



ST MATTHEW & ST VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH SOUTH BELCONNEN

ARANDA MASS CENTRE: 7 BINDEL ST

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8 November 2019

Dear Parishioners

We can never outdo God in generosity

As we begin our new Planned Giving Program, on behalf of us all, I want to firstly thank you, our Parish Community.

Last year, our community gave \$148,000 in Planned Giving for which we are deeply grateful. This contribution has helped address annual operational expenses as well as many of the projects, programs and capital improvements that have now been undertaken. For example, during 2019, the former St Vincent's presbytery has been transformed into a modern Parish centre for everyone to use and enjoy.

It is well over ten years since a Planned Giving Program appeal has been made in what is now our Parish. It is now time for renewal. This provides an opportunity for new contributors to join the program.

The Parish decided at last year's Assembly that they wanted to see many actions and improvements. The Planned Giving Program will support this.

Prioritised actions needing funding now include:

- Improving communication across our Parish.
- Building stronger relationships with the schools and youth.
- Encouraging music as an integral part of Mass and other Liturgies.

To do this we are asking you to look at what you can contribute to deliver on our Parish program and to help make our community stronger.

For those new to planned giving please take the time to consider how you can make your contribution.

If you currently contribute, please review your commitment and prayerfully consider an increase.

To help meet the financial overheads and improve yearly budgeting we encourage all of our members to consider signing up for online giving through direct debit or credit cards.

For two weekends in November (either Sundays 10th & 17th) you will be asked to make a pledge. Simply complete the pledge card and return it.

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) and Planned Giving Team will continue to update you on our progress of planned giving and achieving the Parish plan. If you have any questions, please direct them to a member of the Planned Giving Team.

Please be assured of my prayers for you and our parish that you love and cherish.

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