

### St John's—Heidelberg

Welcome to the final week of our Parish Stewardship Program. In recent weeks we have reflected on:

- The role of faith in our lives
- The importance of coming together to celebrate the Eucharist each weekend
- Our commitment to growing in faith

We have also considered the notion of our parish as a *community* of faith:

- Are we a place of welcome?
- Do we have a clear mission to live the values of the Gospel?
- Am I making my contribution to parish life by being involved in our Groups & Ministries?

This week brings it all together. We look to the future – imagining what sort of parish we want to be. Ours is one filled with optimism – but one that needs the support and contribution of every individual if we are to achieve our dreams. This week we ask you to finalise your commitments by:

- Signing up for a parish group or ministry
- Making your meaningful pledge of financial support to the Stewardship Program

This weekend Fr Jude Pirotta will speak with us on these important matters.

### Thoughts from our Leadership Team

*Why do you think it is important to support your Parish financially through our Stewardship Program?*

“By financially contributing to our parish we are nurturing growth and prosperity for our current and future parishioners”

“To be able to continue the work of the parish in serving the community”

“Preserves our heritage. Let’s us build for the future. Help ensure steady income”

“Look after our place of worship. Looking back – what we have been given. Looking forward – how to look after what we have for future generations. Support our ministries”

“Financial support is just another way to contribute and support another very worthy cause that works so hard to positively impact people’s lives. Groups and Ministries are set up to assist people and make them feel part of a community”

### Key Dates

10th August (10am)	Our Future Forum
11th & 12th August	Our Future Weekend
Sun 2nd September 11:30am (after 10:30am Mass)	Program Social Meeting Sausage Sizzle, Tea and Coffee.

### Ministry Focus

#### Austin Hospital Volunteers

Parishioners offer time to visit the Catholic patients in the Austin Hospital. We try to make an effort to visit all the wards twice a week. We also offer patients the sacrament of Holy Communion. Also, Mass is celebrated on the third Sunday of each month. Parishioners help bring patients to the Mass and back to their wards.

**“The future is most of all, in the hands of those people who recognise the other as a ‘you’ and themselves as part of an ‘us’. We all need each other.”**

