

BY YOUR GIFT OF PRESENCE:

Your gift of prayer time, your presence, and your involvement are powerful statements of your faith. In our parish, you can make a difference by being there – for weekend Masses and liturgies, for prayer services, for special events, for celebrations, for service activities, for faith formation, and for other parish events.

You don't have to be in charge. You don't have to be frantically busy. You just need to be there. You will make ministry happen through your gift of presence.

Our Stewardship

an invitation to make a difference in our parish ...

BY YOUR GIFT OF INVOLVEMENT AND GENEROSITY:

Our parish needs many different people with a wide range of abilities. We have obvious needs such as the need for lectors, singers, Eucharistic ministers, and faith formation staff. But we also have many needs that are less obvious. You don't have to be "an expert" or "the best." Just get involved and share yourself and your gifts with others. Your gifts of talent can make a difference. They can make ministry happen across our parish.

BY YOUR GIFT OF TREASURE:

The money you contribute to our parish each week makes ministry happen. It helps provide salaries and benefits. It helps pay for buildings, equipment, maintenance and materials. It helps fund special projects, programs and services which benefit all members of our parish family. Your gifts, given in thanksgiving for the many gifts God has given you, will make a difference in the lives of many people.

PRAYER PARTICIPATION GENEROSITY

We give glory to God through the participation in parish life, and the celebrations of liturgies, sacraments and sacramentals, at **St Francis of Assisi Church** and at the **Chapel of the Holy Name**, but only with the generous help of many good stewards who volunteer their time to make it all possible.

57 First Communions and Confirmations

68 Infant Baptisms

4 Adult Baptisms

6 RCIA participants

67 Funerals

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every weekday and all day on First Fridays

Weekly communions to the sick and homebound, and Pastoral visitations to 5 Nursing Homes in parish area

More than 15 Devotional Liturgies and Festas

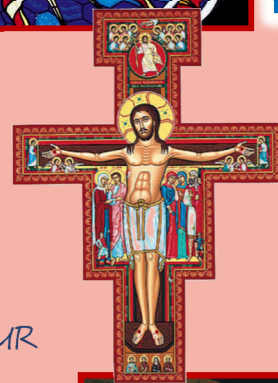
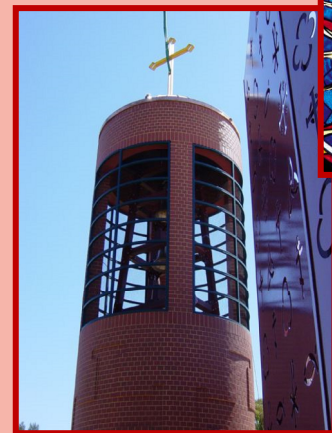
46 Parish Services, Ministries, Groups and Organisations exist across our parish

Your Invitation to Minister and to Give in Gratitude

Over the next few weeks, we ask **ALL PARISHIONERS** to make some kind of personal response towards being disciples of Jesus; collaborating in building our catholic community through making some time for personal prayer; offering your time and abilities to the Parish and wider community; and also through making a financial response by joining or re-committing to our Parish Stewardship initiatives.

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CELEBRATING OUR FAITH



CELEBRATING OUR MULTICULTURE



CELEBRATING LIFE



Stewardship - an Invitation to Serve

BEING STEWARDS OF OUR SERVICE & MINISTRY

Ministry is about gifts and needs.
We have all been blessed by God with
gifts of faith and love.
These are shared with a generous heart.

What are your special talents?
How can you help?
What is God calling you to do?

Stewardship - an Invitation to Share

BEING STEWARDS OF OUR TREASURE & RESOURCES

Sharing our finances reaches into the future
most noticeably. The Church — our parish,
has material needs and financial demands—
ministries, pastoral initiatives and services
are provided for all.

As part of our understanding of Stewardship
as a way of living, all parishioners are asked
to review and renew our individual financial
commitments regardless of our current level
of contributions.

A renewal of our Prayer, Participation and Generosity

REFLECT & RESPOND

By completing and returning your
Parish Ministry Choice Form and
Financial Commitment Card, you will
help turn your good stewardship
intentions into action.

Please bring these to Mass on

Commitment Response Weekend

1 & 2 April 2017

OR

If you can't be at Mass, please return
these in a sealed envelope to the Parish
Office no later than 5 pm on Monday 3rd
April 2017.

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Stewardship God showers His mercy on us



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Sharing the Joy of the Parish Mission

Dear parishioners,

Since I came to St Francis of Assisi Parish in 2015, I
have been impressed by the wonderful people with
whom I share the path of faith, the path of charity.
Some have gone to their eternal reward. Others
have moved, while newcomers have arrived to
refresh our parish with joy and hope. I am blessed
to be with you, and I thank you.

We can express holiness in many different ways.
With the balance of prayer and action which is right
for each of us, we build up our parish community
together. Alongside a dedicated Pastoral Council
and insightful Finance Council we are attempting to
build a vibrant parish community. A variety of ways
of ministry and service can be found in the forms
with this brochure that you are receiving.

Like the wheels which carry the car and its
passengers, our Parish Planned Giving programme
is the main source of parish income that supports
the different ministries and the day to day
operation of our Parish. Hence, may I encourage
you to continue your generous support to our
parish. For convenience, you can contribute with
Credit Card or Direct Debit facilities.

Please respond to our Stewardship Renewal this
year, by completing the enclosed **Service and
Ministry Choice Form** and the **Financial
Commitment Card**, and return them to the Parish
Office or bring them along with you to Mass on 1st
or 2nd April 2017.

Blessings to you all!

Fr Severino Bustamante OFM Cap [Parish Priest]

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