



## THE ARCHBISHOP OF BRISBANE

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### FR DAN CARROLL RIP

After more than fifty years as Parish Priest of Darra-Jindalee and more than sixty as a priest, Fr Dan Carroll has finally returned to the house of the Father. His death is a great loss first to his family, but also to the parish he knew and loved so well for so long. So my deepest sympathy to all the parishioners of Darra-Jindalee as they mourn their beloved pastor.

Any Parish Priest leaves a trace in the DNA of the parish he serves, but this is especially true when a Parish Priest serves for as long as Fr Dan has. His enduring monument will be in the parish itself – not so much in buildings but in the hearts of the people he served through generations.

It is especially poignant that Fr Dan died in a time of lockdown, which will also have its effect upon the funeral arrangements. It will not be immediately possible for there to be the kind of farewell that Fr Dan merits, but the time will come beyond the lockdown for something appropriate to mark the end of a long and distinguished life.

In the meantime, we all join in praying for the repose of Fr Dan's soul, in giving thanks for his life and in asking the Risen Christ to give comfort to the many who mourn his passing. Eternal rest give to Fr Dan, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him: may he rest in peace. Amen.

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