

*Dear fellow parishioner,*

*I am writing again from the Sydney Police Centre on Holy Thursday though it feels nothing like Holy Thursday. We have been busy supporting the officers involved in with the hotels. I am have missed being with my fellow priests and missing the opportunity to celebrate with them the incredible and humbling sacrament of priesthood. I am also missing again your presence as I realise more keenly how important fellow parishioners are in my work with the police.*

*I am more aware this year of presence, in visiting the hotels with police I realise how important physical presence is. It is so difficult to support those in the hotels without being present to them. To be present to someone is to recognise their human dignity. I must admit the next three days I will miss something when I will not be able to be with you - Not be able to celebrate how important you all are because Christ was present physically for us. I will miss the hope that is offered when together in the presence of Christ we find hope for each other in the presence of each other from our God who rose from the dead.*

*Please be assured you will be with me in the next few days even if we cannot be together. Christ will be with us as we celebrate his love for us over Easter.*