Many thanks to the representatives from Parish groups who have submitted reports. It never ceases to amaze me when faced with facts, figures and statistics at times such as these, just how many people are involved in the everyday running of the Parish. Not all are readers, flower arrangers, acolytes, gardeners, or in the music ministry, but together we are a formidable force.

By now I and Fr. Emmanuel have settled in well and feel very much at home. Thanks to all who have supported us in so many ways over the last months.

On my behalf and Fr. Emmanuel I am so grateful to the Parish Council, the Finance Committee, the Social Committee, the Office Volunteers, Acolytes, Special Ministers, Music Ministry, Altar Servers, Sacristan, Readers, Counters, Collectors, Maintenance Committee, Children's liturgy. Special thanks to Sue Lucy involved with the Liturgy, making it possible for us to worship with dignity and reverence.

The Archbishop wants all parishes to be involved in Evangelisation. The main source of our Evangelisation is St. Joseph's School, the after school Catechist Education programme, the St. Joseph's Care helping the needy.

The Archbishop has asked that we thank the people of the Archdiocese for their generous support of Caritas and Lifelink during the last financial year. Despite the cost of housing, rise in mortgage rates, higher food and petrol prices and the many appeals our Catholic people are called upon to support, they have given even more for the charitable and humanitarian projects of Caritas.

**Research in our Parish**

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference undertook research aimed at discovering some of the successful endeavours that are taking place in various parishes around Australia. This research project includes a detailed study of around twenty parishes. Our parish has been selected as one of these. The research included interviews with selected individuals and groups.
A team of two researchers spent three days in our parish observing parish life, including liturgical celebrations, and interviewing adults and young people who are actively involved in the life of their parish. The Interviews covered matters such as:
- Parish Life
- Leadership
- Parish Programs/Activities.

The General Report will be sent to us in due time.

**Founder’s Day:**

A big thank-you to all staff and students for their support at the Founders Day mass.

**School Prayer:**

Prayer is a key element in not just the religious education program but the whole life of a Catholic school. It is wonderful that School have its own prayer. It helps to immerse students in an environment that teaches them to pray.

**Sacramental Life**

We had meetings with the parents whose children are preparing for the sacraments. Parents attended the Workshops. Our primary goal was to increase understanding of the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Eucharist and how important role it plays in full development of a child. Thanks to the whole team who helped with the workshop.

**Kneelers and roof restoration**

The kneelers in church look and feel great. The roof has been cleaned and fixed. The painting of the exterior of the church will be completed next week.

Once again thank you to all for all your support and encouragement.

May God bless you all.

Fr. Pavol