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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Year B *24 - 25 November 2018*

Parish Finance Committee Annual Report

Dear Parishioners

We have now completed 12 months of the 'new' planned giving program and on behalf of the parish's finance committee we are happy to report that there has been a substantial increase in giving from the previous program.

Contributions are currently \$3868.88 per week up from \$2822.32 per week twelve months ago. The total giving amount for the twelve-month period of the new program equates to 94.27% of the total pledged amount, by comparison to 82.50% at the time the old program ended. This has led to a more positive outlook with regard the parish's overall financial position. As reported at the time the planned giving renewal program was held last year, the parish had run at a loss in the previous two financial periods.

Unfortunately, we reported a further loss in the 2017/18 financial year ending 31st March 2018 in the amount of \$28,224.41. This was due, in part, to the cost of running the planned giving renewal program, building, equipment & maintenance costs. At the same time Diocesan levies totalled \$25,000 while insurance premiums reached \$35,980. The good news is that our 2018/19 forecast is for a surplus (the first time in three years). This on the back of the increase in planned giving revenue and greater returns from invested monies...the two primary sources of our parish income.

Funds gained in recent times from the sale of properties such as St Mary's Hall and the Pearson Street residence have been invested in longer term investment options with Catholic Church Insurance Asset Management. In this regard we have budgeted for additional interest income this financial year of \$27,000 from these investments.

Included in this year's budget is money for more building maintenance work and includes the Rosedale church, where the tiled roof will be cleaned, and roof flashing and cracked walls repaired, and replacement heaters for the Stratford church.

Our current financial reports show that the parish is in a healthier financial position than we were twelve months ago. As Planned Giving income accounts for 70% of our total revenue it is vital that the program is maintained at its current level of 94% of the pledge at least to cover the increasing costs of running the parish. So, we thank you all for your support of the program and your making of regular contributions.

The finance committee would be very grateful if those of our parishioners who may have fallen behind with their pledge could recommence. If there is anyone who is not part of the program and who would like to join please contact the parish office.

You may consider electronic giving. Electronic giving is a convenient way for you to give regularly to our Planned Giving Program and support the ongoing works of our parish community. By giving electronically, the parish is guaranteed your gift on a regular basis and budgeting becomes more accurate. It also is much safer for the parish as there is less cash to handle and it reduces the work of voluntary counters. Electronic giving is flexible and can be changed or cancelled at any time as necessary. Direct Debit Request authority forms are available from the foyer of any of our churches or from the parish office. Payment can be made from a credit card or bank, building society or credit union account and can be made on a weekly, fortnightly, monthly, quarterly or yearly basis.

Thank you for your generous and ongoing support to our parish.

Yours sincerely

Dean Peter & Nick Lee

PARISH CALENDAR

24 and 25 November - First Communion Masses

27 November 7pm - Finance Committee Meeting

2 December - First Sunday Cuppa

2 December 12noon - Healing Mass

2 December 12noon - Parish Lunch at Sale RSL

3 December 6pm - Volunteers Dinner

9 December 9.30am - Children's Mass

15 December 11am - Ordination of Deacon Hiep

RITE OF WELCOME AND BAPTISM: This weekend at St Patricks, Briagolong, we welcome for Baptism Spencer Higgins daughter of Mitchell and Ashlea. Congratulations to the family from us all.

WELCOME TO DEACON STANLY DEVASIA who has been appointed to assist Dean Peter, Fr Solomon and be involved in the life of our Parish. Deacon Stanly will share his insights and strong spiritual strengths in his Homilies, the Baptisms, Funerals and Weddings (without Mass) he leads. He will be happy to meet and greet you all.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

This weekend in the Cathedral the following children will be making their First Communion at **5.30pm Sat 24 November**: Alanna Burley, Laura Casella, Beau Cottrell, Lana Douthat, William Douthat, James Dresser, Lance Gerreyn, Alexis Gocotano, Carys Murray, Macauley Pendergast, Charlotte Reeves, Samuel Reeves. **At 9.30am on Sunday 25 Nov** the following children will also make their First Communion: Joshua Atkinson, Tessa Brayshaw, Hugo Davine, Shevan Fernando, Ashane Fernando, Isla Harris, Noah Irwin, Brydee Little, Keira McNicol, Caleb Short, Tarla Stewart and Finn Wilson. Please keep them in your prayers.

A JOINT INVITATION has come from Bishop O'Regan and Bishop Treloar (Anglican Bishop of Gippsland) to attend an Advent Ecumenical Conversation to be held at The Abbey, Raymond Island on **Thursday 6 December**. For catering purposes booking is essential. Please book through the email address: info@theabbey.org.au

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Deacon Paul Hiep Van Nguyen will be ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Sale on **Saturday 15th December at 11.00 am** - St Mary's Cathedral Sale. All welcome.

DIOCESAN CHOIR We are seeking singers for the Diocesan Choir for the Ordination. Please contact Sophy Morley smorley@sale.catholic.org.au or phone 03 5622 6677 to register your interest if have not already done so. **REHEARSALS 10.30 am Saturday 24th November** at St Mary's Church, 52 Monash Rd, Newborough. **11.30 am Saturday 1st December** at St Mary's Cathedral, Foster St Sale. We would like singers to come to one of these rehearsals as well as the final rehearsal at 9.30 am on the day of the Ordination. Singers will be sent music beforehand.

HEALING MASS: The Healing Mass will be held on **Sunday 2 December** in St Mary's Cathedral, Sale commencing at **12noon**.

PARISH LUNCH will be held at Sale RSL at **12noon on Sunday 2 December**. If you would like to attend please call the Parish Office on 5144 4100 by **Thursday 29 November** so that we can give numbers attending to the venue.

CHOIR FOR CHRISTMAS As a number of our choir members will be away this Christmas we are seeking volunteers to sing in the choir at the **9pm Mass on Christmas Eve (24/12)**. Rehearsals commence from **5 - 6pm on Tuesday 27 November**.

YALLOURN MADRIGAL SINGERS As we approach the Advent and Christmas seasons, the Yallourn Madrigal Singers, together with Anthony Hahn (organist) are pleased to present a Festival of Lessons and Carols:

2pm Sunday 2 December at St James' Anglican Church, Grey St Traralgon

5pm Sunday 16 December at St Paul's Anglican Cathedral, Cunninghame St Sale.

JESSE TREE AND GIFTING TREE During the next week the Advent Jesse tree and the St Vincent de Paul Gifting Tree will be placed in the foyer of the Cathedral. The Jesse tree commences at Advent and biblical figures will be added each week.

St Vincent de Paul Gifting Tree - Please take your items and give generously to those who are less fortunate.

31 CLUB REMINDER 28 November to 4 December. Please pray for vocations

PLENARY NEWS please check the noticeboard in Cathedral for Plenary News and updates.

COUNTERS: 25 November: Team 1:

Robert McKenzie, Mark Durrant, Lou Centra

2 December: Team 2: Mary Cooper, Pat Lord

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:

Planned Giving: \$1,953.50

House: \$930.85

Credit Cards: \$0.00

Direct Debits: \$1,715.00

With thanks from a grateful parish.

SACRISTY: 29 November: Team 5:

Lenie Smolenaars, Sue Harvey

6 December: Team 5: Lenie Smolenaars, Sue Harvey

BAPTISMS: By arrangement through the Parish Office or with Veronica, phone 5144 4100.

ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament, Friday after Mass 1130am—12.00noon **First Friday of the Month** 11.30am-4.00pm At St Rose of Lima, Rosedale on 1st Wednesday of each month 9.30am—10.30am **RECONCILIATION: Cathedral: Friday** 11.30am after Mass, **Saturday** After the 9.30am Mass—10.30am **Stratford and Briagolong on Sunday or Rosedale on Saturday evening:** Before or after Mass or anytime by arrangement with the priest. **MARRIAGES:** Not less than six months notice please.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Fri 23 Nov 11am: Priyantha & Niroshinie Kurukulasuriya (A's)

Sat 24 Nov 9.30am: Claudiya & Richard Fernando (A's)

Sun 25 Nov 9.30am: James & Johanna Fischer (A's)

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Mass Timetable this week
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Year B
24 - 25 November 2018

Day/Date	Time	Place
Sunday 25 November <i>First Communion</i>	9.30am 9.30am 6.00pm	Cathedral Briagolong Cathedral
Monday 26 November	NO	MASS
Tuesday 27 November	9.30am	Chapter House
Wednesday 28 November	9.15am 10.30am	Stratford Ashleigh House
Thursday 29 November <i>St Mary's Year 6</i>	9.30am 6.00pm	Chapter House Cathedral - <i>Rosary for Pat Dowd</i>
Friday 30 November <i>Pat Dowd's Funeral Mass</i>	9.15am 11.00am	St Thomas' School Cathedral
Saturday 1 December <i>Reconciliation after 9.30am Mass</i>	9.30am 5.30pm 7.00pm	Cathedral Cathedral Rosedale

PARISH PRAYER.

*God our loving Father, we give you thanks and praise for our
Cathedral Parish of Sale,
for your people and your Creation.
Nourish us by your daily Word and Eucharist. Enrich us in our
faith, hope and love.
Strengthen us with the spirit of your mercy and grace.
Make us grateful for your gifts as we journey through
our lives together.
May we be a welcoming and serving community,
always discerning and doing your will for one another.
We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

**CHILDREN'S MASS/
BLESSING**

On Sunday 9th of December at 9.30am Mass we are inviting children of our Parish to attend this special Children's Mass.

Children will be involved in the different parts of the Mass.

We ask parents or relatives to have the children bring a small gift for St Vincent de Paul to share with the poor.

**ORDINATION TO PRIESTHOOD OF
HIEP NGUYEN
SATURDAY 15 DECEMBER 2018**

HELP NEEDED

We have now placed sheets in the Narthex of the Cathedral, asking our generous Parishioners for help with **COOKING, SANDWICH FILLINGS AND HELP ON THE DAY.** If you can help in any way with this, please add your name to the list. All help will be greatly appreciated as we will be catering for some 300 people.
Thank you from a grateful Parish for your ongoing help.

We remember those who have died **Pat Dowd, Ellen Delany, Geraldine Gebbie** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Bishop Jeremiah Coffey, Fr Gerald Byrne, Fr Joseph Martin, Fr Patrick O'Hanlon, Mgr William Caffrey, James & Johanna Fisher, Frances Boyd, Claudiya & Richard Fernando, Priyantha & Niroshinie Kurujulasuriya.** We pray for those who are sick **Jennifer Fitzgerald, Colin Bowman, Maurice Briones, Fr Kevin Hennessy CP, Rosie Carroll, and Maureen O'Kane.** **We pray in thanks for all who care for the sick.**

Date: 2/12/2018	Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Offertory Procession	Extraordinary Minister of Communion
Saturday 5.30pm		Brenda Burditt	Liz Tabuteau Bryan Leak		Theo Smolenaars, Frank Fidge, Sue Harvey
Sunday 9.30am	Clare & Lilli O'Brien	Sue Mattson	Jeff Hobbs Joel Brayshaw	Dalia Ellison	Bill & Lenie Smolenaars, John Vermaelen
Sunday 6.00pm		Jennifer Fitzgerald	Louie Minoza Yvonne Hope		Rosemary Webster, Len and Lyn Althaus

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

FIRST READING:

A reading from the Prophet Daniel 7:13-14

I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed;
the Lord has robed himself with might,
he has girded himself with power. **(R)**

The world you made firm, not to be moved;
your throne has stood firm from of old.
From all eternity, O Lord, you are. **(R)**

Truly your decrees are to be trusted.
Holiness is fitting to your house,
O Lord, until the end of time. **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the book of Apocalypse 1:5-8

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the First-born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father;
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 18:33-37

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Lord sits as King for ever.
The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Cathedral: Friday after Mass from 11.30am -12noon

1st Friday of each Month 11.30am - 4.00pm

Reconciliation:

Cathedral: Saturday: Following Mass: 9.30am to 10.30am.



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**READINGS NEXT WEEK
First Sunday of Advent, Year C**

First Reading: **Jeremiah 33:14-16**
Second Reading: **Thessalonians 3:12 - 4:2**
Gospel: **Luke 21:25-28, 34-36.**

SUNDAY MASS TIMETABLE

Saturday: Cathedral - 5.30pm Vigil
Saturday: Rosedale - 7:00pm Vigil
Saturday: Loch Sport - 11.00am (2nd & 4th)
Sunday: Cathedral - 9:30am
Sunday: Briagolong - 9.30am (2nd & 4th)
Sunday: Stratford - 9.30am (1st, 3rd & 5th)
Sunday: Cathedral - 6.00pm

**NEW IN THE PARISH? CHANGED ADDRESS IN THE LAST YEAR?
NEED PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES OR TO
UPDATE THE PARISH RECORDS?**

Please let us know we'd like to meet you! If you complete the form below, you could place it on the plate at Mass or hand it in to the Parish office. We'll hope to catch up soon.

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Please tick: If you would like to join the Planned Giving Program
If you would like to join a Family Group