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Your generosity in supporting the priests and good works of the Church is gratefully acknowledged. Each person's capacity to give is different and depends on individual circumstances and you are not expected to give anything more than is reasonable.

However your contribution not only benefits this parish but also smaller parishes throughout the Archdiocese. May God bless you.

Who We Are

The Board of the Clergy Remuneration System of the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney are an elected body of priests who oversee the administration and dispensation of the Central Fund which addresses the needs of our priests.

Bequests and Legacies

The Board welcomes bequests for the future of our priests. You may like to consider leaving a gift in your Will.

Or you may consider leaving a legacy to the Clerical Fund – this fund supports priests with their out-of-pocket medical costs.

For more information on either of these organisations, please contact the CRS Office (details below).

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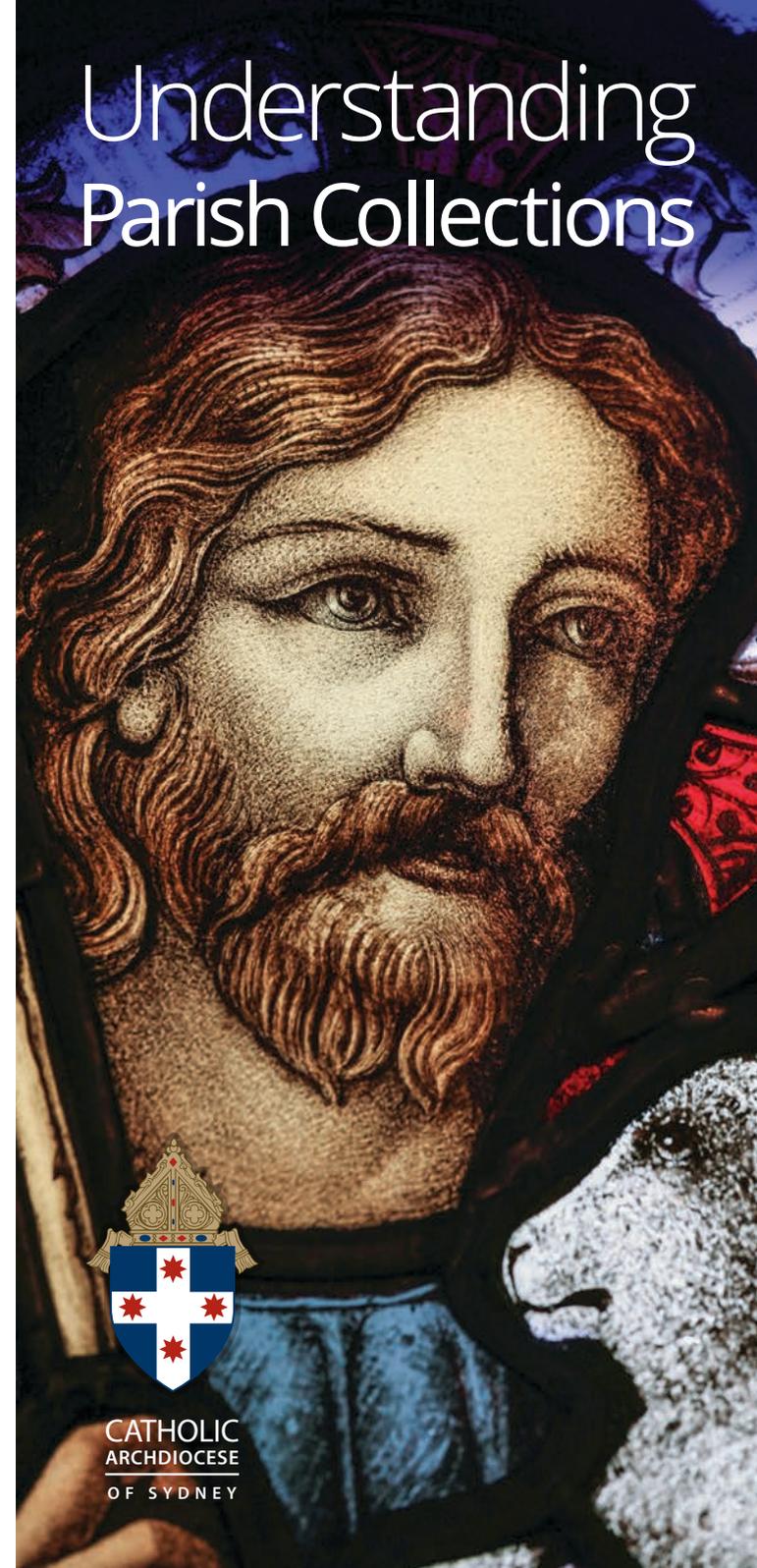
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Understanding Parish Collections



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Supporting My Parish

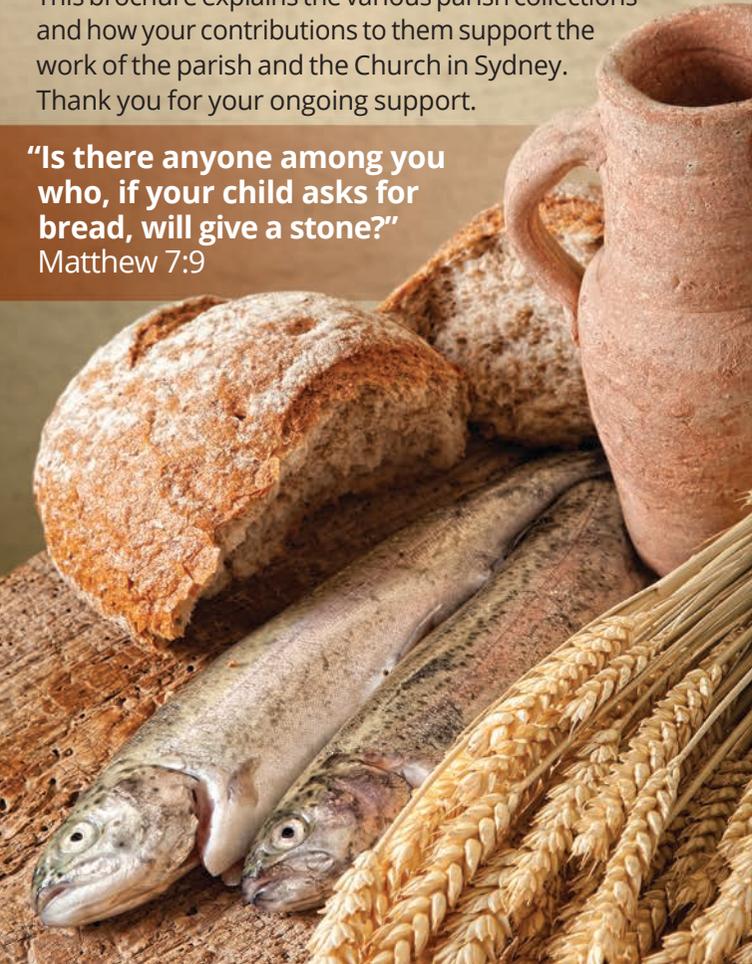
Parishes have an essential role in making Christ present in our local communities. The parish church is often an important landmark in a local community but it is the people who gather there who are the Church.

Our parishes provide places for people to gather and worship, Catholic schools to teach our children and committed teams of volunteers who reach out to their neighbours. All that is possible because of the generosity of those who financially support their local parish.

The Australian Catholic people have always been generous in supporting their priests and their parishes and your financial support through the parish collections enables the Church to continue its Mission.

This brochure explains the various parish collections and how your contributions to them support the work of the parish and the Church in Sydney. Thank you for your ongoing support.

“Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone?”
Matthew 7:9



The First Collection

Money received from the first collection supports the needs of priests of the parish.

- Priests' monthly stipends.
- Priests' household costs e.g. food, utilities, cleaner etc.
- A small percentage to cover the expenses of the Archbishop especially in caring for elderly priests.

Income from other sources includes Easter and Christmas offerings (via envelope contributions made at these times). Wedding and baptism donations are also added into the first collection.

Surplus from the first collection

Any surplus is placed into a Central Fund, and any deficit is reimbursed to the parish, to ensure that all parish priests and assistant priests receive sufficient funds to cover their living expenses.

In that way, a priest who ministers in a financially struggling community is assured of equal care.

Additionally, the Central Fund supports:

- Migrant chaplains.
- Priests undertaking postgraduate studies.
- Priests in remote mission areas here and overseas.
- Priests' health insurance and care costs
- Permanent deacons' health fund costs and ministry expenses.



The Second Collection

Money received from the second collection supports the maintenance of the parish buildings, administration and pastoral programs.

Some of the expenses covered are:

- Parish running costs, e.g. liturgical expenses, insurance, utilities, general maintenance and upkeep of the church, presbytery and parish property.
- Parish staff salaries including superannuation.
- Priests' car expenses.

The collection combines income from planned giving envelopes and cash on plates.

Special Collections

- The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) supports CatholicCare, CCD (ministry expenses for catechists in state schools), Ephpheta Centre, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, Seminaries and Chaplaincies, etc.
- The Priests' Retirement Foundation, supports sick and retired priests.
- Project Compassion Appeal held in Lent supports the charitable works of Caritas Australia in developing countries.
- Catholic Mission's focus is on the Church's worldwide missionary activities.
- The Society of St Vincent de Paul, Winter and Christmas Appeals provide assistance to society's needy and disadvantaged persons.