

## GOING TO MASS IS A BEAUTIFUL THING TO DO!

Is our faith a light on the path of life? How often do we turn to God in prayer?  
Do we prioritise coming together as a parish community to celebrate the Eucharist?  
If not - why not?

Spending time with God in prayer, reflecting on life, thanking God for all our blessings, asking for His assistance, and opening ourselves to His love is an essential part of our Christian life. Communal prayer, especially the weekend celebration of the Eucharist, is a wonderful gift to share with our family and friends in OUR PARISH COMMUNITY.

During this Stewardship Program, we are invited to re-commit to a life of prayer and the weekly celebration of the Eucharist - to make it a priority in our lives. In this way we will help ensure that OUR PARISH COMMUNITY continues to celebrate our faith together.

*"Go to Mass, not just to pray, but to receive Communion, the bread that is the Body of Jesus Christ who loves us, forgives us, unites us to the Father. It is a beautiful thing to do! And we go to Mass every Sunday because that is the day of the resurrection of the Lord. That is why Sunday is so important to us. And in the Eucharist we feel this belonging to the Church, to the People of God, to the Body of God, to Jesus Christ. We will never completely grasp the value and richness of it."*

Pope Francis, 5 February 2014



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celebrates faith



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# Sunraysia Catholic Parishes

## OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

celebrates faith

- Gathering together for Mass
- Regular parish school Masses
- The Sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist
- Farewelling family and friends
- Opportunities for faith development

### MESSAGE FROM LEADERSHIP MEMBERS

#### Celebrating faith means:

Coming to church, gathering with fellow parishioners to 'celebrate' the Gospel and Eucharist" and to pray in the House of the Lord. **Clem Calucci**

Sharing our faith with like-minded people who have the same faith values. **John McCarthy**

Belonging to a parish community, being made to feel special and having support like being one big family. **Nat Besgrove**

Coming together with friends to enjoy the Sacrament of Mass and share fellowship. **Patrick Hurt**

Sharing our joys and sorrows, our hopes and struggles. To bring them all to Jesus as we pray and celebrate the Eucharist. **Fr James Kerr**



# Parish Stewardship Program 2017

## PARISH INFORMATION MEETINGS

### When:

1<sup>st</sup> August at Mildura,  
2 August at Red Cliffs,  
3 August at Merbein  
All start at 7:00 PM

### Why:

- Discuss our achievements
- Hear about our plans
- Discuss what it means to be part of Our Parish Community

### Who:

EVERYONE IS INVITED!

### RSVP

at Mass this weekend or email:  
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## REMINDERS

### PARISH BROCHURE

If you haven't don so please collect your envelope today which contains the Program brochure and Time & Talent Sheet.

### RSVP

Please support the parish by attending our Information Meeting. If attending please fill in the RSVP cards when passed around at all Mass