

## MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

We are a multicultural Parish, affirming and living out our faith in God as revealed through Jesus Christ. We are then interconnected with people of all races, ethnicities and cultures, embodying then and rejoicing in these diversities as gifts to the human family.

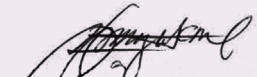
It is then that we sincerely welcome all people into the community of faith without discrimination because of color, race, ethnicity, language or culture.

As we are then in the threshold of experiencing some pressing challenges in the church, we envision for a more *dynamic, participative and holistic church*. It is then a task entrusted to us as a church. As Pope Francis puts it aptly, *"The urgent challenge to protect our common home includes a concern to bring the whole human family together, to seek a sustainable and integral development, for we know that things can change. and that, The Creator does not abandon us; he never forsakes his loving plan or repents of having created us. Humanity still has the ability to work together in building our common home (Laudato Si # 13)"*

*St. Peter Chanel Parish* is our home. We believe that we are enriched by our coming together as one family in the celebration of the Sacraments. God is always the center. *He is the vine and we are the branches.*

This stewardship program would truly enhance and renew our commitment for the life and mission of our Parish. Together with our School, we take the cudgels of serving our parishioners, *for the greater glory of God.*

In behalf of *St. Peter Chanel* parish, kindly accept this brochure as your personal invitation to visit and see what makes our parish a special community.



Fr Rowan Luza CMF  
Parish Priest



## OUR PARISH TEAM

- Fr Rowan Luza CMF – Parish Priest
- Fr Renato Manubag CMF – Assistant Parish Priest
- Rose Mendoza – Parish Secretary
- Rosa Milan – Bookkeeper
- Arlyn Lim – Housekeeper
- Armando Gagliardi – Principal, St Peter Chanel Primary School
- Julie Corsaletti – Principal, St Lawrence 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 140 Baptisms, 131 First Holy Communion and 121 Confirmations, 5 Weddings and farewellled 34 parishioners
- We welcome over 1,500 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, Baptismal Preparation and GodStart and opportunities for adult faith education
- We continue to provide a wonderful academic and faith education for our parish children – 1,004 children in 2018
- We provide pastoral care and outreach to the disadvantaged, sick and elderly through our support ministries



## OUR FUTURE

We have achieved a great deal in recent times:

### CHURCH & FACILITIES

- New audio system, TC monitors and air conditioning system installed in the Church
- Provided additional car parking space
- CCTV installed for greater security
- Marian House and Parish Hall renovations

### FAITH DEVELOPMENT

- Live Christ, Share Christ lay formation program
- First Friday Vigil, Midnight Mass Devotion and Christmas Dawn Masses

### PASTORAL CARE & OUTREACH

- Visitation and Communion to the sick & elderly – at home and in hospital

We have prioritised the following for the next three years:

### CHURCH & FACILITIES

- Upgrade the Church toilet facilities
- Replace the carpet and paint the inside of the Church
- Add a chapel/prayer room to the presbytery

### FAITH DEVELOPMENT

- Enhance collaboration and coordination amongst our parish youth groups
- Continue to grow our RCIA Program – to initiate adults into the Catholic faith – more than 20 individuals welcomed in 2017
- Commence our Liturgical Bible Study Program

### PASTORAL CARE & OUTREACH

- Continue or visitation to the sick & elderly
- Continue to support charitable acts of mercy – e.g. support in response to Disaster Relief programs



## STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE CARD

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

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Every:  month  quarter  half-year  year

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RETURN TO:

St Peter Chanel Parish  
848 Ballarat Rd  
Deer Park VIC 3023

By Sunday  
5 August 2018

### 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



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

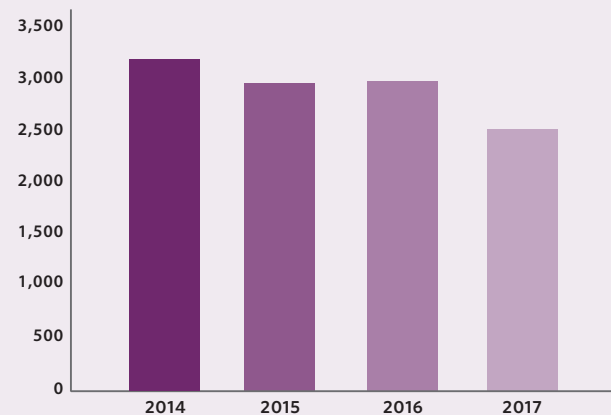
### COMMUNITY

- 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 WEEKLY FINANCES



- Stewardship Income (our major source of income) fell 13% from 2016–2017
- This decline must be addressed
- Our challenge is to increase to a minimum of \$3,250 per week – it is a real challenge but we can do it!

### OUR STEWARDSHIP INCOME CHALLENGE

To increase Stewardship Income from \$2,500 per week to a min. \$3,250 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 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 Fr Rowan & Fr Renato, 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 St Peter Chanel 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 Rowan or the Parish Office

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*From everyone to whom much has been given, even more will be demanded.* – LUKE 15:1-2



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## FAITH COMMUNITY FUTURE



## St Peter Chanel Parish

Deer Park

Stewardship 2018