

St Monica's—Moonee Ponds

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 Hannon (St Therese's Parish—Essendon) will speak with us on these important matters.

Thoughts from our Leadership Team

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

"It is no different to being a member of a club or other organisation. It cannot thrive without contributions of a financial nature, complimenting the time and talents of its members"

"Allows finance group to plan developmental projects with certainty for the benefit of the parish"

"To ensure we can continue with our Parish Groups and Ministries and continue to celebrate our faith together"

"To maintain the facilities we all enjoy through the parish – schools, sports facilities, halls – so we can maintain those benefits"

"The maintenance of our parish church and buildings is an important responsibility that we all share. As an active member of the Parish, I enjoy the gatherings and recognise that all activities have costs that I happily contribute to"

"To ensure that the parish facilities and services can be maintained"

Ministry Focus

Assistance in Parish Office

Assist with ad-hoc jobs around the parish office.

Parish Pastoral Council

The Pastoral Council's role is to promote the Church's mission to live and communicate the love and values of Christ in our world.

Key Dates

26th & 27th May Our Future Weekend

26th June Program Social

"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."

