigpond.com)

Dear Parishioners,

How are you coping with our present time of isolation? I hope having Mass on the parish website is helpful. It is a poor substitute for the real thing, but in times such as this, we do the best we can.

I am finding Sunday mornings nothing less than weird. It is the first time in over 50 years that I have not been occupied on a Sunday morning.

I go for my exercise walk through the village each day and at times come across some of you and am able to say hello.

Hopefully this present strict situation of isolation will not last too long. It is good to see that the pandemic is being held in check by the present arrangements.

Well, take care of yourselves and if you have any needs, please let me know. I have 17 volunteers at hand to help and as yet, no one has asked for their help. So please don't hesitate.

The Lord be close to you all in these days.

Fr Frank

For those who do not have access to the website, there will be copies of the Readings for each Sunday Mass, available on the white board at the front doors of the Church.

Any other information will be given on the Website and placed on the white board at the front of the Church.

**If anyone is ill, please do not hesitate to call Fr Frank (9598 1511)**

**If a funeral is required, again please contact Fr Frank to make arrangements (9598 1511).**

If anyone wishes to go to Confession, please call Fr Frank to make an appointment (9598 1511)

Throughout Easter's fifty days the paschal candle stands, prominent and lofty, in the middle of the eucharistic hall. As the centre pole of the new creation, the candle is Christ, the Alpha and Omega of all times and ages. Five wax nails are inserted into the candle to signify the wounds that Jesus received in his hands, feet and side when he was crucified. "By his holy and glorious wounds, may Christ our Lord guard and keep us". These wounds do not vanish. They remain with Jesus who repeatedly shows them to his disciples. They are offered as marks of recognition: "Look at my hands and my feet; it is really I". (Luke 24:39)

Lit as the first act of the community's paschal watch, this mighty pillar of light remains in place for the duration of the fifty days enabling the faithful to see, to recognise, to find their way. It is the light of Christ revealing the love of the Father, and the power of the Spirit in whom humanity is born from above. *Patrick Regan*

The Lamb on the throne will shepherd them.

Lambs do not sit on thrones. Nor do they act as shepherds to the flock.

In Israel—and in the Near East generally—the tradition was indeed to call the kings and leaders of the people "shepherds" and thereby to call the people "flock".

But what is meant that the *lamb* is the shepherd? It is, of course, the truth about Jesus that is so spoken. He is made a weak and finally a slain man. A nothing. Yet this very one knows his own, calls them by name, will allow no snatching out of the flock. One who is no king at all is the only king. One who is no shepherd is the good shepherd for all the peoples.

It is the resurrection of the crucified one which is spoken by these images. In his "knowing us", that is his being in the midst of our agony, knowing it by sharing it, we are placed irrevocably in God's hand.

But how shall we know that?

Come to the table. Eat and drink. In the address of the body and blood to you, hear the shepherd's voice calling you by name, knowing you and your need. Here is the end of hunger and thirst, the beginning of the wiping away of all tears, the flowing of the spring of life-giving waters. *Gordon Lathrop*

One of our parishioners received the words below in a letter from a friend who is facing great family trauma:

*"Naturally everyone is so worried but there is a God and He has blessed our family with strength. Strength isn't about how much you can handle before you break. Its about how much you can endure after you have been broken. We never trust our fears—they do not know our strength! Not all dark storms come to disrupt your life, some come to clear the path. With God's grandest blessings, (name) will enjoy his precious life ..... Belief in God gives us imperishable hope. Hope is the only thing stronger than fear!"*

*The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.*

#### COLLECTION COUNTERS

#### CHURCH PREPARATION TEAMS

*Volunteers not required until further notice*

#### LECTORS & COMMENTATORS

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

**THE SICK :** Denis Sime, Stella Tomczak, Tim Ward, Joan Mason, Paul Mutimer, Nancy Camera, Tyler Neighbour, Maria Bowditch, Nancy Curran, Brian Curran, Dianne Button, Marissa Daicos, Jackie Knight, Fr Ken Petersen, Gary Murphy

**ANNIVERSARIES :** Kathleen Brace, Margaret Cameron, Kit Carrigg, Owen Cripps, Patrick Leo O'Callaghan, Norma Cooper

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.