



HISTORY: A meeting was held in 2000 to discuss Justice issues, Fr Frank organised a number of speakers to give various view points hence we began a Social Justice group.

We were focussed on Indigenous issues and after meeting a wonderful nun, Sr Tess Ward, our focus shifted to Timor Leste: we could do more practical work there. We, Sacred Heart Parish, have been involved in Timor Leste and the village of Remexio since 2002. Thank goodness a mountain village! to build community relationships!

We began with refurbishment of the Church/Hall and new residence, then we contributed to accomodation on the parish site for parishioners & visitors.

We have renovated the primary school & kindergarten & added a library to the senior High school.

We have put in clean drinking water & filters to the primary school, maternity clinic, Kinder and Junior High school.

Also repaired and set up water from the source to the community. Our primary school donated desks & chairs for a new kindergarten.

We began scholarships for senior high school students years 10, 11 & 12 and then onto University. Which has produced: A physics teacher, English teacher, primary teacher, Computer technician, Nurse, Bio medical student , Civil Engineer.



We support Volunteer teachers through **Mary MacKillop Today** ; we began with 9 now only 3. Some have been seconded to government positions! We give to MMT \$3600 each year for this project.

Laptops were sourced in 2016 for the senior high school.

Kilbreda College made visits at end of year 12.

Repairs to, and provide power points to the parish church, house and senior high school. Pat, a parishioner, trained interested young men to work with electricity, safely! Visits to Sandringham were from Fr's David, Jhonny and Julio.

Over these 22 years our numbers & members have changed, we have a small working group now so our focus is limited.

Any one/ EVERYONE is invited to join our work ! !

APPEALS: We have a parish Raffle each year to raise funds to cover these expenses in Remexio, Mainly scholarships. June 7th Christmas Compassionate Care Appeal to elderly, sick & children, distributed by the Dominican sisters. October

COFFEE: We sell organically grown coffee for **\$8.00** Ground or Beans of a high quality. \$4.00 goes to Funding Scholarships. 1 heaped spoonful and one for the plunger! The coffee is quite light & sweet so can be made to suit your taste buds. Pour a little cold water on the grounds so as not to burn them then add boiling water!

BASP: Brigidine Asylum Seeker

Project: *I was a stranger and you made me welcome!* *To voluntarily leave ones country is one thing but to to escape violence is another painful journey, seeking freedom; away from loved ones, fearing retaliation on families left behind.*

*to provide hospitality & practical support for people seeking asylum

*provide advocacy for the rights of asylum seekers

*raise awareness of asylum seeker issues * concerns.

*actively network individuals and groups working for justice

BASP Trivia night on line Zoom organised by St Mary's Team, Hampton

Friday May 3. 7:30 - 9:45 pm

cohdig.au/trivia to book a table with friends in your home

A suggested donation \$30 to support housing & support for asylum seekers and refugees in the community

During the year we seek donations of food & goods.

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**We hold monthly meetings February
to November then a dinner in
December
7:30 to 8:30pm in the church foyer.**



ALL are WELCOME ! :))



INDIGENOUS ISSUES

Awareness is drawn to
NATIONAL SORRY DAY
MAY 26TH

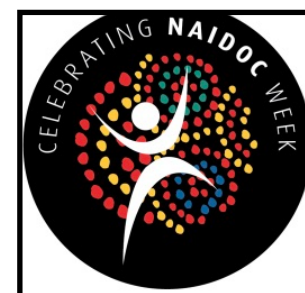
To Recognise those who were forcibly
removed from their families.

NAIDOC WEEK

JULY 7 - 14TH. Held across the Country
to celebrate and recognise the history,
culture & achievements of Aboriginal
and Torres Strait Islander peoples. This
years theme is:Keep the Fire Burning!
Blak, Loud & Proud.

The theme honours the enduring
strength & vitality of First Nations culture
- fire is a connection to country, to each
other, & the rich traditions that define
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander
peoples.

We will ask for a donation to support
children's Literacy.



***A BIG thank you to the Bayside Mission
Family for your support in our
endeavours over these last years.***