

Parish of The Holy Spirit and St. Francis

St Mary's

Immaculate Heart of Mary

Sacred Heart

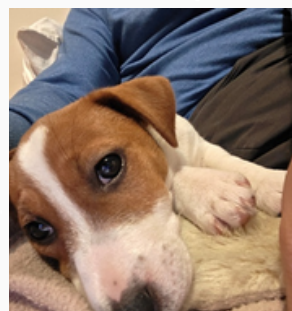
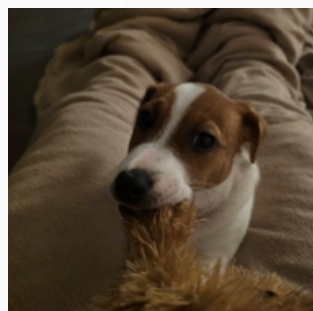
Dear Parishioners,

HAPPY ST FRANCIS FEAST DAY

Whenever we experience loss, we inevitably enter a time of adjustment — a quiet space where we learn to live with an absence we did not choose. There is no quick remedy for this emptiness; only time and gentle patience allow the healing process to unfold. Each of us grieves in our own way, whether the loss is of a loved one or a cherished pet. Tears, sadness, and treasured memories help us honour what was and slowly move forward with hope. Moving forward never means forgetting; rather, it is a way of turning again toward the light, carrying love with us into the future.

Why am I sharing this with you? Because in the midst of these rhythms of loss and renewal, I would like to introduce the newest member of our parish family: Sir Richard Francis Tanti — “Sir Richard” being the noble title bestowed by his breeder. Sir Richard was born on the 24th July 2026 and he is ten weeks old and a lively Jack Russell Terrier. Born in the small town of Navigator, just outside Ballarat, he arrived into the world with three siblings, all now placed in loving homes. His first days were spent in a stable on a small farming property, tumbling about in hay and enjoying the simple beginnings of country life.

When Sir Richard first arrived in Sandringham, he was quiet and placid, taking in his new surroundings with gentle curiosity. That calm lasted only a couple of days. Now he runs, jumps, plays with his toys, and — as any puppy does — is well and truly teething. I suspect this will be a learning curve for both me and Sir Richard as we journey together, set boundaries, and enjoy the companionship that pets so generously offer. On the feast of St Francis of Assisi, it feels especially fitting to introduce Sir Richard and to pray for all our pets, who bring us joy, comfort, and a reminder of God's tender care for all creation.



This weekend we finally have come to the big day of celebrating our parish and raising money for those in need in East Timor. We are also celebrating the Feast of St Francis Of Assisi. This year, the Church is marking a profoundly significant moment: the 800th anniversary of the death of St Francis of Assisi, celebrated through a worldwide Jubilee Year. Across the Franciscan family, this centenary is being honoured with special liturgies, pilgrimages, and reflections on the life of the saint who embraced simplicity, peace, and care for all creation. In Assisi, the traditional Transitus on 3 October — recalling Francis' peaceful passing into eternal life — is being observed with great solemnity, followed by the feast day celebrations on 4 October, where thousands gather to pray at his tomb and renew their commitment to the Gospel way he lived so joyfully. Let us today seek the intercession of St Francis to assist us and as a parish, individual families and our world



*Have a great week
Fr Martin and
Sir Richard.*

WE PRAY FOR...

ILLNESS:

Rosa Nistico, Elizabeth Kiernikowski, Maria Reilly, Nancy Camera, Lucy Finnegan, Ebony McDonald, Teresa Styne, Oliver & James Mendis, Mary Ryan, Sunny & Hunter Drew, Joseph Galekovic, Clive O'Connor, Rita Spinella, Kerstin Thomas, Marie Northey, Shane Cowie, Anna Slawek, Melita Lambiris, Malcom Keys, Carmel Finley, M.S., Barry Martin, Vera Molloy, Claire Lawrence, Tom Fischer, Joan Tranter, Stella Noal, Peter Teasdale, Paul Kennedy, Vlad, Antonio Salas, Prue Turner, Anna, Colin Lewin, Peter Robertson

ANNIVERSARIES:

Chris Mainwaring
Fr Vin Curran,
Mary Russell
Brother Andrew
Carmel Kennan,
Harold Kennan

BAPTISM

Sullivan J. & Willow P. Murphy

SACRAMENTS 2026



FIRST RECONCILIATION

TERM 4

Tues 10, 17 & 24 Nov 5:30 pm

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Semester 1: 2027

CONFIRMATION

Thu 3 Sept to 19 Nov 5 pm

Information & bookings at
sandringham@cam.org.au

VIGIL MASS TIME CHANGE

The Vigil Mass will be celebrated **at 6.00pm from Saturday 10th October**. Please note the new time from this date.

PARISH DINNER – SATURDAY 10 OCTOBER 7 PM

After the 6.00pm Vigil Mass, at Hampton RSL.

We look forward to seeing everyone! Please book early.

Contact Michele: 0427 508 003.

Entrance Antiphon Cf Esther 4:17

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will.

For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

First Reading Isaiah 5:1-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard.

My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside.

He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it.

In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too.

He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me.

What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done?

I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead?

Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on.

I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn.

I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it.

Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant.

He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Ps 79:9. 12-16. 19-20. R. Is 5:7

(R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

1. You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. (R.)

2. Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field. (R.)

3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. (R.)

4. And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.
God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. (R.)

It was the stone rejected
by the builders that
became the keystone.
This was the Lord's doing
and it is wonderful to see?



Second Reading Philippians 4:6-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation John 15:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 21:33-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone.
This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see?

I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Communion Antiphon Lam 3:25

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.



POPE'S INTENTION FOR OCTOBER: FOR MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

PLEASE TAKE
ME HOME
FOR FURTHER
REFLECTION.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil

6 pm St Mary's

59 Holyrood St, Hampton

Sunday Morning

9 am Sunday - Sacred Heart

13 Fernhill Rd, Sandringham

10:30 am Immaculate Heart

441 Bluff Rd, Hampton East

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Mon 9:15 am Immaculate Heart

Tue 9:15am Sacred Heart

Wed 9:15am Sacred Heart

Thur 9:15am St Mary's

CONFESSION TIMES

Sat. 5:45 pm St Mary's

Sun. 8:45 am Sacred Heart

PRAYER & ADORATION

All are welcome!

Rosary & Prayers

Sun, 10 am Immaculate Heart

Mon, 8:50 & 9:50 am Immaculate
Heart

Tue, 8:45 am Sacred Heart *New
Time!!*

Wed, 8:20 am Sacred Heart

Thu, 8:45 am St Mary's *New
Time!!*

Adoration

Wed, 8:45-9:10am Sacred Heart

EMERGENCIES

For anointing of the sick please
call 7036 9381 and dial 3

PARISH CELEBRATION – FEAST OF ST FRANCIS

Sunday 4th October 2026 2pm



Looking forward to seeing those who can make it to our parish lunch on Sunday

Please clearly label ingredients on the plate you are bringing, cut all food into "finger" pieces. There are some blank ingredient lists in RSPV box if this assists.

We encourage everyone to take this wonderful opportunity to meet, mingle and connect with one another. Please take a moment to introduce yourself to someone you may not know, especially those who may find it difficult to move around.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A PLENARY INDULGENCE

Sacred Heart Church will be open next Sunday from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm, before the Parish Feast begins, for those who wish to pray and receive the Plenary Indulgence offered during the Jubilee Year in honour of St Francis. All are welcome to take this opportunity for prayer and reflection.

TO ALL THE FAITHFUL WITHOUT DISTINCTION WHO, WITH

a heart detached from sin, participate in the Year of Saint Francis by visiting, in the form of a pilgrimage, any Franciscan conventual church or place of worship anywhere in the world dedicated to Saint Francis or connected to him for any reason, and there devoutly follow the Jubilee rites or spend at least a reasonable period of time in pious meditation and raise prayers to God so that, following the example of Saint Francis, feelings of Christian charity towards their neighbours and authentic vows of harmony and peace among peoples may spring forth in their hearts, concluding with the Our Father, the Creed and invocations to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Francis of Assisi, Saint Clare and all the Saints of the Franciscan Family.

The elderly, the sick and those who take care of them, and all those who are unable to leave their homes for serious reasons may also obtain a Plenary Indulgence, provided they detach themselves from any sin and intend to fulfil the three usual conditions as soon as possible, if they unite themselves spiritually to the jubilee celebrations of the Year of Saint Francis, offering to the Merciful God their prayers, the pains or sufferings of their lives.

In order that this opportunity to obtain divine grace through the Power of the Keys of the Church may be more easily realised, this Penitentiary firmly requests all priests, regular and secular, who have the appropriate faculties, to make themselves available, with a ready, generous and merciful spirit, for the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

This decree is valid for the Year of Saint Francis, notwithstanding any provision to the contrary.

Given in Rome, from the seat of the Apostolic Penitentiary, on 10 January 2026, the eve of the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord."

Here is the link to the decree:

<https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2026/01/16/260116c.html>

BASP ONLINE TRIVIA NIGHT IS 9 OCTOBER 2026

Details & booking at cohdig.au/trivia, Email enquiries basptrivia@gmail.com.

Community Cuppa	Sundays After 9:00 am Mass, Sacred Heart.
	Sundays After 10:30 am Mass, Immaculate Heart.
	Wednesdays After 9:15 am Mass, Sacred Heart.
Monthly Dinner	1st Saturday of the month after 6 pm Mass. Contact Michele: 0427 508 003.

SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

COLLECTIONS

Please note that at our Masses there are two collections:

- The First collection is for priest and retired priests
- The Second collection helps support the day-to-day expenses of the parish.

If you would prefer to give by card, tap machines are available in the foyers of the churches.

DIRECT DEBIT

Parish of The Holy Spirit & St Francis

BSB: 083 347

Acc. Num: 646745079

Presbytery Account

BSB: 083 347

Acc. Num: 646741705

ON LINE DONATIONS

at our [website](#) or using your phone to read our QR code



Thank you for your generosity to help us continue our ministry.

Donations to Social Justice Group

Sacred Heart Parish SJG East
Timor Project

BSB: 083347

Acc: 250540755

Return-It Vic!

Return your bottles & cans to donate the refund to our Parish Social Justice Group! Use the CDS Vic East refund points and enter our Parish Partner ID: C2000075764.

Unwanted Foreign Currency

Collection boxes will be in each church foyer and will be collected weekly

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