

### St Peter Chanel—Deer Park

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 John Salvano & Fr Michael Morgan will speak with us on these important matters.

### Key Dates

4th & 5th August	Our Future weekend
30th August	Program Social Night

### Thoughts from our Leadership Team

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

"There is a need for money to keep Churches and institutions running. Good support and good ideology make a strong organisation." **Paul Li**

"I think it is important to be generous in our giving as an expression of our faith and trust in God, who will never be outdone in generosity. By being part of the Stewardship Program we enable the parish to plan for the needs of the future as well as meeting its day-to-day needs. By regularly contributing through the Parish Stewardship Program, we are fulfilling the fifth precept of the church: "You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church". This means that the faithful are obliged to assist with the material needs of the Church, each according to his own ability. (CCCC 2043)" **Lucy Sgro**

"God spoke three words to St Francis of Assisi - '**build my church**'. Simply, this is what we do when we come together, sharing and giving honestly what we can so this beautiful church will go on when we are not here for our children and their children. This is our legacy. Ultimately what we want is for our children to know God, to turn to him and come to Church to find the beautiful God given sacraments of peace and rest and forgiveness - so they won't get so lost in this ever changing world. We therefore want them to know they have a place to come. People say God is everywhere - yes this is so true, but nowhere on earth is he present as he is here in the Blessed Sacrament. We know very well that he is in the tabernacle 24/7 and especially here at St Peter Chanel we are so very lucky any time of the day we can come and be with him bring the needs and hopes of our loved ones. We come for comfort; this is his holy ground; our holy ground. Let's make it even more beautiful! It is ours - it belongs to you and me." **Marlene Grima**

"No community or organisation will survive without financial support. My contribution to my parish will be an assurance for my children and their children – it's a legacy I will leave for them and the next generation." **Roger San Jose**

**"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."**

