

## AUTUMN FRIENDSHIP CLUB ANNUAL REPORT 2010.

During the past year, the Autumn Friendship Club has continued to pursue its goal of providing companionship, support and occupation to the older members of the parish and the Whitehorse community.

Our "at home" activities included fund-raising afternoons and lunches, a musical afternoon, guest speakers from Yellow Cabs and Diabetes Prevention and a podiatrist, Bingo, board games, clothing and jewellery sales, Oaks Day lunch, gentle exercises, a musical afternoon, a day of reflection with Liz and Christmas Dinner provided by parishioners.

Our excursions included a trip on the Ventura route bus, a visit to St. Francis in the city for mass and lunch, film lunches, a picnic, tenpin bowling and lunch at various venues, usually to mark the end of each term.

Through lunches and raffles, we raised money for the Cancer Council, for Katie Blundy, a parishioner working in a remote community in South Africa, for the Franciscan work in East Timor and for Diabetes Prevention.

We were very grateful to receive a grant of \$250.00 from Whitehorse Council, which enables us to subsidise the cost of some of our activities e.g. coaches and cinema lunches.

We are most grateful for all the support we have received from the parish – from Fathers Anthoni, Ben and Bob, from Liz Clark, Monique Waring, John Short - who sets up the hall for our meetings - Marlene Coulthard, who gently encourages us to exercise, Kaminthia O'Neill, who advised us on foot care, John and Therese Parker who entertained us with music and encouraged us to join in, Val Mooney, who spoke to us on her visit to Timor Leste; and all who helped provide the wonderful Christmas Dinner and entertainment.

We welcome all parishioners and members of the Whitehorse community and their friends to our functions and are always open to suggestions for further activities.

Judy Reid, Secretary.