



ST FINBARR'S, ASHGROVE ✕ ST MARY MAGDALENE, BARDON ✕ ST JOAN OF ARC, HERSTON
ST AMBROSE'S, NEWMARKET ✕ ST THOMAS MORE, PETRIE TERRACE ✕ ST BRIGID'S, RED HILL ✕ SACRED HEART, ROSALIE

24th November, 2017

My fellow parishioners,

The churches, schools and buildings of our Jubilee Parish are a living legacy of the vision, sacrifice and determination of those *who handed on the faith* to us. They created a Catholic community through their sharing of their talent, time and treasure. Without such desire and devotion our parish would look completely different!

Some of the challenges we face today is how we honour our Catholic forebears *and* hand on to the next generation a parish that is vibrant, responsive and financially viable. For most of us a deep fear is that any financial gift we give will not be appreciated or that it will be squandered! It is a legitimate fear!

For over the past decade of the formation of our Jubilee Parish, you have seen responsible stewardship of the Planned Giving Programme and generous donations.

The Planned Giving contributions remain vital to the ongoing life and functioning of the parish. Guided by the Parish Finance Council we have endeavoured to prudently use what we have been given to maintain, support and build up our parish family.

In other parts of the world, to guarantee the generosity and sacrifices of benefactors into the future, Parishes have established endowment funds. Any bequest to that fund is permanently invested for growth and never spent down. In practical terms it means that forever a person's generosity will still be recognised and working for the parish. Each year the fund distributes a percentage back to the parish and as the fund grows the distribution increases providing the parish with a steady annual income to fund the good works of the parish.

There will always remain the option of making a bequest or donation to be used directly for a specific purpose and not transferred to the Endowment Fund should the donor so request.

With the support of the Parish Finance Council, the Jubilee Catholic Parish Endowment Fund has been established. This fund will support the work and ministries of our parish in perpetuity.

In inviting you to consider supporting the Jubilee Catholic Parish Endowment Fund by bequests and donations, my hope is that the fund will continue to grow. In this way we all have the opportunity to *hand on the faith* and provide a lasting legacy.

Yours faithfully,

Rev G Kalinowski

Parish Priest,

On behalf of the Parish Finance Council