

## Understanding Mass Offerings and Memorial Donations

Did you know there are two ways to remember your deceased loved ones throughout the year? Many people like to have a Mass offered to remember a deceased loved one on that person's birthday, anniversary of death or other special day. The offering for such a Mass is a minimum of \$10 per person remembered. The offering for a Month's Mind Mass which is celebrated about one month after a person's death, in memory of the deceased, is a minimum of \$50 per Mass. [Current at July 2013]. You simply need to contact the Parish Office via telephone (08) 83373849 to schedule the Mass.

A more significant way to remember a deceased loved one is through a memorial donation. Like Mass offerings, memorial donations can be made for any special occasion. They are also a great idea at the time of death. You simply need to state in the obituary, "Memorial donations to St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church appreciated." The benefits of a memorial donation or gift include:

- ♦ The donation or gift may be as large or as small as a donor wants it to be.
- ♦ While Mass offerings can only be used to cover the actual cost of the Mass, memorial donations and gifts can be used for any of the many operating needs of the church including assistance for maintenance and upgrading of our facilities or support and development of our many ministries and outreach projects.
- ♦ For large memorial donations or gifts the parish can work with the donor(s) to determine a way to use the donation or gift that would be most appropriate to the interests and preferences of the individual who is being memorialized through the gift.

If you would like to offer friends and family the opportunity to make memorial donations or gifts to our church when they visit the Funeral Home for a deceased loved one, simply contact our Parish Office for a supply of this flyer and **Memorial Donation Envelopes**.

## Memorial Donation Form

St Francis of Assisi Catholic Parish, Newton, South Australia accepts monetary donations as memorials.

You simply need to state in the obituary, "*In lieu of flowers, Memorial donations to St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church appreciated*".

Please use this Memorial Donation Form or the Memorial Donation Envelope, and make cheques payable to "St Francis of Assisi Catholic Parish Memorial Fund".

Donors are sent a letter, and an acknowledgement is sent to the family of the deceased or the person you wish to honour.

For more information call the Parish Office:  
Telephone: (08) 8337 3849.

Date	
Donor's Name	
Phone No	
Address 1	
Address 2	
Donation Amount	
In Memory of	
Family of one being honoured (please notify):	
Name	
Address 1	
Address 2	

Please complete the form above and enclose with your donation in the Memorial Donation Envelope. You may submit this form at the Parish Office or mail it to:

St Francis of Assisi Catholic Parish,  
59 Newton Road,  
Newton, South Australia, 5074  
**Attention: Memorial Donations**



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*Consider a  
Memorial Donation or Gift  
to  
St Francis of Assisi  
Catholic Church*

You may wish to give thanks for the life of a loved one by giving memorial donations or gifts to the church. This can be a meaningful way to recognise or remember a friend or relative in a more permanent way than flowers or other perishable gifts. Such a gift honours the living or the memory of the departed while investing in the eternal work of the church.





### CONSIDER A MONETARY DONATION

Monetary donations can be a wonderful way to memorialise or honour that special person.

Consider making a donation in place of flowers. St Francis of Assisi Catholic Parish will acknowledge these gifts in our bulletin or other suitable publications of the church.



### GIFTS OF TANGIBLE PROPERTY

Tangible property such as land, property, vehicles, paintings or other types of art could be a wonderful contribution in honour or in memory of your loved one. Any type of valuable goods can be considered for a gift.



### SPONSOR A CHURCH PROJECT

Perhaps the finest way to honour the memory of your loved one would be by sponsoring a church project or ministry that was dear to their heart.

Consider making a donation to specific missions, evangelistic outreach, worship ministries, or another aspect of the work at St Francis of Assisi Catholic Parish.



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### *St Francis of Assisi Catholic Parish Policy Regarding Memorial Donations*

1. For monetary donations in memory, or in honour, of an individual the Parish will provide special envelopes or a simple form to designate such donations. Marketable securities or any similar property easily turned into cash, without restriction as to use, need no approval or other process.
2. Gifts of tangible properties offered to the church will be considered on a case-by-case basis in order to ascertain if they further the ministry of the church, are consistent with our mission and testimony, and reflect our Christian values. The Parish Finance Council will serve as the body of the parish designated to consider such gifts.