



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER FOR PARISHES

Parishes must be in contact with homes, with people's lives, with the life of society.

They have to be houses where the door is always open so as to go forth toward others.

And it is important that this going-forth follows a clear proposal of faith.

The doors must be opened so that Jesus can go out with all the joy of his message.

Let us pray for our parishes, that they not be simple offices, but that animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.

POPE FRANCIS – September 2017



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

Produced by the Parish Development Office of the Archdiocese of Melbourne based on information supplied by the Parish.

The Archdiocese is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

WHAT WE ASK OF YOU

FAITH

- Come together to celebrate the Eucharist
- Commit to learning and growing in faith

COMMUNITY

- Help grow our sense of community
- Be involved in at least one parish ministry

FUTURE

- Support our parish generously
- Make your meaningful financial pledge to the Stewardship Program

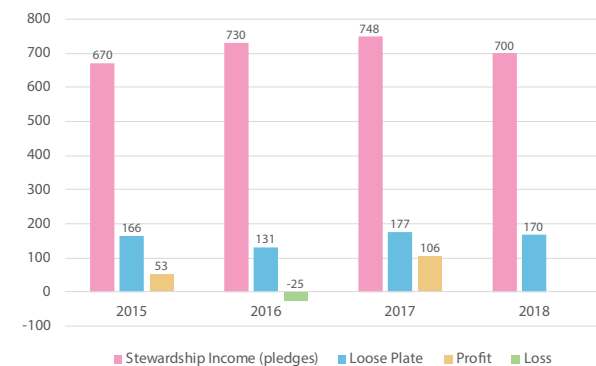


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From everyone to whom much has been given, even more will be demanded.

– LUKE 15:1-2

OUR WEEKLY FINANCES



- Stewardship Income (pledges) should be able to meet our operating costs
- However it cannot - so we must rely on uncommitted income from loose plate and special efforts to make up the difference
- As the graph clearly shows we are 'walking a tightrope' - either just above or just below the level required
- We need YOUR help - to increase our level of pledged Stewardship Income

OUR STEWARDSHIP INCOME CHALLENGE

To increase Stewardship Income from \$700 to a minimum of \$950 per week

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The greatest danger for most of us is not that our aim is too high and we miss it, but that it is too low and we reach it. – MICHELANGELO

YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

WHERE WILL MY CONTRIBUTIONS GO?

- *Your Stewardship Pledge* will help meet basic operating needs – insurance, utility bills, staff wages etc.
- It will help maintain our two churches and parish facilities
- It will support programs of faith education, pastoral care & outreach
- Please don't forget your support of the Presbytery collection which will help support Father Ray and other priests of the Archdiocese in unfortunate circumstances, as well as contribute to care for the growing number of retired priests

WHO SHOULD GIVE AND HOW MUCH?

- Every parish family – no one is excluded
- There is no set amount because everyone is different
- Give generously in proportion to what you have received
- Those that have less give less – those that have more give more

WHY SHOULD I GIVE?

- Out of gratitude for our many blessings
- The more the parish receives, the more we can do, the more outreach we can provide
- The more we can be a parish “...*animated by a missionary spirit, a place where faith is communicated and charity is seen*” – Pope Francis

YOUR LASTING LEGACY

- Have you considered St Thomas Aquinas and St John The Evangelist or the Archdiocese of Melbourne in your Will?
- Your bequest could be a lasting legacy to our parish community
- For information please contact Fr Ray or the Parish Office

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FAITH COMMUNITY FUTURE

St Thomas Aquinas – Norlane
St John The Evangelist – Rippleside
Stewardship 2018