



My Dear Fellow Parishioners,

As we celebrate Stewardship Month, first of all we thank God for His goodness to us. Many of us are truly blessed with good health, a steady job and a lovely family. It has been a long time that we as a parish have been asked to re-evaluate our 'Gift to God', by asking the question: '**Is it time to give God a raise?**' Everything that we have comes from Him; let us be generous to Him and His Church. Remember the words of Jesus: '**I will build My Church**'. **Mt 16:18**. It is indeed a privilege to work **with** our Lord and Saviour to build His church.

In your considerations of your Gift to God and the support of the parish, please reflect back to the contributions you made 2 years ago, 5 years ago. Many of us continue to give as we did many years ago and we forget that inflation hits all of us, even the Church of Jesus Christ!

Kindly discuss your planned giving with your husband or wife; young adults who have been confirmed are also encouraged to participate.

I trust that you will continue your support of the parish through our vibrant ministries and monetary pledges. Finally, a big thank you is extended to the council members Fr. Anthony, Paddy, Sean, Aldina and David for their input into managing the parish's finances.

**Give what you believe**

**God wants you to give!**

### **Some Scriptural teachings on the virtue of giving**

How should we approach our Christian Giving?

The first question to ask is: **WHY SHOULD I GIVE?**

The answer lies in the Holy Scripture:

- **Because God gives – and we respond to Him in love and gratitude.**  
'Remember how generous the Lord was: he was rich but He became poor for your sake, to make you rich out of His poverty.'  
2 Cor 8:7
- **Because God asks us to give:**  
'Can a human steal from God? Yet you steal from Me! You ask: how have we stolen from You? Why over tithes and contributions.....bring the whole tithe into the treasury; let there be food in my house. Put me to the test, and see if I do not open windows in the heavens and pour blessings upon you as long as there is need....' Mal 3: 8 – 10  
Again:  
'You received without charge, give without charge' Mt 10: 8
- **Because of the Church's mission:**  
'Go therefore, make disciples of all nations.' Mt 28: 19
- **Because of your neighbour's needs:**  
  
'If any of the saints are in need you must share with them; and you should make hospitality your special care. Rom 12: 13

***Our ability to give is a gift of God.***

***Worship God in spirit and in truth!***