



DEAR FRIENDS,

Welcome to our Parish Stewardship Renewal!

Good stewards care for all that is entrusted to them.

First among the things entrusted to us by God are the gifts of life and faith. Like the stewards of the Gospel, God wants us to invest in these precious gifts, that they might grow and flourish. Life is a gift that we share with each other, especially in community and service. Faith is a gift that grows in the good soil of prayer, our weekend worship, and opportunities we use for faith formation, education and outreach.

We are also stewards of time, talents and treasure. The best time is time we give to God, our weekly holy hour at Sunday Mass. Talents are the particular gifts God has given us – skills, energy, insights that we place at God's service, that his Kingdom may grow here in Glen Huntly Caulfield Parish. And our treasure – our financial pledge we make, investing in our Parish, maintaining our churches and community facilities, resourcing the mission of the Church, investing in people, catechesis of the young, school education, music and sacred worship, opportunities for women, men, young parishioners and families.

Pope Francis leads the Church in a new era of mission and evangelisation. Thank you for your active part in Parish Life! May God bless your family! Let's commit ourselves generously in Parish Stewardship 2018!

Fr Gregory Pritchard
Parish Priest

OUR PARISH TEAM

- **Fr Gregory Pritchard** – Parish Priest
- **Shobha Thomas** – Parish Secretary
- **Veronica Blair** – Coordinator Music & Catechesis
- **Bernard Negline** – Parish Accountant
- **Ann Pathmasiri** – Parish Bookkeeper

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

NEW BEGINNINGS:

- We bid a grateful farewell to Msgr Diamond – 50 years a priest, 25 years our pastor at Glen Huntly Caulfield Parish
- We welcomed our new pastor Fr Pritchard
- We established our Parish Finance Committee – promoting Parish Stewardship, overseeing parish finances and planning, preparation of our annual financial report

FAITH:

- Last year we celebrated 29 Baptisms, 28 First Holy Communions, 69 Confirmations, 5 Marriages and farewelled 20 parishioners

- We welcome over 600 parishioners each week to Mass and the Sacraments
- We have Sunday School, Children's Liturgy and opportunities for adult faith education – *Great Catholic Women* (Lent 2018); *Opening the Catechism of the Catholic Church* (Easter 2018); *Our Lady of Fatima Pilgrimage* (May 2018); *Jubilee of St Aloysius* (June 2018)
- We continue to provide a wonderful academic and faith education for our parish children – more than 220 children in 2018

PASTORAL CARE & OUTREACH:

- Many volunteers who serve the mission of the Church
- New beginnings for the parish Legion of Mary and Men's Ministry
- Tony's Café and Christmas Dinner – the envy of Melbourne

OUR HOPES AND DREAMS

PEOPLE:

- Investment in people – with opportunities to grow parish life
- Outreach to families – playgroup, get-togethers, social opportunities

CHURCH & FACILITIES:

- Upgrade AV equipment in St Anthony's Church
- Develop a Master Plan for the Parish House – incl. Adoration Chapel and Priest's Office
- Complete the renovation of St Anthony's Presbytery – making it a comfortable home for our Parish Priest
- Upgrade sound system in St Anthony's Hall

FAITH:

- Further enrich our weekend Masses with good music, altar servers, readers, Holy Communion ministers, welcomers, involvement and participation
- Opportunities for adult faith formation, retreats, pilgrimages, special programs and parish mission
- Establish an RCIA team (to welcome adults into the Catholic faith) and GodStart (outreach to Baptism families)
- Develop links with Monash Caulfield Catholic Chaplaincy

GOOD GOVERNANCE:

- Develop maintenance schedule for upkeep of buildings and timely repairs
- Grow the monthly Maintenance collection
- Re-establish the Parish Investment Fund

RETURN TO:
 Glen Huntly Caulfield Parish
 72 Grange Rd
 Glen Huntly VIC 3163
 By Sunday
 9 September 2018

Present Envelope Number (if known)

Name: _____ Email: _____ Postcode: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____ Mobile: _____
 My age group is: under 30 30-39 40-49 50-59 60-69 70+

STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE CARD

Please Use Block Letters

Credit Card

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

Every: month quarter half-year year

Name on Card: _____

Expiry Date: ____/____/____

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

Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Direct Debit from a nominated bank account

(Forms available from the Parish Office)

My Pledge will be: \$ _____

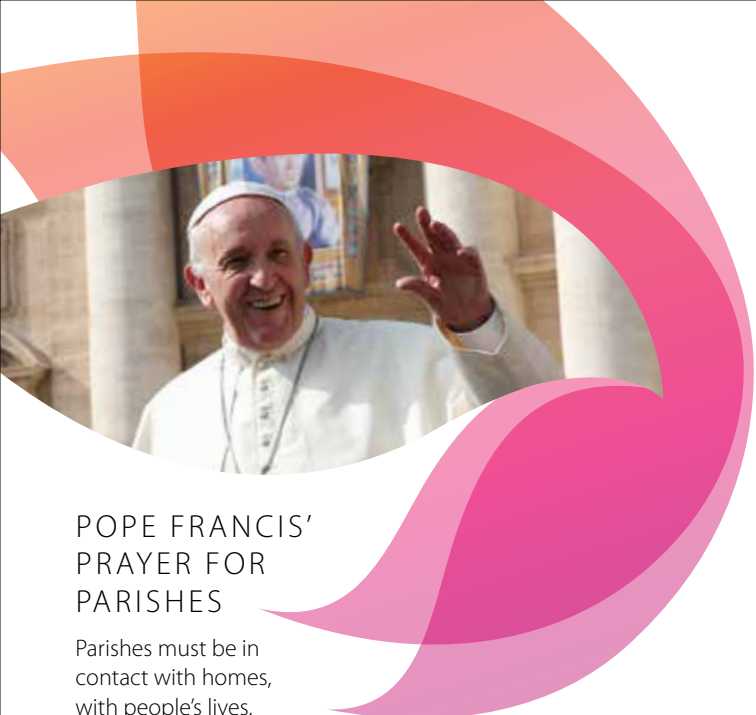
Every: fortnight month quarter half-year year

Envelopes

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



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

OUR PRECARIOUS FINANCIAL SITUATION

STEWARDSHIP INCOME

- Is the major source of parish income
- It should be able to fund basic parish operating expenditure
- Currently averaging \$1,950 per week from envelopes & direct payments

THE REALITY

- Our Stewardship Income is insufficient to meet weekly operating costs so we currently rely heavily on additional unsecured sources of income, i.e. loose plate, rentals, donations etc. to help meet these expenses
- Additionally, we have been forced to turn to Investment Income (\$235,000 in last 2 years) to meet essential repairs & maintenance
- This situation MUST be addressed

OUR STEWARDSHIP INCOME CHALLENGE

To increase Stewardship Income from \$1,950 per week to a min. \$2,750 per week

This can be done – but we need YOUR help!

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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



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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 churches and parish facilities
- It will support programs of faith education, pastoral care & outreach
- *Your Presbytery Pledge* will help support Fr Pritchard, 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

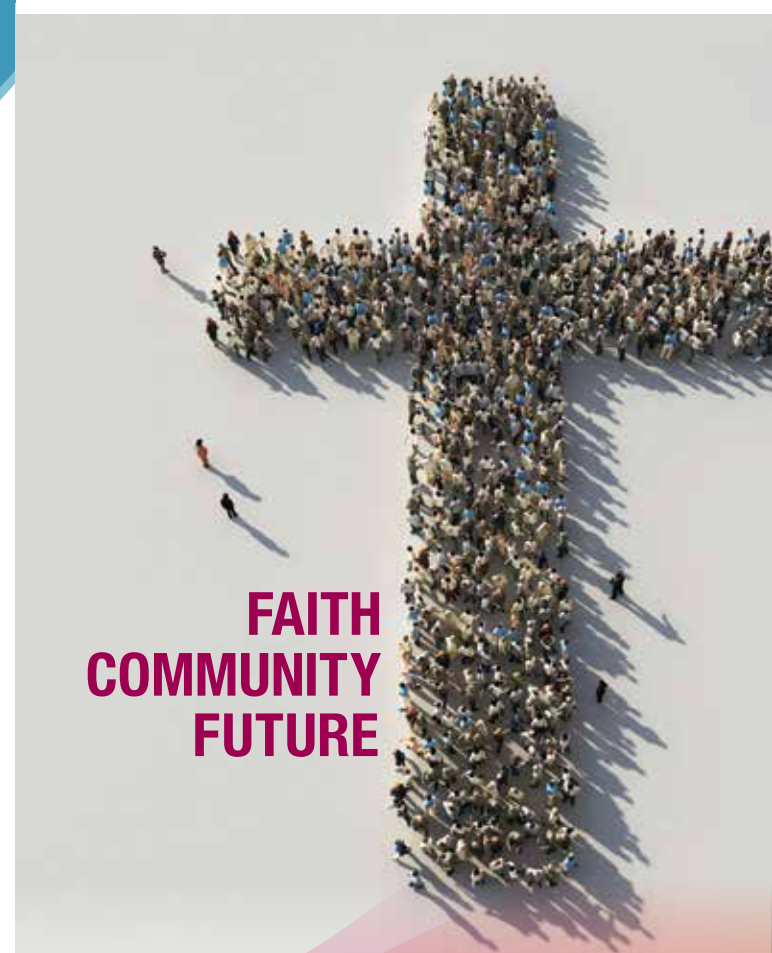
WHY SHOULD I GIVE?

- 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 Glen Huntly Caulfield Parish or the Archdiocese of Melbourne in your Will?
- Your bequest could be a lasting legacy to our parish community
- For information please contact Fr Pritchard or the Parish Office

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FAITH COMMUNITY FUTURE

Glen Huntly Caulfield Parish

St Anthony's – Glen Huntly
St Aloysius – Caulfield

Stewardship 2018