

## **STEWARDSHIP FINANCE REPORT / TREASURE APPEAL – 17/18 OCTOBER 2015**

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- Our goal is to be a parish community committed to Catholic Stewardship, in which all of us are invited to offer our time, talent and treasure in service to others, both within and beyond our parish community.
  - This stewardship is our way of responding in gratitude for the many gifts and blessings God has provided for us, especially the gifts of life and faith.
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On behalf of Father we sincerely thank you for your Time / Talents and Treasure.

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Thank you to all parishioners who regularly and generously help to support the life and ministries of St Joseph's through financial contributions and your time and talents.

No parish can offer ministries that help us to praise and thank God in the Eucharist and Sacraments. Share our faith through catechetics and ministry to our children, youth, adults, and prepare people to celebrate the Sacraments, live our Faith in Service or offer comfort and support to parishioners and community members who are suffering in some way or other, without financial support of its parishioners.

We need each and every parishioner to give regularly in order to continue the Ministries that serve all our parishioners.

A small percentage of parishioners cannot support the whole parish themselves.

We all must financially contribute regularly in order for us to meet the financial obligations that come with being a healthy faith community.

### **Income & Expenditure Percentages for October 2014 - September 2015.**

If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions you may leave your comments and contact details in the comments book in the foyer of the church and our Finance Chairman will follow up and contact you.

This year all Parishes' were asked by Cardinal Wilfrid Napier to donate towards the furnishings of the Denis Hurley Centre.

In March we did a donation towards the Alarm System for the Denis Hurley Centre and a donation to the Archdiocese Bursary Fund.

In December we purchased a new motor vehicle. These were funded from our Savings Account.

Included in our church expenses is the fumigation of church in October of last year.

<b>INCOME</b>	
Loose Plate	18%
Envelope	14%
Electronic	19%
Debit Orders	29%
Annual Prepaid	11%
Other	9%

<b>BREAKDOWN OF OTHER</b>
Interest
Mass Intentions
Donations
Memorial Wall
Hall Hire
Repository
Votive Candles
Waste Paper

### **EXPENDITURE**

Archdiocese Levy	16%
Bank Charges	1%
Church Expense	5%
Office Expense / Computers	6%
Housekeeping	4%
Staffing	28%
Stipends / Clergy	4%
Electricity / Water	6%
Motor Vehicles Expense	1%
Repair / Maintenance / Cleaning	1%
Telephone / Internet	2%
Upgrade / Renovate	2%
Music Equipment	4%
Entertain / Functions / Catering	2%
Catechism / Formation	2%
Outreach / Donations	10%
Insurance	2%
Security	2%
<b>SHORTFALL</b>	<b>2%</b>

<b>BREAKDOWN OF CHURCH EXPENSE</b>
Flowers
Organist
Hosts / Wine / Candles
Fumigation

<b>BREAKDOWN OF CATECHISM / FORMATION</b>
Junior Catechism
LifeTeen
Young Adults
Alpha
Marriage Course

Today Father and the Stewardship Team will hand out (from the altar steps) the annual stewardship appeal envelopes. We urge everyone to please read and reflect on all brochures received so far, before you make your decision to complete your forms.

This will also give us the opportunity to update your personal details and more importantly so that we can draw up accurate figures for our 2016 Budget.

We appeal to those Parishioners who are on Debit Order and Electronic Payment to please **also renew** their commitment - as they yearly just assume that we know they will rollover their amounts and so they don't feel it necessary to complete new forms and also we don't know whether they will be increasing or decreasing their amounts.

The Dedication / Commitment forms of previous years that I have on file are so old and faded that they are no longer legible.

So for that reason as well please take the time to fill in a new form.

We would also like to take this opportunity to appeal to those parishioners who are on the numbered envelope system **if it is possible to consider changing** to Debit Order or the Electronic route for security precautions for the Parish.

As handling large amounts of cash at the Parish puts the staff at a high risk when transporting monies for banking.

Our next appeal is to those parishioners contributing via the loose-plate. It's not the amount that matters but the commitment to contribute what you can afford to regularly. So we ask you to please consider taking the next step by filling in a commitment form and changing to maybe the Envelope System, Debit Order or Electronic system, and becoming a **Steward for your Parish Community and most importantly for GOD.**

We would like to encourage our young people who receive pocket money as well as those who have part time and permanent employment. Please join stewardship - even if in a very small way – this will assist you as you grow in your faith and will also prepare you for when you may marry and have a family one day – you will learn to **TAKE OWNERSHIP OF YOUR PARISH** and to then **PASS IT ON TO YOUR CHILDREN.**

Young adults and young married couples are ask also to take ownership as well and **not to leave** it up to the **older parishioners** to financially sustain our Parish.

We all need the Church to receive various sacraments and grow in our faith.

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The envelope you will be receiving today has the Annual Appeal Letter from Father and the Stewardship Commitment Form with a Confidential return envelope enclosed.

This year the Commitment Form is not only asking for your financial contributions, we also are appealing for your Time and Talent.

The past two weekends the Stewardship Team handed out two leaflets, a Time / Talent / Treasure Leaflet explaining **WHY / HOW / WHAT AND WHERE WE GIVE** and a Ministries Leaflet - so that you can read about Stewardship and all our Ministries offered at our Parish.

We hope this has helped you in making your decision in committing to offer to be a Steward of your Parish.

**Please remember to return your completed commitment form in the return envelope supplied.**

**On Dedication Sunday 31st October / 1st November 2015. Thank you.**

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In Conclusion – We have for the first time invited all our Ministries in the Parish to submit their proposed expenses for the next stewardship year 2016 and hopefully we can keep our expenses in line.

Remember that we are the church and the hands of Christ - No one can do everything, but everyone can do something and together we can care for our Parish Community.

Most importantly, we need your support in the faith development of our Parishioners by responding to Jesus' call.

Please be generous IN ALL ASPECTS OF THIS STEWARDSHIP APPEAL.

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**REMEMBER WE ARE THE CHURCH – AND YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU**

**AND TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

- Thank you for your participation and support of our parish community.
  - May the Lord continue to bless you all!
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