



DEAR PARISHIONERS,

In two years, our Parish will celebrate its centenary. It will be a chance for us, as a Parish Community, to celebrate 100 years of being and building the Kingdom of God here in this part of Melbourne, continuing the dream of those first Catholics who made Ringwood their home almost 100 years ago.

It's been three years since our last Stewardship Campaign, and we have achieved much in those three years. Pastorally, we have established an interim Parish Pastoral Council. With the formation of our fully-fledged PPC in July this year, it will be an experience of more effective collaborative leadership for us as a Parish Community. With our Parish Finance Council and Parish Staff, we have completed our transition to the Diocesan administration system. While we have achieved much, it is also good for us to pause and take stock of where we are at the moment, too. Do we have the resources to be the sort of Parish community we want to be? Can we realise, in our day, the dreams of those pioneers who first came to Ringwood almost 100 years ago? I challenge you to join with me – together, let us dare to dream!

May we always make our own the words of Mary, our mother and great patroness of this Parish:

My soul glorifies the Lord;

My spirit rejoices in God my saviour!

Rev Anthony Doran
Parish Priest



OUR PARISH TEAM

- Fr Tony Doran – Parish Priest
- Ingrid Jansz – Parish Secretary
- Adrian Scutt – Principal of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Primary School

WHO WE ARE

- "Go Make Disciples" – three simple words that guide us in everything we do, acting as a template for all parish activity
- We are a community that strives to be welcoming, inclusive and hospitable
- We are blessed with a wonderful heritage and strive to honour it by all that we do
- We invite everyone to join in and contribute to building our parish family. We are all enriched by sharing our faith, energy and talents with and for one another

REASONS FOR CELEBRATION

- Last year we celebrated 31 Baptisms, 41 First Holy Communions, 49 Confirmations and farewelled 11 parishioners
- We welcome over 600 parishioners each week to Mass and the Sacraments
- We have an RCIA Program to welcome adults into the Catholic faith, Children's Liturgy of the Word and Baptismal Preparation, Lenten Discussions Groups, Lectio Divina
- We continue to provide a wonderful academic and faith education for our parish children – 320 children in 2017
- We provide pastoral care and outreach to the disadvantaged, sick and elderly through our support ministries

OUR FUTURE

We have prioritised the following for the next three years:

PASTORAL CARE & OUTREACH

- Continue to make our Parish a child-safe environment
- Employ a pastoral associate
- Formation for our Parish Pastoral Council
- Prepare for our Parish centenary in 2020

FAITH DEVELOPMENT

- Continue our strong focus on faith development
- Strengthen and expand our existing initiatives, whilst providing new opportunities for growth
- Encourage more parishioners to be involved in parish groups and ministries and provide formation opportunities

BUILDING & MAINTENANCE

- Parish Office – new phone system and look to provide more meeting spaces for parish groups
- Church – update AV/ICT system, recarpet the interior, repaint the narthex and add more storage space in the sacristies
- Presbytery – improve security and upgrade the laundry, kitchen and bathrooms
- Parish Hall & Grounds – repaint the Hall and resurface the car park



STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE CARD

Please Use Block Letters

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Postcode: _____

Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Credit Card

Please debit my Credit Card with the sum of: \$ _____

Every: month quarter half-year year

Name on Card: _____

Please only tick one

Expiry Date: ____/____/____

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I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS AUTHORITY MAY BE CANCELLED IN WRITING AT MY OPTION

Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

RETURN TO:
The Parish of Our Lady
of Perpetual Help
14 Bedford Rd
RINGWOOD VIC 3134

My age group is: under 30 30-39 40-49 50-59 60-69 70+

Direct Debit from a nominated bank account
(Forms available from the Parish Office)

My Pledge will be: \$ _____

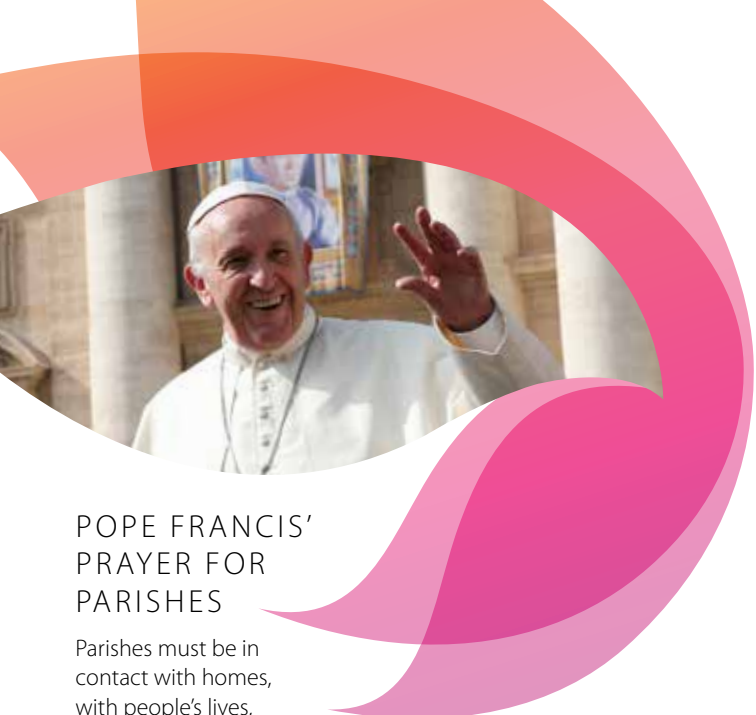
Every: fortnight month quarter half-year year

Envelopes (Available from the Parish Office)

My Pledge will be: \$ _____

Every: week month quarter half-year year

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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



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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

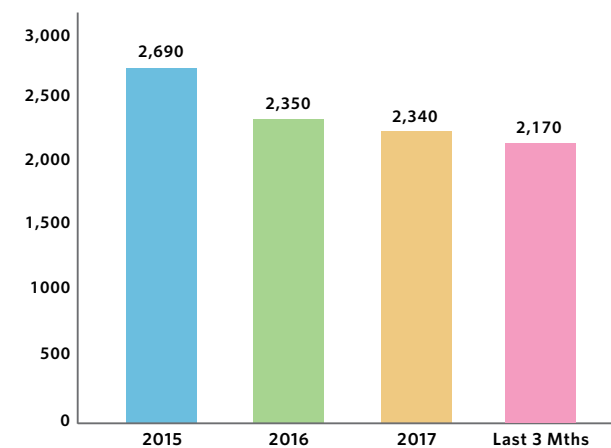
COMMUNITY

- 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

OUR WEEKLY FINANCES



- Stewardship Income has fallen 13% in the last 2 full years
- The fall has been even greater in recent months
- We must halt this decline – by welcoming new contributors and reviewing our individual levels of support

OUR STEWARDSHIP INCOME CHALLENGE

To increase Stewardship Income from \$2,170 per week to a min. \$3,000 per week

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



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

– LUKE 15:1-2

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 church 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 Tony, as well as other priests of the Archdiocese in less fortunate circumstances, and 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

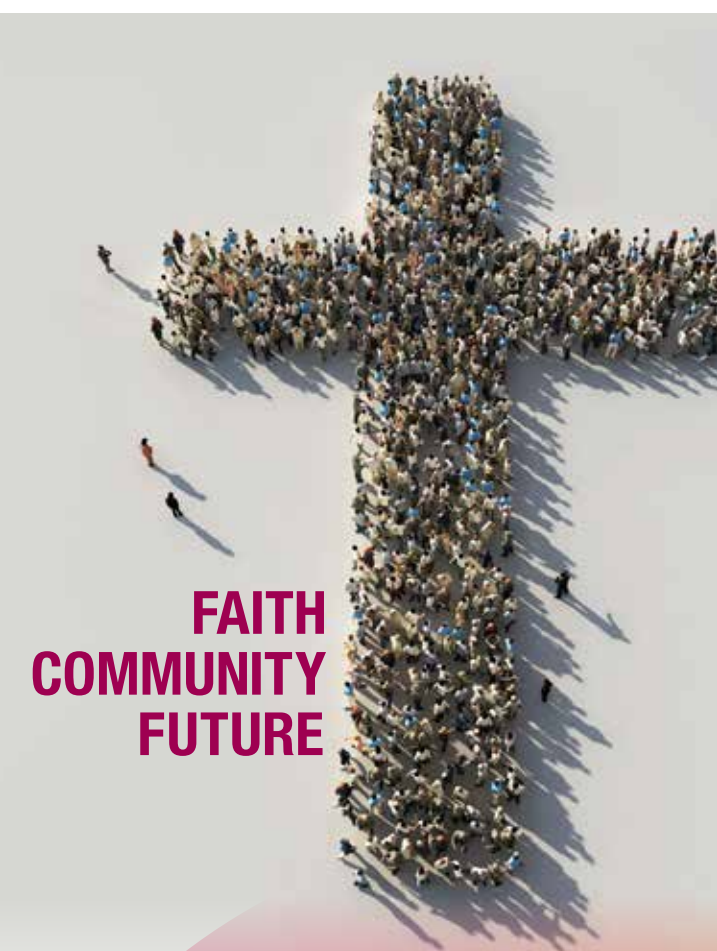
WHY SHOULD I GIVE?

- 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 The Parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Ringwood or the Archdiocese of Melbourne in your Will?
- Your bequest could be a lasting legacy to our parish community
- For information please contact Fr Tony or the Parish Office

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**FAITH
COMMUNITY
FUTURE**

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Ringwood
Stewardship 2018