

Our Vision

Our Lady of the Angels parishioners fervently envision building a timeless legacy of faith, love and community, inspiring generations to come with the enduring light of God's grace.

Our Mission

Empowered by our unwavering faith and boundless love, our mission is to unite in nurturing a vibrant and enduring legacy for our church, our children and theirs, thus enriching the lives of all who encompass its timeless embrace.

Our Goal

Our ardent aspiration is for every family to passionately pledge to consistent Planned Giving, forging a legacy of unwavering support and devotion to our beloved church of Our Lady of the Angels.

Our Objective

With fervent zeal and unwavering commitment, we are committed to expand the circle of families participating in Planned Giving from **17% to a remarkable 80%**, consequently elevating our Planned Giving from a grateful **\$21,000 to a purposeful \$47,700 per month**, thus fostering a legacy of generosity and faith that resonates through the ages.

"Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

2 Corinthians 9:7

Dear Friends in Christ,

Stewardship means recognising that everything we have is a gift from God and that, ultimately, we take credit for nothing. Everything we have and everything we do is indeed a result of a gift that God has placed into our hands.

Stewardship is therefore returning a portion of our gifts to God. The gifts we return are our time, our talent and our treasure.

We have been blessed with a such a young, dynamic, and vibrant parish. The way our parish has been established and has grown is the result of God's grace and the common effort of our community. Our congregation that was made up of a few people at the beginning has now grown into a full-fledged parish.

I ask each of you to prayerfully consider ways in which you can help relay to the young, to everyone, the torch of our faith, the love of Christ and His saving message. You might consider getting involved in the various church ministries, drawing on your talents and voluntary contribution of your time.

You might also wish to contribute financially through Planned Giving that will support the parish's financial obligations (i.e loan), as well as to meet our running expenses. Jesus said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." (Acts 20:35). Thank you.

May God bless you.

Fr Carlos

So what's next...

- > Have you completed your census form?
- > Are you on Planned Giving?

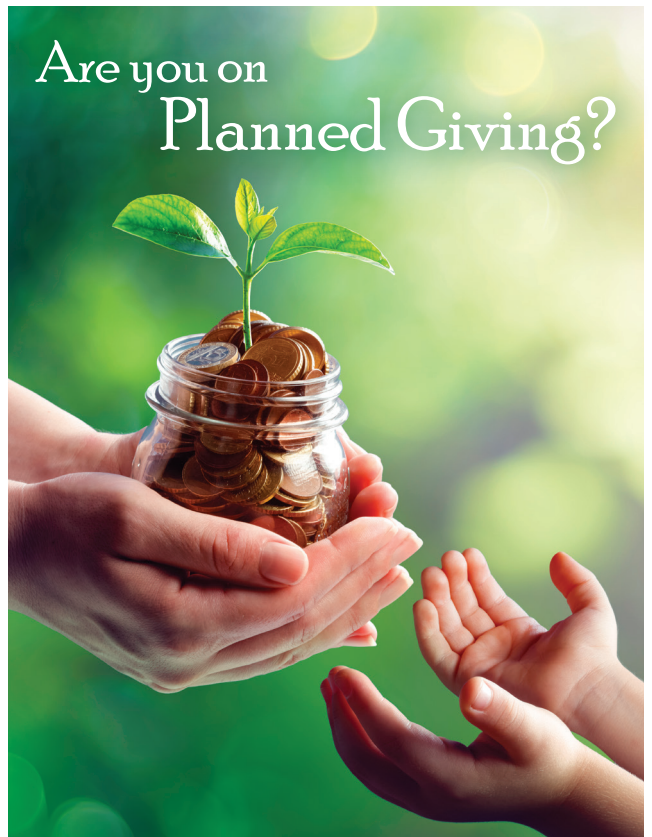


Scan this QR code to visit the Stewardship Page on the OLA website and find out more about how to complete the parish census, ways to get involved and set up your ongoing thanksgiving contributions.

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Are you on
Planned Giving?



Planned Giving Renewal

March 2024

Cheerfully Growing Planned Giving

Introduction

Our Church, Our Lady of the Angels parish is depicted as more than just a physical space for worship but as a symbol of communal support, spiritual growth and hope for our community. It is emphasised that ensuring its sustainability is crucial for future generations; for our children and theirs.

Planned Giving is a powerful expression of our commitment to the values that bind us as the body of Christ. It is a way for us to sow the seeds of faith, compassion and generosity that will continue to bear fruit now and when we return to our Lord. Centrality of offering is an aspect of worship that first came from the Garden of Eden. Abel, a generous shepherd, offered the fattest of his sheep as an oblation and by faith to God. Abel gave to God immediately, from his necessity.

Why Planned Giving, you may ask? It is because, as stewards of the blessings bestowed upon us, we have a responsibility that extends beyond our lifetimes. Planned Giving allows us to leave a sustainable and lasting legacy, an inheritance of faith and love for us, our children and for our children's children. It is an opportunity for each one of us to play a vital role in shaping the present and the future of our beloved church. In Philippians Chapter 4, Paul describes offering as, "a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. AND my God will supply every need of yours..."

This call-to-action urges parishioners to envision the collective impact of their contributions in securing a vibrant future for the church, ensuring the church's longevity. This is an invitation to reflect on one's role in the journey of Planned Giving and seeks divine blessings for its impact on the church's future.



Our Journey: A Brief Recap

Humble Beginnings: We started in borrowed spaces, growing steadily over the years. We owned nothing but we worked together and felt part of a faith 'family'.

Building Our Church: With faith and determination, we first borrowed for the Presbytery on Milford Drive, then infrastructure, then the building of the temporary church, and then our current beautiful church; facing challenges and overcoming them together.

Unforeseen Changes: Plans for Santa Sophia school and the Presbytery shifted, impacting our decisions and financial landscape. COVID lockdowns also had a dramatic impact to our attendance and revenue.

Current Scenario: As of June 2023, our debt stands at \$4.285m, and monthly loan repayments are nearly \$23k. We also see a need to build a Presbytery for our Priests to give them more reliable long-term housing and this will require additional borrowing. Our current 'shortfall' towards meeting our running costs and loan repayments is about \$20k per month.

How You Can Help

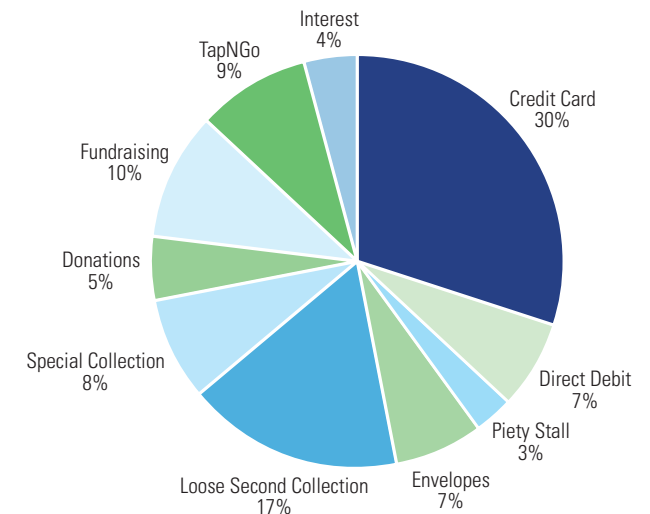
Regular Contributions: Affordable, consistent contributions can make a significant difference. We particularly appreciate direct debit or credit card contributions as these are consistent and help us to make better plans for the future.

Volunteer Opportunities: Join our Fundraising Committee or offer your skills to support parish initiatives. We offer a wide range of programs, made possible through the efforts of our dedicated volunteers.

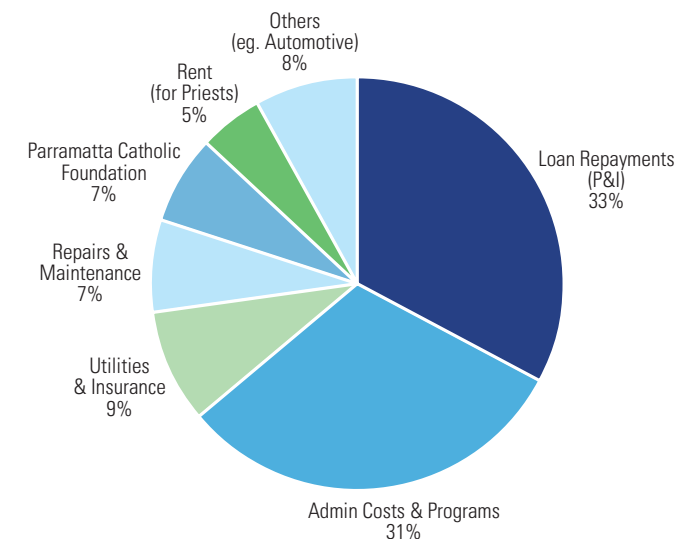
Spread the Word: Share this call to action with fellow parishioners, encouraging a collective effort.

Our Budget

Income FY24 (Total \$532K)



Expenses FY24 (Total \$810K)



Expected Deficit = \$278,000