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PARISH NOTICES

18th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Farewell Fr Frank

How do we adequately thank this kind and generous man? A man of deep faith and commitment, who has been our parish priest, our confidant, our friend for twenty four years. In this time of Covid restrictions, we cannot thank him as we would like - we cannot all join together and give him the send-off he deserves. So we are left with words - and maybe that is appropriate for a man who is so fond of words.

He has led us to open ourselves to the Word of God, in sharing both his wisdom and knowledge, he has helped form a Christ centred community of caring and supportive people. We are a better community because of his example and leadership.

He has been a very real and treasured part of our families; sitting at our tables, baptising our children, marrying some and guiding others through the journey of dying and comforting those left behind. He is an inspiration and a guide whose message is relevant to our everyday lives. He encouraged, taught, supported and empowered others, always with respect and appreciation for what they had to offer. All this – on call 24/7 – and never a complaint, but the time has come for change.

And so we begin a new chapter

Fr Frank, this is not goodbye, the things you have given us will stay with us always and we now know *that the ties woven in friendship are not unravelled with change.* (a little artistic licence taken from a beautiful quote)

We will stay in contact, and we will look forward to a time when we can gather together to celebrate and thank you fully for the past 24 years.

Farewell and God bless you in your (part-time) retirement. May you continue to be fulfilled by your life of ministry.

On behalf of the people of Sacred Heart Sandringham.

SUNDAY MASSES OVER THE COMING WEEKS:

From Sunday August 9th, Frs. David Cartwright and Dean Mathieson, will livestream Mass each Sunday from one of the churches of the new group. There will be further information about this in next weeks bulletin.

PARISH CHANGE-OVER:

The formal change over of parish priests will happen next Wednesday, August 5th. On that day, Frs. David Cartwright and Dean Mathieson will become joint pastors of the parishes of St James Gardenvale, St Joan of Arc Brighton, St Mary's Hampton, Sacred Heart Sandringham & Nazareth Parish Ricketts Point (Beaumaris & Black Rock).

Fr Frank will be here for a few weeks to help with the transition in any way possible

THE greatest gift which we are asked to accept is the gift of living our lives reverently. We are assured that Jesus came not that we may have more "prayers", or more reading of the scriptures, or more pious devotions, or more of anything, but only "that (we) may live life and have it more abundantly".

Joseph F. Schmidt

RELIGIOUS ART:

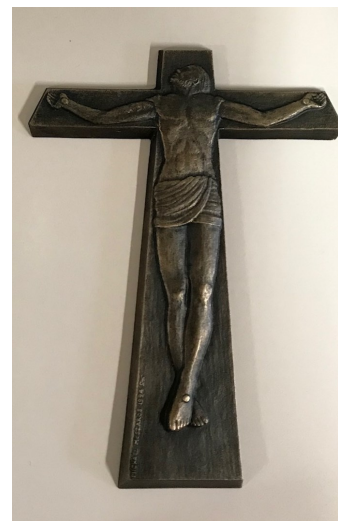
We still a few religious art pieces available for parishioners to purchase.

These are bronzes by Michael Meszaros of Melbourne.

There are 3 of the Crucifix still available.

To purchase, please contact the parish office by phone or email and make a donation to our Remexio fundraising.

Crucifix measures 15cms(W) x 21cms(H)



"We did not ask for this room or this music. We were invited in. Therefore, because the dark surrounds us, let us turn our faces to the light. Let us endure hardship to be grateful for plenty. We have been given pain to be astounded by joy. We have been given life to deny death. We did not ask for this room or this music. But because we are here, let us dance! "

Stephen King

May there be plenty of dancing and joy for Father Frank where ever he rest his hat!

Letter 3 from Fr Frank.

Dear Parishioners of Sacred Heart,

I want to thank you all for the last twenty four years (nearly). I have enjoyed being here at Sacred Heart and have felt deeply affirmed by you both personally and as a priest.

I have often said to friends that Sandringham is an easy parish to work in with parishioners who are sensible, considerate, responsive and kind.

It has been stimulating and encouraging being involved over these years in many different initiatives: in spiritual development, in education in the faith, in social justice and care for the poor, in the renovation of the Church, in the development of the school, in some changing governance structures. The people of the parish have been open generous and appreciative in these things and many others.

I thank and congratulate you all.

I won't find it easy to leave after so many years, but is it right and necessary; as I said in last week's letter, I am moving to an area where I have nearby the company of friends and a good place to continue working as a priest.

Sacred Heart Sandringham will always be dear to me. The dedication of my forthcoming book is:

To the people of Sacred Heart Parish, Sandringham

With thanks and deep affection.

Fr Frank

St Vincent De Paul WINTER APPEAL 2020

This year the annual SVDP Winter Appeal has raised an acute awareness of how much your support is so desperately needed. We are so grateful for our wonderful supporters.

Their overwhelming support in the past demonstrates their understanding of the needs of the people we assist and that those who are already needing assistance have been disproportionately affected by COVID19.

This overwhelming response so far to our Winter Appeal also illustrates the community's continual support of our work.

In the Sandringham Sacred Heart Parish, we have always stood together with Vinnies and recognized the need to help others in these challenging times.

I also want to express my sincere thanks to the Sandringham SVDP Conference band of willing volunteers who work tirelessly to deliver our good work in the community.

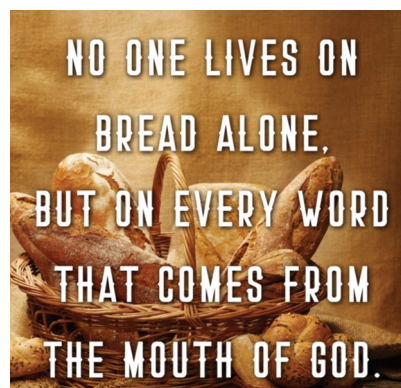
Mark Shannon, President SVDP Sandringham

**COLLECTION COUNTERS, CHURCH PREPARATION TEAMS
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS, LECTORS & COMMENTATORS**

All rosters temporarily suspended Volunteers not required until further notice.

WHAT matters, therefore, is not whether God can be God without our worship. What is crucial is whether humans can survive as humans without worshiping. To withhold acknowledgement, to avoid celebration, to stifle gratitude, may prove as unnatural as holding one's breath.

John E. Burkhart



THE SICK : Denis Sime, Stella Tomcsak, Tim Ward, Joan Mason Nancy Camera, Tyler Neighbour, Maria Bowditch, Nancy Curran, Brian Curran, Dianne Button, Marissa Daicos, Gary Murphy, John Mott, Louise Tonna, Barbara Mary Jenkins, Nick Alexeysis, Lisa & Fiona O'Grady

DECEASED : Joan Bourke, Maria Orlando

ANNIVERSARIES : Concetta & John Ferraro, Norman Lymburner, Pat Cripps, Maria Scarmozzino, Phyllis Whiting, Brian Cooper, Janina Lomski, Angelo Daniele

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.