

Sunraysia Catholic Parishes

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

supports generously

- To sustain our parish today
- To grow and respond to Pope Francis' call to Mission
- Our financial support is important to us - it is a priority
- We plan and budget our financial support
- We give out of genuine thanks for our many blessings



PARISHOSITY

Show Our Love.
Share God's Gifts.

MESSAGES FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Spreading the financial burden between everyone gives people the opportunity to commit to the parish and feel a sense of ownership. **Julie Lewis**

All parishioners need to support our parish in order to provide the benefits of 'belonging' as well as the sacramental needs of the community. **Kevin McCoy**

To be a 'people of God' and to demonstrate their inclusion all parishioners need to contribute to our parish community. **Michael Duck**

Supporting our parish enables us to plan, dream, to be creative and to maintain what has been gifted to us by all those who came before us. **Fr Michael McKinnon**

Parish Stewardship Program 2017 - Week Four

YOUR PLEDGE OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT

How much should I give?

There is no simple answer - for everyone is different. But please make our parish a priority. What is left after paying the essentials - your mortgage, school fees, utility bills etc? Do you spend more on luxuries—alcohol, movies, coffee etc. than your pledge to your parish?

What are the payment options?

CASH *in envelopes at Mass*

DIRECT DEBIT *deductions from a nominated bank account*

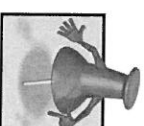
CREDIT CARD *regular deductions*
(Sacred Heart & St Francis ONLY)

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING

- Parish operating costs
- Repairs & maintenance
- Staff remuneration
- Run programs

PRESBYTERY OFFERING

- Priests in the Parish/Presbytery
- Priests' Retirement
- Bishop's works



REMINDERS

DISTRIBUTION MEETING

Tuesday, 15 August 2017
at 7:00 PM

in the
Hillman Room

PLEDGE CARD AND

TIME & TALENT

Please return your completed pledge card
and Time & Talent form this weekend.

WE BELIEVE IN THE NEED TO **PRIORITISE** OUR FINANCIAL COMMITMENT TO OUR PARISH

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY provides so much for parishioners and generously contributes to others in need.

Through the celebration of the Eucharist and the many opportunities for prayer and the Sacraments, it provides us all with the spiritual nourishment we need for our journey through life. OUR PARISH COMMUNITY celebrates our faith together.

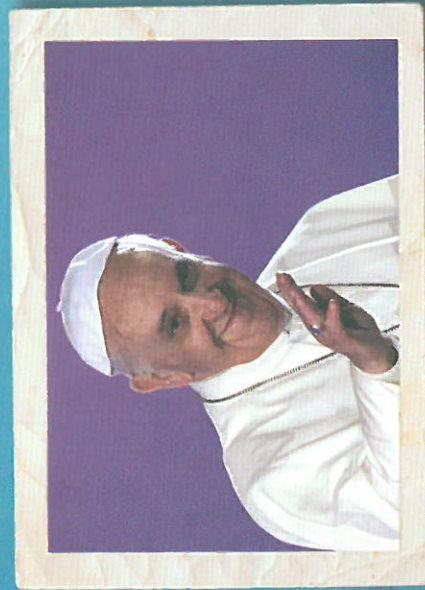
We are committed to loving service of one another. We recognise that service and outreach are key responses to our baptismal call. Through service we grow as individuals and as a parish community. We have many wonderful opportunities to be involved in parish life – whether through involvement in liturgy, outreach to the community or in our many social activities. OUR PARISH COMMUNITY values engagement in parish life.

We also recognise the importance of providing the financial resources to sustain our parish today – and to grow and respond to Pope Francis' call to mission (*Evangelii Gaudium 273*). We believe in the need to prioritise our financial commitment to our parish. To plan and budget for it before we think of spending money on the luxuries of life – entertainment, alcohol, movies etc.

During this Stewardship Program, we are invited to make a meaningful financial commitment to our parish – to make it a priority in our lives. In this way we will help ensure that OUR PARISH COMMUNITY continues to support our parish generously.

*"We cannot be Christians part time.
If Christ is at the centre of our lives,
he is present in all that we do."*

Pope Francis, 19 August 2013



*"The Lord loves a cheerful giver ... may we
learn to be generous in giving, free from
the love of material possessions."*

Pope Francis, 19 July 2014



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