

### The Catholic Parishes of Deepdene & Balwyn

Welcome to the final week of our Parish Stewardship Program.

In recent weeks we have reflected on:

- The role of faith in our lives
- The importance of coming together to celebrate the Eucharist each weekend
- Our commitment to growing in faith

We have also considered the notion of our parish as a *community* of faith:

- Are we a place of welcome?
- Do we have a clear mission to live the values of the Gospel?
- Am I making my contribution to parish life by being involved in our Groups & Ministries?

This week brings it all together. We look to the future – imagining what sort of parish we want to be. Ours is one filled with optimism – but one that needs the support and contribution of every individual if we are to achieve our dreams.

This week we ask you to finalise your commitments by:

- Signing up for a parish group or ministry
- Making your meaningful pledge of financial support to the Stewardship Program

This weekend Fr Martin Dixon will speak with us on these important matters.

### Thoughts from our Leadership Team

*Why do you think it is important to support your Parish financially through our Stewardship Program?*

*"To ensure the continuity of the church in the future"*

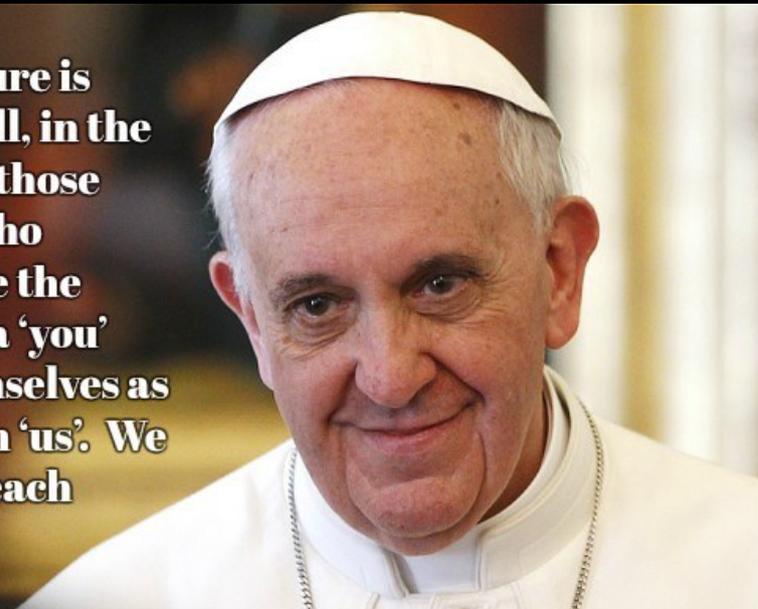
*"Stewards – by supporting my parish financially I assist them to support and provide programs and activities for parishioners and to look after the assets of the parish for future generations"*

*"A financial contribution helps maintain the 'heartbeat' of the Parish and support the amazing groups and ministries available to parishioners"*

*"The reality that in our world there is a cost and a reward involved, and a Parish doesn't maintain its viability on love and hope alone"*

*"Why let down those who have gone before us?"*

**"The future is most of all, in the hands of those people who recognise the other as a 'you' and themselves as part of an 'us'. We all need each other."**



### Key Dates

25th & 26th August    Our Future weekend

**5th September**    **Follow up meeting**  
(7:30pm)

### Ministry Focus

Counters

Collectors

Youth Engagement Project