

Farewell Thanksgiving Prayer by Fr. Nicholas

Parish Farewell Lunch 9 June 2019

Father, we give you thanks for the many gifts you have given us: the gift of life and the gift of those who love us.

Lord, as my long term assignment of being the PP of the Parish of Innaloo-Karrinyup is coming to an end, I thank you today for the gift of my Parishioners, who all these years came to worship with me in both churches of this Parish. Some of them have gone before us, but we fondly remember them, acknowledging their good work for the Parish. With love and gratitude, we pray for the repose of their souls today.

Lord I especially thank you for the very generous parishioners who have truly loved and supported me personally in the time of my need, whether it be liturgical, pastoral or financial.

Lord, I thank you for the support extended to me through the Staff, Principals, School Boards, and P&Fs of the two schools and the parents of this twin school parish, in helping me to perform 6 times annually, Sacraments over the years of my time here, as we also acknowledge the work of the two Safe-Guarding officers in the Parish to started a few years ago.

I thank God for the Parish Secretary, Bulletin Secretary, Sacristans and Book Keeping secretaries, especially all the volunteers in different areas of Parish life come and gone, or still serving in the Parish, for their dedicated service in various ministries and societies and committees, especially Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Committee, making my job easier and less stressful.

I thank God for all the assisting clergy, the visiting clergy and in a very special way, my deacon who supported me shouldering this responsible task from the beginning of my career here.

I thank all the families who have invited me for cuppas or meals and been friends, brothers, sisters, a father or mother to me, during my long stay in this Parish of Innaloo-Karrinyup.

Dear Heavenly Father, all of these wonderful people have worked together sharing and bearing with each other as one Parish Family, giving the highest Glory and Praise to You, Your Son and the Holy Spirit.

We are fortunate to have a church and a school in our Parish under the Patronage of our Blessed Mother. At every mass in the Parish, both weekdays and weekends we hailed her with a Hail Mary and at every one of her feasts we have shown our great love to Her, making our mass celebrations very special, while ending these masses singing to this, our Holy Queen of Heaven with great honour and devotion.

All these families in my Parish deserve Your grace and abundant blessing Lord!

So, I earnestly ask your powerful Blessing upon all of them.

Grant them the strength and guidance of the Holy Spirit to live the faithful and loving life you call them to live.

Continue to protect and guard them, keeping all of them and their families in your loving care, through Christ Our Lord – Amen.