My Dear Parishioners,

This is my last letter to you before I retire on Sunday.

After 47 years serving in the parishes of the Archdiocese I’m about to more to the next phase of my life. As I leave the Parish of St Vincent de Paul I thank you for your commitment to our faith expressed in many different ways, as are our gifts given by our God, and especially for allowing me to share the Word of God, his Sacraments and pastoral care with and for you.

Thank you for allowing me to walk with your families through the events of life. I’ve always considered an honour and privilege to walk with you in many different moments of your lives.

Perhaps the words of the Gospel this Sunday sum up for me the message I have endeavoured to live throughout my life. The love of God for each one of us through dying for our sinfulness, and hence giving in a selfless way to bring us to life. In the words of the Evangelist Luke:

*Then he (Jesus) told them, ‘This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms has to be fulfilled.’ He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them,* ***‘So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.’***

Please find attached the Scripture for this Sunday and the children’s work sheets.

The Mass links for Saturday evening and Sunday morning are:

Saturday 6.00 pm:  <https://forms.gle/NPH2MxDWdpQY4Q8x9>

Sunday 8.30 am:   <https://forms.gle/t3msn4DRuynGd1Cs5>

Sunday 10.30 am:  <https://forms.gle/8zneVbe642Kg5Ys96>

For the future I’ve placed the Victorian QR Codes for our Parish in the Church. You may simply register on arrival or if you don’t have a mobile phone with you will be able to register manually.

Until a Parish Priest is appointed the Columban Fathers will be available for Mass through the week and weekends. They also will be available for pastoral support. The Parish Office phone and email will be diverted to the Columbans.

I ask you to remember me in your prayers as I will you and your families.

In my prayers and Masses I ask God to bless and sustain you and your families each day.

Peter