

## Why Planned Giving ?

Planned Giving is a system through which parishioners contribute to the support of our parish and its works, and to the support of the priests in a planned and regular way. It is a way of acknowledging that giving and sharing are essential parts of our total Christian living.

For over 40 years, Planned Giving has been the official means of fund raising for parishes in this country. It offers the following advantages:

- A reliable indication of income allowing us to plan and manage our affairs more efficiently.
- The financial responsibility is shared equitably, each giving in accordance with their means.
- Confidentiality is assured through a numbering system.
- As from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2008 the old tax rebate of 33 cents for every dollar given up to \$1,890 was replaced by a new threshold. Donors may now claim a 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ % tax rebate for donations up to their annual net income.

Planned giving is an informal arrangement, not a legal agreement. It is a way of planning your giving. It is not a pledge, not a solemn promise which can't be changed.

It works like this. You decide the amount of money that you are able to give each week and you do your best to offer that amount each week.

You will receive a set of envelopes from the parish office, twice a year, and each week you put into the envelope for that week the weekly amount which you have decided that you are able to contribute. The envelope is placed in the collection basket at Sunday Mass. At the end of the financial year a receipt will be issued.

Because planned giving is not a legal agreement, but an expression of what you decide that you are able to contribute, you are always free to reduce or suspend your payments if you encounter difficult financial times.

**Alternatively**, instead of using weekly envelopes you may choose to contribute to the support of our parish by way of a direct debit banking facility. *(For this option, we will send you a form with our bank account details.) Please indicate on the form below if you would like a form to be sent to you.*

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We will try to give \$            weekly    \$            fortnightly    \$            monthly

We will use Envelopes     Automatic Bank Payment     *(tick one)*

Name:.....

Address:.....

Phone:.....

Signed:.....

Please return tear off slip either by handing in to Parish Office, placing in Sunday collection basket or mailing to address below, thank you.

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish, P O Box 29-066, Epsom, Auckland 1344