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St Mark's
Cathedral Parish

PORT PIRIE—SOLOMONTOWN—CRYSTAL BROOK—REDHILL

BUILDING
OUR PARISH
FOR MISSION

STEWARDSHIP 2025—2028

PRAYER - PARTICIPATION - SERVICE TO OTHERS



DID YOU KNOW...!

WHY DO WE HAVE TWO COLLECTIONS AT SUNDAY MASS?

This is a question that is often asked. Both collections are equally important and are used for two distinct purposes.

The **FIRST COLLECTION** goes into the Diocesan Clergy Support Fund and is for the upkeep and support of all the Diocesan Priests, Deacons and the Bishop, in providing them with living expenses, housekeeping support, health care, medical insurance, and subsidises those priest in Residential Care.

The **SECOND COLLECTION** includes the Parish Planned Giving Programme which is the main source of our parish income. The Second Collection funds are used for the day to day operating costs of our parish. That is to pay for the parish property maintenance and repairs, wages, insurance, utilities, liturgical needs, and the many other expenses incurred to keep our parish functioning towards the growth of our parish's vision and mission.

A portion of the total Second Collection together with any other parish income, is paid by every parish as a Diocesan Levy to the Diocesan Support Fund each year. This Fund assists in the operating costs of the Diocesan agencies in the administration of the Diocese, and also supports some of the Diocesan outreach services as well.

The **Leaving Collections** are for specific appeals and special intentions.

HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE

Contributions to the Second Collection are made via the Parish Planned Giving Programme and conducted by using Weekly Offertory Envelopes, Credit Card Authority, Direct Debit Authority, or On-Line Fund transfers from a nominated Bank Account.

To participate in Parish Planned Giving, please complete the details on the enclosed Commitment Card and return to the Parish Office. The required procedure and arrangements will then be sent to you.



Dear friends

As we begin our parish Stewardship for 2025 to 2028, we give ourselves some time to review our commitments to our parish family.

We are especially conscious of the call to renewal that emerged from the Plenary Council

of the Catholic Church in Australia. We are being asked to walk together, to listen deeply to one another, and to respond boldly to the voice of the Spirit in our midst. This is not simply an institutional exercise but a deeply spiritual journey of conversion.

Our parish is blessed with diversity—young and old, families and singles, lifelong Catholics and those newly exploring the faith. Whether you attend Mass weekly or haven't been for some time, know this: you are deeply loved by God, and you are part of this family.

Let us be especially attentive to our youth, our elderly, our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander brothers and sisters, and those on the margins—socially, spiritually, or economically. A truly Catholic parish is a home for all.

This Jubilee Year, I encourage each one of us to

make it a Year of Invitation—to invite a friend to Mass, to return to the Sacraments if it's been a while, to join a parish ministry, or to come along to one of our prayer or outreach events. A simple invitation can open the door to grace.

Let us also be a parish of prayer and hope. I invite you to pray daily for our community, for our Bishop, priests and religious, for those who are struggling, and for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon our parish. Without prayer, our efforts are hollow. With prayer, all things are possible.

Considering all this, I also ask for your generous support of the parish through our Parish Stewardship Renewal. The generosity of those who participate in the various ministries and financially contribute through our parish Planned Giving Program, enables us to plan for our missionary future in a strategic and

accountable manner.

I commend to your reflection and generous response, the information enclosed with this brochure, as I continue to pray for us all, trusting in the God who accompanies us.

Friends, I thank you for your faith, your presence, and your witness. As your pastor, I am humbled and blessed to walk this journey with you. Let us entrust ourselves to the Holy Spirit, just as Mary and the apostles did in the Upper Room. May this coming Pentecost ignite in us a renewed passion for the Gospel and a deeper love for one another.

With every blessing,

Fr Jimmy Pantin
Parish Administrator

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OUR GIFTS TO PARISH PLANNED GIVING

Parishioners who regularly give via
Thanksgiving Offertory Envelopes

119

**Total
223
Active
Contributors**

Parishioners who regularly give via
Automated Giving (Credit Card, Direct Debit & E.F.T.)

104

**Average Weekly Thanksgiving Offertory
Contributions** (52 Weeks to 31 December 2024)

**\$3,170
per week**

Average Thanksgiving Offertory Gift
(52 Weeks to 31 December 2024)

**\$14
per week**

Your gift matters.

**We are called to help one another
through prayer, participation and
service to others.**

Overview of our Operating Profit & Loss for January to December 2024

**ACTUAL
2024**

Our Operating Income:

Stewardship – Pledged Giving (Envelopes, Credit Card, Direct Debit, & EFT)	\$ 164,826
Stewardship - Unpledged Giving (Loose Plate)	\$ 12,876
Rental Income—Properties	\$ 76,649
Other Income: (Bank Interest; Rebates; Refunds; Candles/ Donations; Multi-cultural Feasts Collections; Bulletin Advertising; Religious Goods.)	\$ 22,376
Our Total Operating Income:	\$ 276,727

Our Operating Expenses:

Religious Worship, Supplies, Publications & Faith Education	\$ 15,820
Staff Employment Expenses & Public Liability	\$ 103,381
Parish Office & Administration Expenses	\$ 13,296
Property Maintenance & Repairs	\$ 62,809
Property Amenities & Utilities (Gas, Water, Electricity)	\$ 21,022
Council Rates & Emergency Services Levy	\$ 9,562
Property Rental	\$ 10,260
Insurance (Buildings & Voluntary Workers, etc.)	\$ 39,918
Diocesan Levy	\$ 8,020
Donations	\$ 5,123
Net Motor Vehicle Expenses	\$ 16,365
Other Expenses: (Police Checks; Motor Mission; Hospitality; Sundry; etc.)	\$ 5,669
Our Total Operating Expenses:	\$ 311,245

Our Operating Profit / (Loss): \$ -34,518



Let's say 'Yes' to building our Parish for mission ... with grateful and generous hearts!



Thank you for your generous support in building our Parish Family for Mission

During this renewal of our Stewardship of Participation and Generosity, you are urged to read and reflect upon the material in your Family Pack and the information provided during Masses over these few weeks.

We encourage you to review your current giving commitment to our Parish Stewardship initiatives in light of your present circumstances.

Please generously respond by completing and returning your Ministry Choice Form and Commitment Cards. You will help turn your good intentions into action for building our Parish for Mission.

Please return your commitments to Mass on our

Commitment Response Weekend
28TH & 29TH June 2025

OR

If you can't be at Mass, please return these in a sealed envelope to the Parish Office in person or via the post, no later than 4 pm Monday 30TH June 2025.

Contact us at the Parish Office:

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PARISH.LIFE.IN.2024

260 Sunday Masses.

380 Weekday Masses. (includes Aged Care Homes)

110 School Masses and Liturgies.

34 Infant Baptisms.

2 New parishioners received through RCIA.

49 First Reconciliations.

21 First Holy Communions.

50 Confirmations.

3 Weddings.

39 Funerals.

10 Home Visitations & Communions to the Sick, Elderly and homebound each week.

21 Pastoral visitations to Hospitals & Nursing Homes average each week.

38 New Families identified during recent Parish Census.

223 Families and Individuals actively participate in our Parish Stewardship Program. (Parish Planned Giving)

Hundreds of Generous volunteers participate in Eucharistic and other Ministries and Services.

OUR RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS

- Divine Renovation Kick Start program.
- Significant collaboration & involvement with the district Combined Churches, including Christmas Boxes, Kids Club, Anzac Day, Remembrance Day, and World Day of Prayer.
- Vibrant welcoming of new families into the Parish.
- Joyful Indian/Pakistani/Bangladeshi feast.
- Dynamic Lectio Divina for all parishioners held in Crystal Brook.
- Monthly Masses at Crystal Brook Hospital.
- Monthly Morning Teas in Redhill and Port Pirie.
- Formation of a local Neo-catechumenal team.
- Development and promotion of a Ministry register across the parish.
- Completion of a Parish Safeguarding Checklist, Safeguarding Risk Register and Complaint Management Process for addressing awareness, practices, and risks across all our parish communities.
- Pigeon control at church properties.
- Commencement of project management of the Cathedral Portico by the Parish Building Committee.

OUR GOALS

- Intentional building of Welcome, Hospitality and Outreach within all our parish communities.
- Youth Ministry development.
- Nurture an increase in volunteers and participation in parish Ministry & Service.
- Effective practices in Safeguarding of Children, Young adults and Adults at risk.
- Greater investment in Work, Health and Safety across all parish communities.
- Becoming an invitational and intentional, environmentally-conscious parish.
- Continued inspections and reporting for safety and maintenance of properties.
- Continued repair and maintenance on parish assets and properties.