



ST CHRISTOPHER'S PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT 31 DECEMBER 2016 AND PLANNED GIVING SIGNUP

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for your generous donation of Time, Talent and Treasure (financial support) which has supported St Christopher's in the services we offer on weekdays and weekends, besides the many ministries and events hosted by the parish.

Every two years we report on our financial position. Since our last reporting in December 2014, our Total Receipts has increased by 14% . Our Planned Giving Receipts and Other Donations have increased by 18% over the last 2 years; with most of the increase attributed to the year ended 2016.

Being an active parish and compounded by the need to maintain our ageing facilities (which have been around for the last 50 years), our Total Expenses has increased significantly. since 2014. This has resulted in a Net Deficit of \$19,175, for year ended 2016.

In order for our parish to support the current level of activity, we need at least 25 NEW Signups to the Planned Giving Programme. Through this, and together with potential increases from existing contributors, we hope to raise an additional \$30,000 per year.



We, at all times, endeavour to carry out what's mandated in our Mission Statement, embracing Liturgy, Music, Pastoral Care, and Outreach Projects, both within the parish and the wider community, helping to build a strong sense of Christian Community. This can only come about when all of us take on our role as stewards of the God's Kingdom. Many of our parishioners have already recognised their roles as stewards and have, by the grace of God, contributed much of their talent and time in organising and managing the various activities. Many have also generously supported the parish financially over the years.

So, we encourage you to JOIN US and sign up to the Planned Giving Programme and take on your role as a Financial Steward of St Christopher's.

As we all seek God's guidance in our deliberations regarding our commitment to Planned Giving, may the Holy Spirit prevail!

***Fr Ralph Besterwitch, Parish Priest
and the Finance & Admin Committee (2017)***



Parish Priest Fr Ralph Besterwitch, SAC

Pastor Emeritus Fr Pat Jackson, SAC

STATEMENT OF PARISH - INCOME & EXPENDITURE

1ST COLLECTION RECEIPTS ARE ACCOUNTED FOR SEPARATELY
AND ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THESE FIGURES

Revenue	31-Dec-15	31-Dec-16
	\$	\$
Planned Giving Receipts	108,009	116,130
Donations	13,582	23,506
Rental Income & Other Income	29,503	32,017
Total Receipts	151,094	171,653

Planned Giving Receipts 7.5% ↑⊕

Total Receipts 13.6% ↑⊕

Expenses	31-Dec-15	31-Dec-16
	\$	\$
Office Admin and Salaries	64,923	79,310
Property and Facilities Maintenance	53,196	71,586
Archdiocesan Levies	13,841	15,305
Liturgical, Ministry & Community Events	15,053	24,627
Total Expenses	147,013	190,828

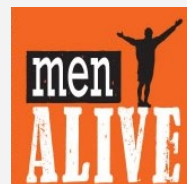
Office Admin & Salaries 22.2% ↑⊕

Property and Facilities Maintenance 34.6% ↑⊕

Total Expenses 29.8% ↑⊕ ⊕ compared to 2015

Year	2015	2016
Net Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	4,081	(19,175)

SOME OF OUR MINISTRIES AND EVENTS - See our website for more : www.cam.org.au/syndal



ELEVATE YOUTH



REACHOUT Communities



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHY DO WE HAVE 2 COLLECTIONS?

1st collection covers the upkeep of the presbytery and the day to day living expenses of the two priests, utilities and the salary of the housekeeper.

2nd collection (Planned Giving Offering) covers the upkeep and repairs of the parish buildings, utilities and ALL activities and programmes run by the parish.

BOTH COLLECTIONS are EQUALLY IMPORTANT.

HOW DO I CONTRIBUTE?

We have two methods of contribution:

- Weekly envelopes which you give during the second collection
- Monthly direct debit to your bank account or credit card on the 15th of each month

We would like to encourage those of you who are able, to contribute through the direct debit system as it will help maintain a steadier flow of funds to the parish and reduce the manpower required to account for the cash contributions. This request should in no way discourage those parishioners who wish to continue their cash contributions by envelope. The fact that you DO contribute matters much more than HOW you contribute.

THE PARISH NEEDS YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT

New and existing parishioners who have not joined the Programme, are strongly encouraged to sign up for the Planned Giving Programme. We ask all parishioners to prayerfully review their ability to support the parish financially, and determine their contribution accordingly.

We would appreciate if **existing members of the Programme** could review their current circumstances and consider upgrading their support for the Planned Giving Programme and/or to change their existing contribution to direct debit.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND SUPPORT

"Not as man sees does God see,

because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart." 1 SAMUEL 16:7



How often do we invest our time, talent and treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter at all to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness will impress God.

Instead, He will look into our hearts to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others and how we showed that love by the way we used our time, talents and treasure here on earth.

APPLICATION TO JOIN OR MAKE CHANGES TO MY PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME CONTRIBUTIONS

NAME Dr / Mr / Mrs / Ms / Miss _____

Address _____

Suburb _____ Postcode _____

Email _____ Mobile _____

FOR NEW CONTRIBUTORS

I would like to join the Planned Giving Programme with a pledge of

\$ _____ per week / month* (please indicate)

The method of contribution I prefer is (please select ONLY ONE):

Weekly Envelopes—which will be supplied to you	
Monthly Credit Card Deduction—please complete the application below	
Monthly Direct Debit from a Nominated Bank Account—a separate form will be sent to you	

CREDIT CARD APPLICATION

Please debit my Visa / Mastercard account on a monthly basis commencing

15 / / / / (Deductions will be made on the 15th of each month)

My card details are as follows:

Card No. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Name on Card _____ Expiry Date _____ / _____

Authorised Signature _____ Date _____

FOR EXISTING CONTRIBUTORS

I would like to upgrade my current contribution to:

\$ _____ per week (for envelopes) or

\$ _____ per month (for direct debit)

**PLEASE COMPLETE &
RETURN THIS FORM
TO THE PARISH OFFICE
If you have any queries,
email
syndal.finance@cam.org.au**