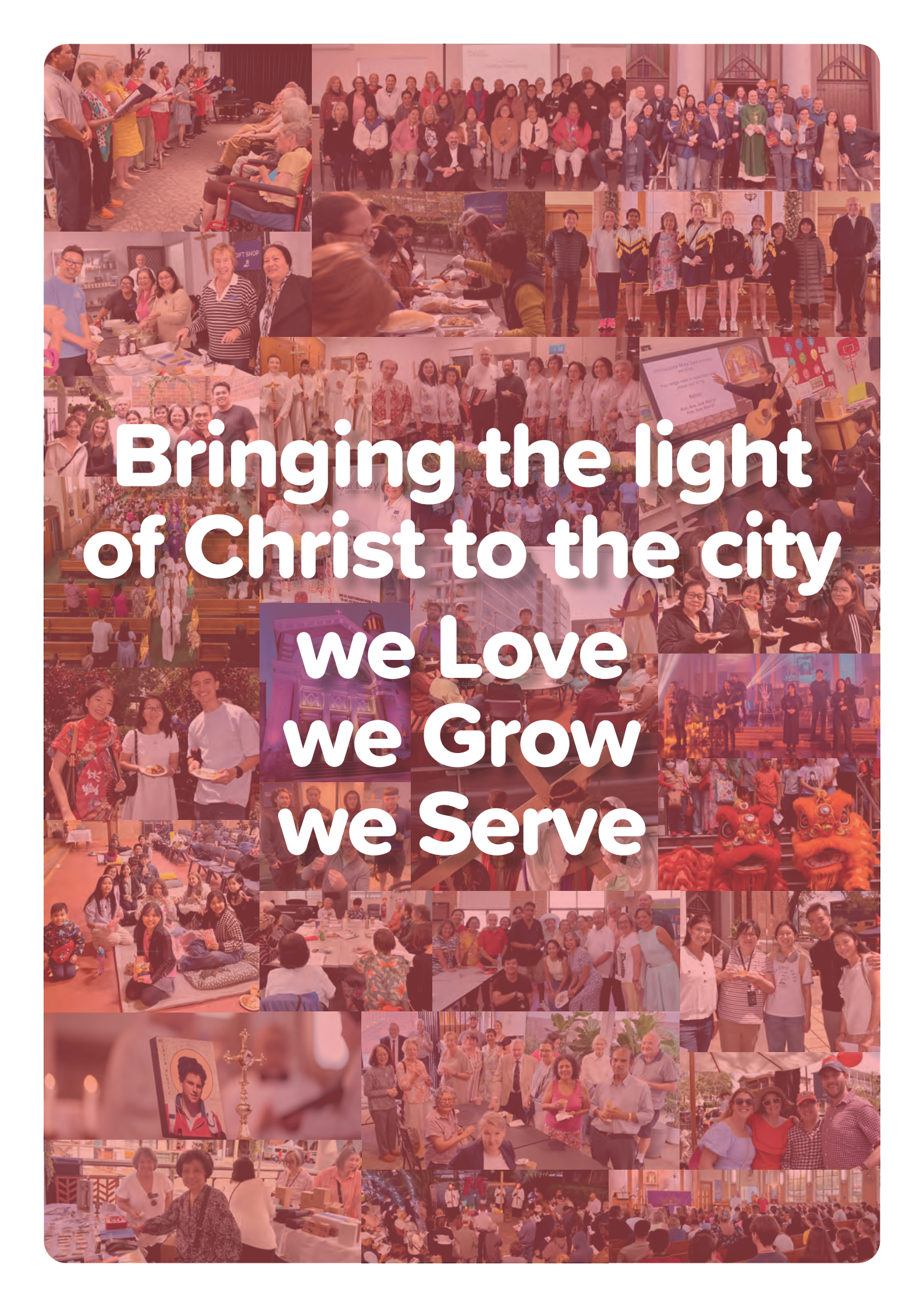


Our Lady
OF DOLOURS

ANNUAL
REPORT
2024-25



**Bringing the light
of Christ to the city**
we Love
we Grow
we Serve



Guided by the Holy Spirit, and enabled by its ordained leadership, our Chatswood parish community is journeying together as a parish-in-council, with a shared **mission** of...

Bringing the light of Christ to the city. We love, we grow, we serve.

Our parish is blessed with ten **ministry circles**, each offering opportunities for people of all ages to come together as a community of faith and grow as disciples of Jesus...



To fully live out our God-given mission, our parish community is prioritising attention and resources on five areas of **mission focus**...



Creating a sense of belonging for all

Together we will warmly welcome people of all ages and backgrounds, fostering a vibrant and inclusive community, where everyone feels accepted, valued and known.



Participating in the life of our parish

Together we will deepen our faith, growing as disciples and actively participating in the life of our parish through diverse opportunities to love, grow and serve.



Igniting young hearts

Together we will inspire, energise and support children, teens, young adults and families, providing opportunities to foster and enrich their faith.



Reaching out with love

Together we will compassionately and confidently connect with people, wherever they are in their faith journey, offering a safe, joy-filled place to embrace Jesus as their saviour.



Serving our community

Together we will open our hearts to those in need, building relationships, speaking up and fostering hope, through kindness and solidarity with the marginalised in our community and the world.

Finally, to enable and support the achievement of these areas of mission focus, we are prioritising the development of six **mission enablers**...



Being a parish-in-council, journeying together



Creating a culture of joyful, generous stewardship



Connecting via communications



Leveraging technology



Aligning strategy and resources



Refreshing our church building

Our year in review

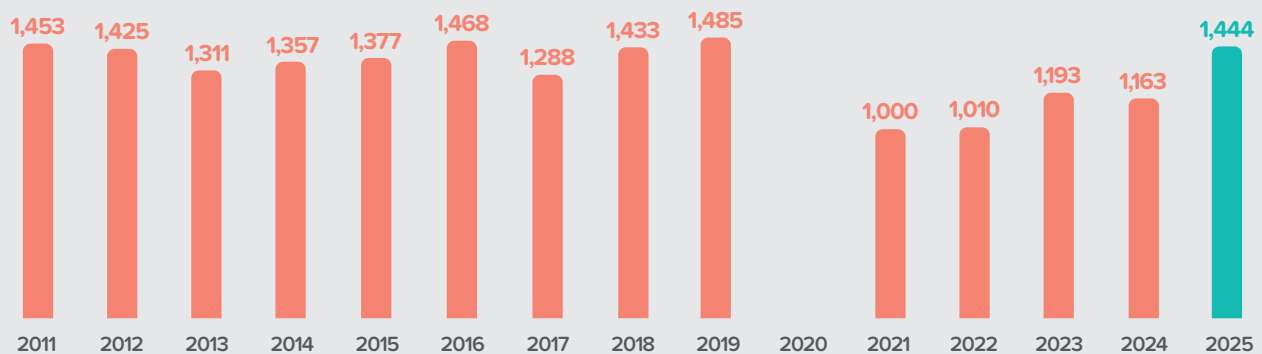
Weekly Mass Participation



1,444



+24%



Sacraments



86

Baptisms



132

Confirmations

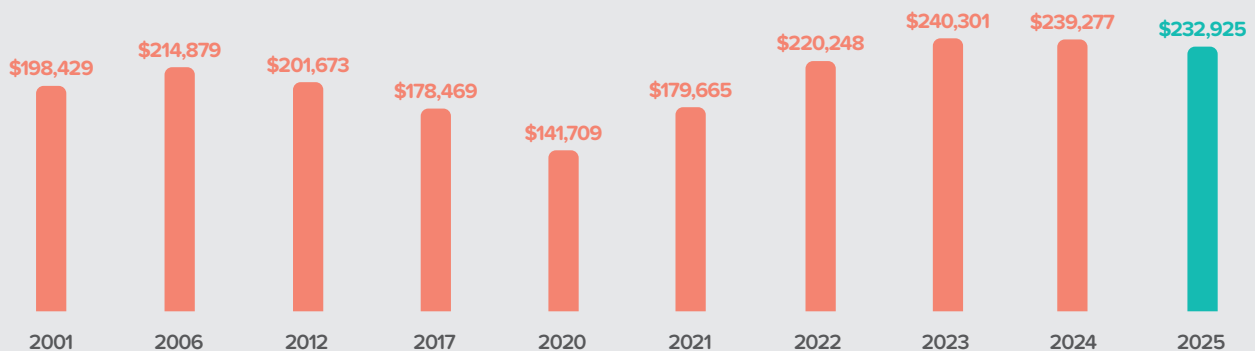


48

Catechumens

Joyful, Generous Giving

Planned Giving



Unplanned Giving



↑ +6%

\$193,640

Unplanned Giving



↑ +31%

\$81,177

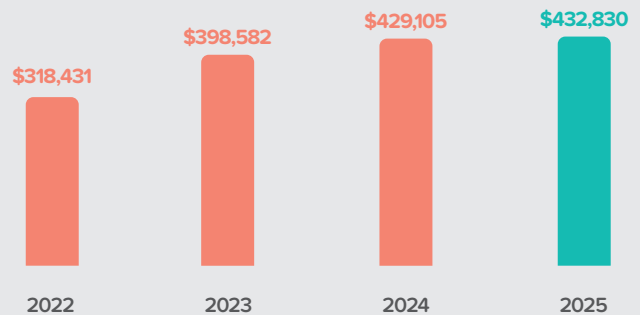
Tap and Go Giving

Total Parish Giving



↑ +1%

\$432,830



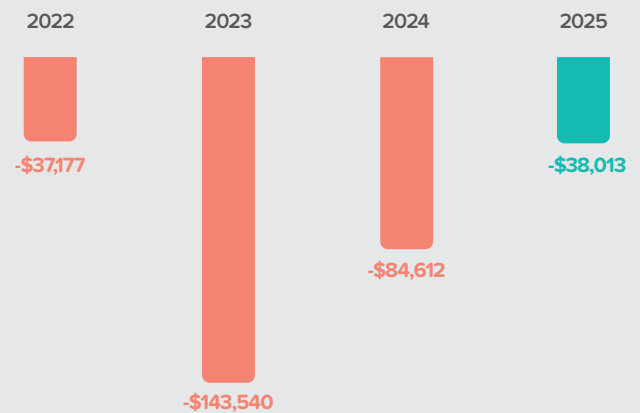
Parish Net Profit/Loss



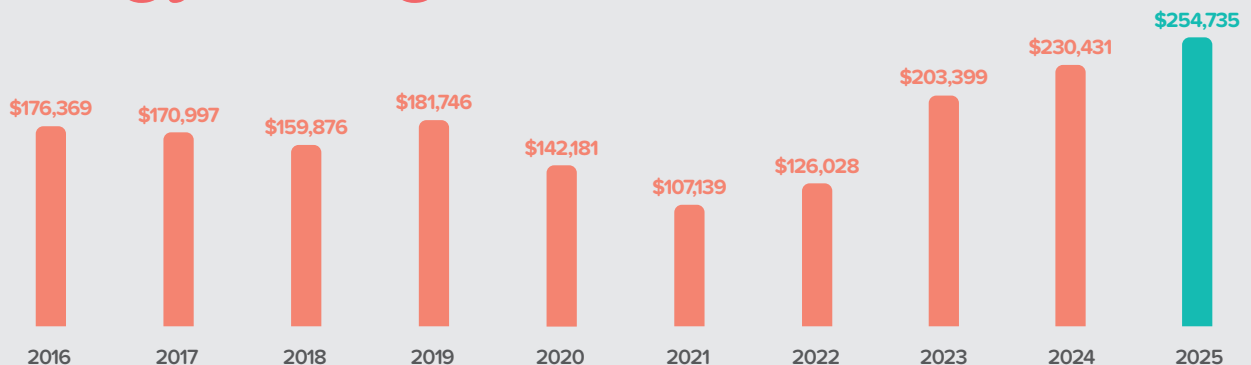
↑ +55%

-\$38,013

Net Loss



Clergy Giving



Welcome from Fr. David

Dear friends,

Our parish is an exceptional community which through God's grace is blessed by the participation and leadership of so many. The word that comes to people when they seek to describe our community is 'vibrancy'.



Certainly, much activity occurs in the name of our parish, but more importantly, people discern a joyful welcome. And, I believe it is this genuine enthusiasm that permeates the life of our community which conveys something special.

I take this opportunity, especially, to thank profoundly all those who in countless ways bring life to our parish through their sheer generosity, dedication and expertise.

I am in constant awe of this and always humbled. It is a privilege always for me to walk alongside you.

This Year of Jubilee for the Church as a whole has been a particularly graced one for us. The opening of our Eucharistic Chapel, with its veneration of Sts Carlo Acutis and PierGiorgio Frassati, has endowed our church with a remarkable quality.

All through the day and evening people come to pray before the Blessed Sacrament.

They bring their struggles and hopefully leave with renewed hope. In this way, we live our name of Our Lady of Sorrows, faithful to Mary who stands at the foot of the Cross with steadfast love and faithfulness.

We have been visited as a place of pilgrimage by many different groups through this Jubilee Year.

In this way the profile of our church has grown significantly, and it has been an honour for us to receive Bishop Randazzo's desire for our church, one day, to be designated by the Holy Father as a minor basilica.

We will embark upon this journey in 2026. Already, we are committed to renewing our church building as it enters its second century so that it may be as beautiful as it can be.

Much work has been done in the background in respect to this, and it is our hope that this work, too, might get underway through 2026.

Our synodal way of being parish, through our sessions of Parish-in-Council continues to animate our life together, and I express my deepest gratitude to Brendan Tertini, Anthony Seeto and Yvonne Corpuz for their exceptional leadership.

We have pioneered something quite special for the entire Church in this regard, and now many different parishes throughout Sydney are seeking to learn from our own unique journey.

Our sessions of Youth-in-Council have been a special highlight for our senior students at Pius X College and Mercy Catholic College.

We have enjoyed many wonderful moments that highlight our call to be Church in the City through our Stations of the Cross on the Concourse, our Carols on the Concourse, our participation in the Chatswood Spring Fair and Parade.

There have been other moments which have highlighted the strength of our shared bonds such as our celebration of Lunar New Year, our inaugural parish Angelus Film Festival, our recent inaugural parish Festival of Beauty.

A number of us were able to experience being together on pilgrimage to the Philippines in February 2025 and we have 36 pilgrims from our parish travelling together to Rome in November 2025.

Over fifty of us made pilgrimage to our various diocesan Shrines of Hope in June of this year.

Our pastoral programs and outreach, such as our extended series Journey in Truth, Alpha (now also offered in Chinese), our growing Youth Ministry with new initiatives such as Hub of Hope, the conduct of a Jubilee PraiseFest in August, the formation of a student orchestra both in August and September, our parish support of a refugee family from Venezuela through our Feast for Freedom in June and the remarkable support of our Men Alive group in preparing their new house - all speak of our vocation to bring the light of Christ to those around us.

It was an honour for members of our parish to form friendships with the Jewish North Shore Temple Emmanuel through the “What we Believe” series in July and to be such great supporters of the diocesan Seminarian Benefit Dinner in August.

Our RCIA programs bring new life to our community highlighted by the beauty of our annual celebration of the Easter Vigil.

This activity has also entailed the growth in our parish team with the new roles of Parish Engagement Officer and Parish Administration Officer, and both Duyen Au and Kristha Mangahas have brought wonderful energy and professionalism to their new positions.

We are also now actively working towards the completion of new parish signage and communications, and most importantly on a completely new parish website which we are committed to launching in February 2026.

All of this, of course, requires considerable financing. This year again we have operated on a deficit, although much smaller than previous years.

We have been enormously blessed by our parish investments through our St Peter and St Paul Fund which has yielded very strong results over the last several years.

This has enabled us to undertake many capital improvements to our precinct over the last year and will ensure that we are able to embark upon the renovation of our church with confidence.

We will also benefit in the coming year with new arrangements with Catholic Schools Broken Bay for the use by Mercy College of the corner site of Archer and Kirk streets.

We could not undertake all that we do, however, without the generosity of members of our parish. Your financial contribution is essential to our entire enterprise.

Thank you for all that you contribute in this regard and with gratitude, I appeal to us all to continue our generosity so that we can be all that is possible as a Catholic parish.

Hopefully some of us may be in a position to offer just that little more in support of that vibrancy for which we are now known.

My particular thanks to our Parish Finance Committee - Brendan Tertini, Gabriel Yi, Sally Macaranas and Ditas Naguit for their careful oversight and scrutiny of our financial position and framework.

Our Annual Report is a beautiful showcase of the vitality of our community. I commend it to you with immense gratitude for all that we have been able to do together, but also with great hope for what lies ahead for us.

Fr. David Ranson PP VG

Our Clergy & Parish Staff



Fr David Ranson
Parish Priest



Fr Hien Vu
Assistant Priest



Fr Anselam Lakra
Assistant Priest



Deacon Tan Nguyen
Deacon



Kristha Mangahas
Administration and
Facilities Officer



Duyen Au
Parish Engagement
Officer



Chloe Aylward
Parish Projects
Officer



Angela Hague
Children's Ministry
Coordinator



Mona Saouma
Pastoral Support
Worker



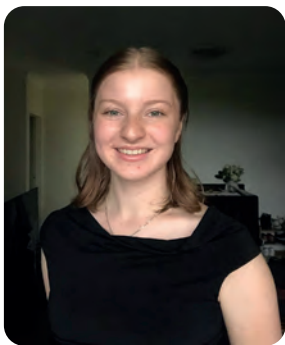
Karen Forbes
Catechist Coordinator



Amelia Lee
Bookkeeper



Titus Grenyer
Director of Music



Sienna Klarica
Youth Minister



Diana Tinambun
Receptionist

Clergy & Parish Staff Reports

Fr. Hien Vu: Assistant Priest



I have had the joy of walking with families through every stage of infant baptism, from preparation to celebration and beyond, helping parents grow in faith and welcoming their children into our vibrant parish community.

I have also journeyed with our youth, giving talks, joining activities, and leading prayer across different groups, including Mercy's youth group. Their openness to God has been inspiring.

As school chaplain at Mercy College and St Pius X, I celebrated weekly chapel Masses, gave talks on the sacraments, and accompanied retreats with Mass, Adoration, Reconciliation, and spiritual conversations. The thirst and hunger I see among students - many of whom are genuinely searching for faith - is remarkable.

At Our Lady of Dolours Primary, I share in many activities throughout the year. One of the highlights was that we invited all the 14 classes to visit the church. I gave talks on the life of St Carlo Acutis, showed them his relics, and led them in Adoration at the side chapel.

Their attentiveness and joy in meeting Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament were truly uplifting, and the feedback from teachers and parents was very positive. I also visit classrooms to teach and pray with the children. It is a blessing to make the Church present where they are, and to build relationships with teachers, staff, parents, and especially the children themselves.

I also visit public schools with our dedicated catechists. I sense a strong mission to be present among these children and to share the Gospel with them. Many recognise me from church and come forward for the sacraments, which shows the seeds of faith are alive.

A highlight of this Jubilee Year of Hope has been welcoming pilgrims. Families, schools, and parish groups from across and beyond the diocese have come to pray, learn about Saints Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati, and encounter Christ. It has been a privilege to welcome them, share their journey, and see the Shrine truly become a beacon of hope in the city.

Looking ahead, I am excited to begin the RCIA program. It is a privilege to walk with those who are seeking Christ, and to welcome them into the richness of the Catholic faith and the life of our parish community.

Kristha Mangahas: Administration and Facilities Officer

I was delighted to join the parish in the final month of the fiscal year and I am grateful for the warm welcome I have received.

My role involves supporting the parish through administration, facilities management, and events coordination, helping to ensure our spaces are safe, welcoming, and well prepared.

Even in this short time, I have been inspired by the faith, dedication, and spirit of this community. I look forward to the year ahead, serving the parish in practical and supportive ways that strengthen our shared mission.

Duyen Au: Parish Engagement Officer

Hello, My name is Duyen Au known as 'Dee'. My role is to drive a culture of welcome within the parish, helping to create a sense of belonging and fostering a vibrant and inclusive parish community, where everyone feels accepted, valued and known.

This has included welcoming new parishioners to parish life and connecting them to ministry groups and volunteering opportunities enabling them to serve the mission of the parish 'to bring the light of Christ to the City – we love, we grow, we serve.'

I work collaboratively alongside our clergy, the Parish Team and Ministry Circle Leaders to actively connect all parishioners with each other to create a sense of belonging for all.

I coordinate and promote events and manage the parish's social media such as Facebook and Instagram.

I am currently on the new Website Revamp project team and assisting with the new Chinese Alpha ministry. These projects all provide opportunities to grow by reaching the wider local community and building our parish.

Walking Together as a Parish-in-Council

Our Journey So Far

Led by the Holy Spirit, each of our Parish-in-Council meetings to date, and indeed everything we do as a parish, is guided by our God-given mission to bring the light of Christ to the city, we love, we grow, we serve.

Parish-in-Council IV - Igniting Young Hearts

On 31 August 2024 we came together as a parish community to consider how God might be calling me/us to ignite young hearts and help them to feel a true sense of belonging in our parish.

Our keynote presenter Hamish shared that everyone has a role to play (not just the parish or certain people); the importance of igniting young hearts; what things might work and not work; and the three phases of engaging young people and exploring practical tips.

In table Conversation in the Spirit, we discerned what immediate, concrete actions we can take to welcome young people and help them feel a true sense of belonging in our parish.

Arising out of these discernments, adopted actions included...

- Greater promotion for youth events
- Clear, consistent, relevant and relatable Masses
- Ignite through music
- Adopt a digital evangelisation focus

Parish-in-Council V - Called to be joyful, generous stewards

On Sunday 10 November 2024 we came together to consider how we might create, nurture and sustain a culture of joyful, generous stewardship.

Our keynote speakers Sue and Brendan shared with us how God calls us to be joyful, generous givers, introduced the concept of stewardship, explored how we might create a culture of joyful, generous stewardship and shared practical examples of how we can move from habitual to intentional giving.

Arising out of the table discernments, adopted actions included...

- Create a Joyful Stewardship Committee
- Share stories of joyful stewardship
- Regular transparent & accountable reporting

Parish-in-Council VI - Renewing our church building for future generations

On Saturday 5 April 2025, we gathered together to discern what principles might guide our decisions for the renewal of our church interior - ensuring it reflects our mission.

Our keynote presenter Fr David took us through the 130 year history of our church building, invited us to consider which aspects of our church's interior most help and most hinder us to live out our parish mission, explored the improvements we have already made and the works we currently have underway or are planning, delved into the concept of guiding principles and shared examples of principles that guided other parishes in their own refresh projects

Arising out of the table conversations we have adopted six guiding principles: Enhance Beauty, Act Sustainably, Wise Stewardship, Honour our History, Welcoming for All and Improve Functionality.

Parish-in-Council VII - Reaching out with Love

On Sunday 29 June 2025 we discerned the one action I will take in July to share what I love about my faith with others; and the one action I will take in July to invite others to our parish.

Our inspirational keynote presenters Sienna and Ryan introduced the concept of evangelisation - accompanying others on a journey towards God, explained why we need to evangelise, shared how God will work through us in the Holy Spirit, explained the concept of Depth v Reach, and shared practical examples of how we can reach out with love.

Arising out of our table discernments, adopted actions included...

- Praying: I will pray for opportunities to share our faith with others.
- Leading: I will visibly live out my faith in public e.g., carrying my rosary bracelet, saying grace before meals, praising God verbally in conversations.
- Sharing: I will take opportunities to share my personal faith experience in everyday conversation.
- Inviting: I will promote and invite family, friends and colleagues to experience parish activities and ministries.

Animating our Future Team





Worshipping Together

Liturgy & Music

“Address one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart.” **Ephesians 5:19**

Music Ministry



2025 has been an exciting year for the Music Ministry.

Building off 2024, we have continued delivering music for the parish to meet our collective need for beauty in liturgy and in our community.

Looking to the music for our Masses:

The Saturday Vigil Masses remain led by our team of cantors, excellent singers from the Parish Choir who encourage participation by singing from the front lectern. The cantors also help provide music for weekday solemnities.

The Parish Choir itself sings for the Sunday 10.30 am Mass, aiding the singing of hymns, psalms and the parts of the Mass, as well as singing music that spans centuries of Catholic music, from Gregorian chants to choral anthems in both Latin and English.

The Children's choir has also expanded its scope this year, now singing for two 9 am Sundays each month, the 1st and 3rd. The other 9 am Sundays, our family Masses, are sung by a joint group of cantors and families.

The Sunday Youth Mass is led by our Teen Choir and Young Adults Choir, with Masses also presented by our cantors, organists and the schools.

Some highlights of 2024-25 have included the first Carols on the Concourse on 14 December 2024, with a massed choir of 112 singers from numerous churches joining forces with the Salvation Army Band to present an evening of Christmas carols, choral music, readings and prayers.

The event was held at sunset outside on the Concourse steps, with Director of Music Titus Grenyer conducting the ensemble. Joining for the singing the solo of O Holy Night was Marisa Punzalan, former winner of the X Factor Australia. Behind the scenes, Hamish Lavery did the heavy lifting of microphone and speaker arrangement, so that our voices carried far and wide. Keeping the choir together was Sunny Chandra on keyboard.

The event was a wonderful way to bring choirs from different denominations together in the sharing of the Christmas message, and plans are underway to repeat it in 2025.

At the start of 2025, the choir loft underwent some renovation works, where the carpet was removed, improving acoustic resonance, and the organ case was shifted backwards, enabling more room and better vision for the musicians in the loft.

2025 also brought the launch of Evening Prayer, also known as Vespers - a short service held on the last Saturday of every month at 4:45pm, sung by the Parish Schola, a smaller selective group from the Parish Choir, who sing in 'choir' formation in the sanctuary.

This year also saw the formation of the Canonisation Youth Orchestra, a special ensemble of school students from St Pius X College and Mercy College, created to perform for the Canonisation Mass of Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati on 7 September 2025.

In all these activities we aim to bright the light of Christ to the city, through both internal and external outreach, educational opportunities through our scholarships, and the beautification of our church and her liturgies through all our music.

Titus Grenyer, Director of Music



Youth Music Ministry



Our youth music ministry has been blessed with many opportunities to share our gifts over the past year.

On Christmas Eve, we were privileged to lead the music at the 8pm Mass, helping our parish community enter into the joy of the season.

On Good Friday, we took part in the Stations of the Cross at the Concourse, where our music helped create a reflective and prayerful atmosphere for the wider community.

We continue to serve faithfully at our regular parish Masses, where the positive feedback from parishioners has been a great encouragement for us to keep growing in both our faith and music.

A highlight this year was leading praise and worship with over 150 people, raising our voices together in prayer and song.

Through these experiences, our ministry has not only grown musically, but also deepened in fellowship and mission. We are reminded that music is a powerful way to bring people closer to Christ, and we are grateful to share this journey together.

Ashleigh Wan

Ministry of the Word



Proclaiming God's Word is a ministry. The role of the Minister of the Word takes place at Mass during the Liturgy of the Word.

Pope Francis instituted in his apostolic letter "Aperuit Illis" the Sunday of the Word of God and in order to bring the importance of the proclamation of God's word in the liturgy, he encouraged celebration of the commissioning of readers.

The voice of the Minister of the Word needs to carry God's voice, and it is a responsibility to ensure that the power and love of scriptures are brought to the assembly. Ministers of the Word do not just pronounce words or read passages; they communicate a divine message. The community present must feel that God is speaking to them and listen as one body of Christ.

According to the book for readers "Break Open the Word", proclaiming the Word of God is not a right, or a task or a reward. It is a privilege but carries with it a great responsibility to prepare spiritually and technically to deliver God's message clearly and effectively.

Currently, there are 37 readers on the roster for Sunday Masses and 13 readers for weekday Masses.

For Sunday Masses, readers are rostered once a month except for some weeks where the young children and youth from Mercy and Pius colleges do the Scripture readings. For weekday Masses, readers are rostered once or twice a week.

If you are interested in learning more, email Ditas at bhnaguit@gmail.com

Ditas Naguit



Flower Ministry



Here in OLOD Church, the Flower Ministry is carried out by an enthusiastic group of volunteers who seek to create graceful floral arrangements for the parish, helping to beautify God's house in their own way making the Church a visually pleasant and uplifting place to visit and to glorify God.

Their work usually adorns the altar, sanctuary and the Blessed Sacrament Chapel during the regular Sunday Masses, as well as other arrangements and decorations as needed throughout the Church year. Selecting the flowers is no easy task; the Ministry dedicates an immense amount of care and patience into the process and also how best to arrange them.

The main projects of our efforts and talents are at Christmas time and Easter time when we elaborate with decorating the altar, sanctuary and the Chapel. Other times of the year you may see two floral arrangements near the tabernacle.

There are multiple ways to volunteer and serve through the Flower Ministry. You can volunteer to help arrange flowers throughout the year, or you can choose to sponsor the flowers for any given Sunday.

You will have the opportunity to not only develop and practice your creative skills but also contribute to the life of the Church. You are welcome to join our ministry even if you have no previous experience in flower arranging. You can learn 'on the job' until you feel confident enough to move on to some real arranging.

The flower arrangers carry out various roles from arranging vases, pedestals and containers to daily watering and removal of dead flowers. And we are looking out for more volunteers!

Irene Cheung

Altar Servers & Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion



Altar Servers assist the priest at and around the Altar during Mass. Senior Altar Servers also distribute Holy Communion at Mass.

Some Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion distribute Holy Communion at Mass. Some Senior Altar Servers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion also visit the sick and housebound at home, in hospital, in nursing homes and in retirement villages to take them Holy Communion.

Our ministry continues each day throughout the year.

In recent years we have promoted several Junior Altar Servers (who are almost finished school or in the early stages of university) to Senior Altar Servers, enabling them to distribute Holy Communion at Mass.

New members are welcome to join us at any time during the year. We have made good use of existing parish albs and cinctures for many decades (with many Altar Servers buying their own) and the parish will be buying some new ones in the near future.

Gerard Ryan, Coordinator



Growing in Faith

Catechesis & Pathways

“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.”

2 Peter 3:18

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible



Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible, a seven-part Bible study, presented by the inspiring Charbel Raish from Parousia Media from 20th May to 1st July 2025 at the Magnificat Room, attracted up to 90+ attendees over the course of the program.

It helped to uncover the story woven throughout Scripture, in order to get the ‘big picture’ of the Bible and understand what it’s all about. At the end of course celebration, many shared how the course’s structure, content, and Charbel’s accessible teaching had opened up the Scriptures in a life-changing way and the hunger for, “the next course,” was evident in the many requests!

This course was to fulfil the request of all who heard Charbel, one of our guest presenters, who spoke at our previous, hugely successful, faith formation course in 2024, Journey into Truth by the remarkable Author & Master Teacher, Fr John Flader.

Certificates for successful completion were awarded for both the courses offered. Participants were unanimous in how much they had benefited from the Course that made the entire Catechism of the Catholic Church come alive in 24 weeks!

Participants ranged in age from young adults to seniors, recent RCIA graduates and mature Catholics. All were appreciative of how well the course was organised and run and highly recommended that the course be more widely available in future, especially in schools and within the RCIA.

We thank God for these joyful experiences of learning, fellowship, and growing in faith together.

Catharine Chu, Course Coordinator

Exploring the Faith

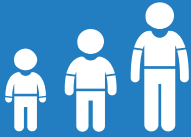


Exploring the Faith is a course designed for a number of people - those thinking of becoming members of the Catholic Church, those whose Catholic spouse or Catholic partner has triggered curiosity on what they believe, those who don’t have any intention of becoming Catholic but are ecumenically minded and want to understand what ‘Roman Catholics’ believe, and finally those who have been Catholic for years, but feel their faith has become stale and needs to be updated (it can happen to all of us).

This past year, eight took part in this 30 week course that started in August 2024 and completed at Pentecost in June 2025.

All were already Catholic, and wonderful friendships formed over the sharing of faith.

Anthony Seeto, Course Coordinator



Igniting Young Hearts

Inception & Formation

“Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.” **Matthew 19:14**

Children's Atrium (Catechesis of the Good Shepherd)



On a cold winter day, amid grey skies and soft drizzle, our Children's Atrium opened its' doors and invited families to come and see for themselves this wonderful ministry in our parish.

The Open Day was more than an event - it was an encounter with God's presence, alive and tangible in the lives of catechists, children and their families.

The atrium reveals the power of physical and visual learning using Montessori principles of education.

Moira, a long-time catechist, shared, “here we have physical materials that the children can use to continue to meditate on the scriptures and liturgy we present to them. This enables them to concretise what they have heard and to respond to God.”

Throughout the morning, the sense of community was palpable. No one was in a rush. Families lingered, conversations deepened, and children engaged with the materials. Before leaving, we asked Rose how she felt the day had gone. Her response was simple and profound: “We didn't take attendance. That's not the point. Today was about planting seeds and reminding people that the door is always open.”

Come and see. The Good Shepherd is calling - still, gently, always. We currently have over 50 children attend the atrium each week during school term.

To find out more, visit our parish website or contact Angela at the parish office.

Children's Sacramental Preparation



In our parish, we often receive requests from families to baptise children who are over the age of 5.

Every year, we run a Baptism preparation program twice (Term 1 and Term 4) for children between 5 and 12 years of age.

In November 2024, three children were baptised at our 9 am Family Mass and at Easter this year, five children were baptised. This is separate to the Infant Baptism program which runs every month for infants and children up to 5.

The Children's Sacramental Program prepares children from eight years old who have already been baptised, to receive the sacraments of Confirmation, Reconciliation and Eucharist. We use the Broken Bay Diocesan program to do this, which is a family based and parish supported program. Parents facilitate the small group sessions which are run in the parish meeting rooms for four weeks leading up to each sacrament.

In Term 3 2024, 101 children began their Children's sacramental journey by preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation, the first Sacrament after Baptism. On 14 September 2024 these children were Confirmed by Fr. David during two ceremonies in our Church.

In Term 1 this year, 79 children prepared for their First Reconciliation. After Easter, these children continued their sacramental journey by preparing for their First Holy Communion, which they received during our Parish Masses over the weekends of 14/15 and 21/22 June, thus completing their Sacraments of Initiation.



9 am Family Mass



Our 9 am Mass is our family centred; child-friendly liturgy oriented to families with preschool and primary aged children. Every Sunday at 9am the children can:

- Join the Children's Liturgy of the Word (during school terms)
- Join the Prayer Reading Roster - rostered once a month. We currently have 36 children on this roster and this continues to grow!
- Every First and Third Sunday our children's choir sings at 9 am Mass. Parents and children are encouraged to sing together.
- Every Third Sunday of each month - the children stay in the church and lead our celebration by:
 - Proclaiming the Word (the readings are emailed to practise at home before the Sunday).
 - Leading the Prayer of the faithful (as in other Sundays).
- The priest also addresses the children with a child-friendly homily every third Sunday of the month.
- Some months we have a special focus on a particular year group and invite all children and families from all the schools in our parish to attend for a special blessing and morning tea.

In November of 2024, Fr. David instigated some changes to our family Mass to make it more inviting to the children. Every week he sets a smaller altar on the steps of the sanctuary so the children can gather around him for the Eucharistic Prayer.

This has been a great success, enabling the children to truly encounter up close this most important part of the Mass and enticing them into the "Mystery of Faith".

Angela Hague, Children's Ministry Coordinator

Children's Liturgy



Children's Liturgy is run by our wonderful group of parent volunteers during the 9am Sunday Family Mass on 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th Sunday during the school terms. This takes place in one of the school classrooms closest to the church known as the Blue Room.

At the beginning of Mass, the Priest invites all the children forward, gives them a blessing and sends them out with the children's liturgy leaders and helpers.

They gather with the children's Lectionary around the prepared prayer space, listen to the Gospel together, then reflect on the message using open ended questions that lead to discussion.

They also engage in hands on activities related to the reading. The children return to the church for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

The children's liturgy leaders and helpers guide the children through the Eucharistic prayer at the front of the church, where children gather around the Eucharist table with the Priest, observe the Eucharist prayer before returning to their parents after the sign of peace.

Children's Liturgy has supported numerous children over the past year in their faith and connection to God through child appropriate Gospel and age appropriate activities which has strengthened their knowledge about God, made them feel closer to God and increased their sense of belonging.

Children's Liturgy children, leaders and helpers have participated in Christmas Eve Nativity play and helped at Easter Mass. Some children also do readings and have joined children's choir.

Branka Posa



Playgroup



A welcoming space for children, parents, grandparents, and families to connect, play, and grow together.

We meet every Thursday, even during school holidays, beginning with Mass at 12.30 pm, where children receive a special blessing.

After Mass, we walk together to the Magnificat Meeting Room for our Playgroup from 1 to 2.30 pm.

A relaxed and friendly environment for parents and grandparents to unwind, with fun and engaging activities for children of all ages fellowship and connection with other families.

Birthday celebrations and special moments shared with loved ones, opportunities for family members to join in the joy and we celebrate faith, friendship, and family.

Mona Saouma, Pastoral Support Worker

Catechist Ministry



The Catechist Ministry is dedicated to educating state primary and high school students in the Catholic faith, helping them grow their love and understanding of Jesus. Catholic lessons are conducted during school terms and are well supported within schools.

Catechist lessons include: prayer and reflection, stories from the Bible, power point slides, songs, puzzles and artistic activities with students.

The Catechist team consists of:

- 42 Catechists / Special Religious Educators
- 692 students attending lessons
- Lessons take place at: Artarmon, Castle Cove, Chatswood, Mowbray and Roseville public schools.
- Lessons are conducted from the Catholic curriculum approved by the Diocese of Broken Bay.

Catholic high school seminars are conducted with students from Years 7 to 11 at Chatswood High School. High School Catechists conduct onsite seminars with students twice each term at Chatswood High School and these are well attended.

Key activities & events in 2024/2025 have included:

- An Annual CCD Catechist Mass in November 2024 which includes Service Award presentations to Catechists.
- Catechist Sunday at OLOD church in February 2025.
- Clergy visits are undertaken at state school throughout the year with Catechists.
- Catechist Reflection Days occur throughout the year.
- Family Masses monthly/bimonthly 9 am Sundays include parents and students attending from state schools.
- Enrolments are received from state school children and there is family participation in the Sacramental programs at OLOD.

We enjoy continuing this wonderful work helping students grow in their faith and love of Jesus.

Karen Forbes, CCD Catechist Co-ordinator



Foundation Youth Ministry

Our youth ministry has had an amazing year!

We've grown with new events, programs, leaders, and members. Our youth group explored leadership, the papacy, and the Jubilee year through adoration, sports days, and interactive activities like re-enacting the papal conclave. We welcomed new leader Boppy and bid farewell to leaders Bettina, Monty, and Riya.

Our young adult group, Capstone, has consistently grown, averaging over 25 people per session. We've had amazing talks from Fr David, Fr Hien, and guest speakers like Liam Aquilina. Subgroups like book and sport clubs have formed, and many young people volunteer as readers, welcomers and altar servers.

On Good Friday, we commemorated Jesus' crucifixion with a prayerful re-enactment of the 14 Stations of the Cross on Chatswood Concourse. The event was fully conducted by the youth of our parish.

They participated generously as actors, narrators, and crew members, honouring our Saviour's Passion in a deeply meaningful way. It was a powerful witness for the community, demonstrating the Church's vitality through the involvement and dedication of our young members. An estimated 500 people were in the audience, witnessing this impactful event.

Other highlights of the year included our annual fundraiser trivia night, Holywins, and the Ignite Youth Conference, where youth grew their faith with hundreds of other young Catholics.

Our Youth in Councils brought together nearly 100 students to discuss issues and find solutions, resulting in the successful Hub of Hope initiative, where an average of 25 students volunteer each session.

Our Praise and Worship Night was a huge success, with over 100 young people coming together to praise the Lord through song and Adoration.

Looking forward, we have 2025 Holywins, the Australian Catholic Youth Festival in Melbourne and exciting guest speakers lined up for young adults!

It's been a year of growth and faith, and we're dedicated to continuing this momentum.

Sienna Klarica, Youth Minister





Nurturing Relationships

Community & Family

“For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

Matthew 18:20

Chinese Catholic Association

The Chinese Catholic Association (CCA) was formed in March 2021, our membership has grown from 26 to 45 today. CCA seeks ways of including people with Chinese heritage within the church. Our main activity is to plan and run the church's annual Lunar New Year celebration, in conjunction with a Mini Food Fair (MFF).

Lunar New Year (LNY) 2025

We are grateful to the Vietnamese and Indonesian communities for joining CCA in offering food in the MFF during the LNY 2025 celebration. A total sum of \$8,092.80 was raised and donated to the Pastoral Works of Broken Bay. This was a big team effort and thank you to all our generous contributors.

Hope - Gospel Reflection Group

To enable spiritual growth among CCA members, in the Jubilee Year of Hope, the Gospel Reflection Group was formed. This study group is open to anyone interested in joining our fortnightly reading, discussion, and reflection on the Gospel for the coming Mass.

It provides space to share personal insights, reflections from the heart, and life experiences that tie in with God's Word.

Alpha – Cantonese

Spreading the Word of God is one of CCA's mission Statements. Hope - Gospel Reflection Group and CCA members have assembled a working team to start our first Alpha - Cantonese course at our parish on 17 September 2025.

This is an exciting milestone, if all goes well, we hope to begin Alpha Mandarin next year.

Other activities

Over the last 12 months, our members participated in the Christmas Carols at Chatswood Concourse and the parish's Easter activities. It also organised a welcome lunch for new RCIA participants.

Hannah Fong, Coordinator



Catholic Indonesian Community Chatswood (CICC)



We are part of the CIC (Catholic Indonesian Community) with community groups in Chatswood, Pennant Hills, city, Kensington, Enmore and Campbelltown. In 2024 CICC celebrated its 13th year anniversary.

CIC serves Indonesian communities with Catholic Mass in bahasa Indonesia, once a month at OLOD, except December when CIC celebrates Christmas Mass on 26 December at St Mary's Cathedral.

We have around 120 parishioners, an increase of 30 members since March 2025.

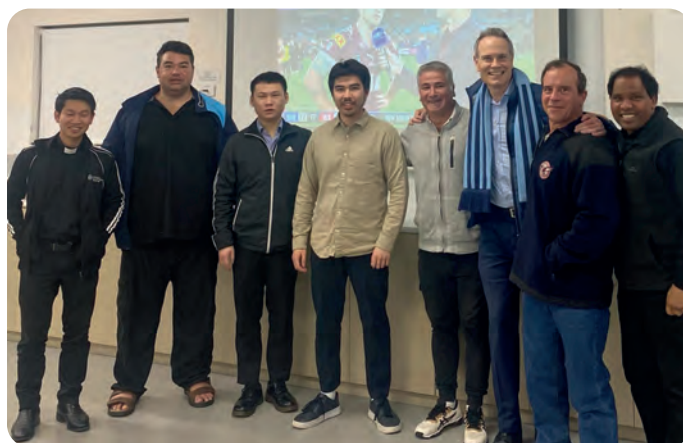
Our Legion of Mary Mother of Divine Mercy meets on Tuesdays. There are eight Legions of Mary attached to CIC.

The highlights of our activities included:

- In August we celebrated Independence Day Mass celebration - 79th anniversary.
- We conducted a deep dive of our Christian faith with our priest, having an in depth look at topics.
- Christmas lunch gathering in December.
- In January, Taize Mass.
- Anniversary Mass in February.
- We joined OLOD in the CNY celebration.
- Our angklung (Indonesian bamboo music instrument) group performed several times in our Masses.
- We celebrated the 20th anniversary of Indonesian Chapel at Penrose Park. 54 parishioners from CICC joined the celebration (more than 500 from all CICs).
- CIC from all areas joined the Walk with Christ
- From August 2025 we moved our monthly Mass to the 2nd Saturday of the month at 7 pm.

Sidha Soeharno

menAlive Chatswood



MenAlive is a group of men in our church gathered together every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. We have reflections on the Sunday Gospel and discuss various topics, particularly men's issues. It's an open discussion and everyone respects and supports one another.

The meeting goes around for one to one and a half hours as we have reflections on the Sunday Gospel or the readings. We share our thoughts and how it applies to our lives. We also discuss various topics, particularly men's issues.

We have had two major events in the last two months.

May 28th & July 9th: State of Origin Night Game 1 and Game 3. 20 men joined (including Fr. Anselam, Fr. Hien Vu and the Hon. Tim James MP) and watched the game in the Magnificat Room. The men were all joined together and enjoyed the game.

We hope to invite more men to our group. We let the men know they are not alone, but more important to practice their faith and support one another.

We will have an End of the Year Mass on 10 December at 6.30 pm in Harrington Hall, we warmly invite all the men in our parish to come and join us.

Peter Woo

Mass Welcoming Ministry



Our Welcoming Ministry strives to foster a welcoming environment that is inviting and inclusive to our visitors and parishioners.

By warmly greeting, answering any queries we can (or help direct to where answers may be found), making connections, getting to know one another, and extending Christ's invitation to "Come and See", we hope to strengthen a sense of belonging in our parish that brings us all closer to Christ.

A special thanks to the Mass teams this year, including:

Saturday Vigil - Katie, Sue, Atsushi, Peter, Brendan

Sunday 7.30 am - Jan, Deepak, Ian, Jim

Sunday 9 am - Yuliana, Jenny, Mizuki, Carol, Peter, Nicolas, Sophie, Juni, Yuli, Gillian, Chloe, Lincoln, Anthony

Sunday 10.30 am - Jo, Liana, Alison, Catherine, Marty, Cheryl, Caroline, Yvonne, Ditas

Sunday 5.30 pm - Grace, Clive, Hamish, Sienna & Youth Group members

If you would like to share in this joy-filled ministry, please contact Duyen in the parish office.

Anthony Seeto

Filipino Community of Chatswood Parish

The Filipino Community of Chatswood Parish (FCCP) continues its mission of supporting our fellow Filipinos in faith and service, while remaining an active part of the wider Our Lady of Dolours Parish. Now in our 18th year, we give thanks for the blessings of community, ministry, and fellowship.

Key highlights for the year include:

First Sunday Mass & Fellowship

Our monthly Mass and fellowship remain the cornerstone of FCCP life, consistently drawing around 250 attendees. Families and friends, some from distant suburbs, come together to worship, share hospitality and celebrate our faith.

Special Liturgies & Celebrations

On 29 April, we were blessed to welcome Most Rev. Rene Ramirez, Auxiliary Bishop of Melbourne, who presided at Mass and joined the community for fellowship afterwards.

February Filipino Mass also served as the Farewell Mass for Fr Joey Frez, where the community gave thanks for his ministry and leadership at Our Lady of Dolours Parish.

In June, FCCP marked Philippine Independence Day with a First Sunday Mass celebrating both faith and freedom.

In December last year, FCCP led preparations for Simbang Gabi (December 16-24), continuing the joyful Filipino tradition of early morning novena Masses leading up to Christmas.

Readers' Ministry

This year, our Readers' Ministry joyfully welcomed five children into service, beginning their journey by reading the Prayer of the Faithful.

Their participation continues FCCP's mission of inspiring the community by proclaiming God's Word with devotion and joy.

Music Ministry - Himig Sandiwa

Himig Sandiwa continues to enrich parish liturgies with music at the FCCP sponsored First Sunday Mass and the 9 am Family Mass on the fourth Sunday of each month.

Key highlights this year included:

- Singing at the Mass with Bishop Rene Ramirez - 29 April.
- Ministering in music with the Parish Choir at the Farewell Mass for Fr Joey Frez and Dn Richard Houwing - 29 January.
- Invitations to provide music at St Leonard's Church, Naremburn - May and September.
- Participating in the Chatswood Spring Street Fair.
- Joining the parish in the inaugural Carols at the Concourse.
- Welcoming the visiting Rondalla Choir from Blacktown, strengthening cultural and musical ties within the community.

Fundraising & Outreach

FCCP participated in and contributed to the Auction Dinner for the Refugee Family by purchasing a table for group members, showing solidarity with parish-wide efforts of generosity and care.

Our community also continues to provide financial assistance to charities in the Philippines, including Bahay Aruga (a shelter for children with cancer) and the Busog Puso Feeding Program in Manila.

Parish & Community Participation

FCCP remains an active presence in the wider parish community:

- Actively participated in Parish-in-Council IV, V, VI and VII as facilitator, scribe, helper and participant, enriching the diversity of contributions and perspectives in the assembly.
- Actively assisted in welcoming pilgrims venerating the relics of Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati at the Parish Shrine.
- Volunteered support at the newly opened PEW Gift Shop, serving parishioners and visitors throughout the year.
- Continued involvement in the Parish Feast Day, Holy Week services, and other special events.
- Participation in the Chatswood Spring Fair & Parade, with members in traditional Filipina attire.

Chris Fado Chidgey



Seniors Morning Tea & Connection Group



Seniors Morning Tea & Connection Group meets on the first Thursday of every Month from 10 am to 12 pm in the Magnificat room.

Our Seniors Group is a welcoming space where friendships flourish and minds stay inspired with conversation, and creativity.

It's an enjoyable and a relaxed morning tea with friendly faces, we connect and share stories in a supportive environment, listen to engaging guest speakers on topics that matter, experience calming meditation sessions to refresh the spirit and get creative with art activities.

It's a safe and friendly environment a place to meet new people, explore new ideas, or simply enjoy a peaceful morning.

Mona Saouma, Pastoral Support Worker

Our Lady's Ladies



Our Lady's Ladies has continued to meet once a month throughout the year.

This is an opportunity for our women to meet others from our parish, over some nibbles and a drink.

All ladies are welcome, and we have new faces all the time! There's no commitment to attend every time, which means there are always different faces and someone new to meet.

We start with some socialising time, followed by an activity. Some of the highlights from the year include a meditation session, a rosary workshop, a pizza/games night, and we made Christmas cards for Fr Anselam to hand out to those in Nursing Homes last Christmas.

For more information on the group, feel free to contact Chloe at chloe.aylward@bbcatholic.org.au

Chloe Aylward



Animating our Future

Planning & Strategy

“Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established.”
Proverbs 16:3

Ministry of Facilitation



The Ministry of Facilitation plays a vital role in guiding the process of reflective sharing, attentive listening and prayerful discernment through Conversation in the Spirit, the practice at the heart of the Synods on Synodality and our own Parish-in-Council gatherings.

Our parish first embraced this method in August 2023 at the inaugural Parish-in-Council. In that moment of grace, a small group of parishioners stepped forward to be trained as facilitators and scribes.

Though new to the role, they offered their service generously, helping the community take its first steps on the synodal path, even before the Synod convened in Rome that October. From that quiet beginning, a Spirit-led stirring emerged.

The Synod on Synodality affirmed a Ministry of Facilitation as essential to sustaining Conversation in the Spirit. Thus, this calling took root in our parish as a response to the Spirit's prompting.

Nearly 60 trained facilitators and scribes - parishioners, parish staff, and teachers from St Pius and Mercy College - are now part of this growing pool that serves freely with selfless dedication.

In the last year, their commitment has supported four Parish-in-Council gatherings, three Youth-in-Council sessions, and both parish and Mercy College participation in the Pastoral Discernment for the North Shore.

The fruits of this work are clear: conversations shaped by openness, discernments grounded in shared wisdom, and a community learning to listen with both heart and ear.

Looking ahead, the ministry will broaden this circle by welcoming new volunteers - including students - and strengthening training through online modules and practical guides.

It also hopes to support formation opportunities for facilitators and scribes in other interested parish communities in our diocese and beyond.

Pope Francis reminded us: “A synodal Church is a Church which listens... a mutual listening in which everyone has something to learn.” In that spirit, the Ministry of Facilitation helps strengthen our mission of bringing the light of Christ to the City - we love, we grow, we serve..

Yvonne Corpuz

Mass Announcements

One of the discernments that arose from Parish-in-Council gatherings was to have greater visibility on what is happening in our parish - thus the Mass Announcement Ministry was born.

We host these announcements for the coming month of events on the last weekend of each month, at the end of Mass.

By increasing awareness of all that is happening in our parish, we hope this builds a sense of community and inspires all to grasp opportunities to participate in the life of the parish, and carry out our mission of bringing the light of Christ to our city, we love, we grow, we serve.

Thank you to our team: Hamish, Ashleigh, Brent, Declan, Elisa, Jan, Jo, Jennifer, Josef, Kody, Mary, Marie-Anne, Melissa H, Melissa Q, Peter, Sidha, Sienna, Sue, Terence, Yvonne, Brendan and Anthony.

Anthony Seeto



Caring for One Another

Support & Visitations

“Just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples.” **John 13:34-35**

St Vincent de Paul Society Chatswood Conference



We currently have 9 full members and 5 associate members.

Our Winter Appeal 2024 raised \$4,686 and our Christmas Appeal 2024 raised \$7,530.

On 26th of October 2024 Vinnies members across the Chatswood region gathered for the annual Vinnies Chatswood Region Festival Mass. Aaron Espiritu was commissioned as the new President of Chatswood youth along with 7 new Chatswood members.

Thanks to the generosity of Mercy College parents, students and staff and One Meal, Vinnies received 80 Christmas hampers and 40 gifts for children. With the help of volunteers, we distributed these to households in our community, helping to spread the love and joy over Christmas.

On 17th December 2024 our Vinnies team joined with St George Housing staff to provide an unforgettable Christmas Party for residents in a Community Housing estate.

Highlights during the year included:

- Sydney Alliance assembly on 13th March to shape a more just and compassionate society.
- 2025 Lower North Shore Volunteer Expo on Thursday 27 March 2025 that brought in several new volunteers into the Society.
- Serving in the Chatswood Parish Community BBQ on 25th May 2025.

- Assisting over 80 households and spent over \$28,000 on household essentials, accommodation, food vouchers and more. Members donated their time, skills and resources to helping our neighbours in need.
- Commencing a new ministry - Coffee and Chat weekly sessions to target those wanting some social activity to break down feelings of isolation and loneliness.
- Continuing to support five overseas Vinnies conferences; two in Indonesia and three in Thailand with friendship and remittances.

El Herlianto



Vinnies Youth



In Vinnies Youth, our young adult members and volunteers put faith into action through meaningful service to those in need within our local community. This ministry provides the opportunity for young persons to put their faith into action and make a positive impact in living out our Christian values.

Listening Ears (2nd & 4th Sundays): Volunteers visit Willowood Nursing Home to provide conversation, companionship, and Eucharist for Catholic residents unable to attend Mass. Many residents experience loneliness, and our trained volunteers offer compassionate and respectful engagement, ensuring they feel valued. Listening Ears grew its volunteer team by 25%, expanding our reach to more residents.

Brekky Van (every two months): Volunteers serve breakfast at Prince Alfred Park to people experiencing or at risk of homelessness. The Metro Vinnies Van Services foster inclusion by providing a safe, welcoming space where people can gather, feel accepted, and build community. For some, our volunteers are the only people they speak with that day.

Assist a Student Bake Sale (14 July 2024): A homemade bake sale held after Sunday Masses raised funds for the Assist a Student campaign. This initiative supports education for children in Asia and the Pacific where many families cannot afford schooling.

All donations directly fund a student's education for one year. The Bake Sale raised \$1,001, funding education for 10 students.

Aaron Espiritu

Visiting Aged Care Homes and the Housebound



We have a few very committed and faithful volunteers who reach out to the vulnerable people who love the Eucharist and long to have conversation.

Our volunteers give their valuable time and love to visit the nursing homes and housebound to be with people and help them in their need.

They pray with the people, do the rosary, listen and care. I celebrate Mass in some of the nursing homes, so they read at Mass and organise the music.

We extend our service to aged care facilities including St Peter's Green, Archbold House Kopwa, Dougherty Centre, Willowood Nursing Home, Windsor Garden and Willoughby Hostel.

We had beautiful Christmas carol singing in the nursing homes with the help of some choir members of our parish. It is very rewarding; we love doing it!

Fr. Anselam Lakra



Practise Language And Conversational English (PLACE)



Now in our third year of ministry through weekly English Conversation Classes for Migrants.

Although the number of participants has fluctuated at various times throughout 2025 due to commitments overseas, family holidays or visa requirements, we have enthusiastically maintained our Wednesday morning sessions with the regular attendance of parishioners as 'mentors': Christopher, Maureen, Mary and Eileen (when she herself has not been away on an adventurous jaunt!).

We have developed an effective model of interaction whereby, during the first half hour, the majority female, Chinese participants tell everyone about their experiences during the previous week.

Thus we have all benefited from hearing about their family lives, cultural events and regional cuisines as well as about tourist activities in a number of places they have visited!

The next forty-five minutes is devoted to more intensive literacy-based activities using resources such as text books and print media including newspapers and flip charts, maps and posters.

Interacting in small groups, the participants gain competence as they increase their English vocabulary along with correct pronunciation and appropriate context, develop reading techniques including comprehension and enhance social skills with growing confidence to communicate in a totally different language!

The final fifteen minutes is with the whole group as each individual reviews a particular aspect of language which they acquired. As mentors, as we are delighted to hear their weekly improvements and we always look forward to welcoming new members.

Several participants offered remarks about the class. In their own words:

Cindy - I think it's easy to learn lots of English; teachers are kind and lovely.

Julie - I have improved my English; it is relaxed, fun with no pressure.

Maleke - Learning English is important and I like learning in a group.

Tony - I'm very happy with the teachers as we have conversations face to face with locals; I'm excited every Wednesday as I have a deeper understanding of English.

Lucia - I like the class as I learn new words in different ways which is very good; the teachers are lovely.

Lisa - Before it was difficult; now I am happy and I have improved with all the help studying in a group; also, I get love here.

Mary T Kelliher, Mentor



Caring for our World

Ecology & Social Justice

“So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone.”
Galatians 6:10

Community Action

This year the Community Action group made a commitment to raise enough money to support a refugee family seeking safety in Australia.

We met the target through a Feast for Freedom, calling on the generous support of Community Action members and friends to cook an array of eight different delicious dishes and organise a silent and live auction with more than 100 items donated by parishioners.

Thanks to the big-hearted generosity of all who attended and the assistance of so many, we were able to reach our target and more.

This made it possible for a family of five from Venezuela escaping trauma and impoverishment, to make their home in Sydney.

The two younger children are now happily attending their local school, their mother is slowly adjusting to a secure existence and the older daughter who came as a medical refugee is receiving long overdue treatment at Royal North Shore Hospital.

The Community Garden we set up during last year's Season of Creation has been supported by a small group of five gardeners and we have learnt much, not least that no-one is prepared to pick the vegetables when they ripen, except the local possums.

This Season of Creation we intend to focus on herbs, strawberries and flowers to support local endangered bees and butterflies.

During NAIDOC week we held a mini film festival of two moving and intriguing indigenous movies. Despite the small attendance, those who came made it a very convivial and supportive event.

Jo Karaolis



Joyful, Generous Stewards

Over the past 12 months our parishioners donated more than \$126,000 to organisations in our local community and around the world, including...

Catholic Care Homeless Appeal: \$3,570

Catholic Mission: \$4,510

Holy Land Appeal: \$2,535

Maubara Orphanage Timor Leste: \$8,110

Pastoral Works Broken Bay: \$73,984.23 (excl. the LNY contribution)

Lunar New Year (LNY) Contribution: \$8,092.80

Peter's Pence: \$1,325

Project Compassion: \$3,385.95

StreetWork: \$9,120

Vinnies Winter Appeal - July 2024: \$4,786.35

Vinnies Christmas Appeal: \$7,530



Joyful, Generous Giving

Through joyful, generous giving we each help our parish live out its God given mission of bringing the light of Christ to the city – we love, we grow, we serve...

Clergy Giving (First Collection)

The proceeds from the First Collection, as well as Stole fees from Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals, are for the support of the Priests and Bishops in our Broken Bay Diocese.

After covering the household expenses of the clergy in our Parish, the balance of all Clergy Giving is passed over to a pooled fund that provides stipends for all active Priests and supports our retired clergy. A portion of the Collection (15%) is allocated to a fund to support the Bishop (and retired Bishops) and his office.

Personal Mass offerings and gifts remain with individual Priests.

Parish Giving (Second Collection)

Planned Giving (direct debit and credit cards) and Unplanned Giving (loose collection, tap and go and Good Giving) support all of our vibrant parish ministries; meet our administration costs e.g., staff, electricity and insurance; and help us maintain our church and parish buildings.





Parish Profit & Loss vs. Last Year

1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025

	FY25	FY24	\$ Difference	% Difference
Operating Income				
Parish Giving				
Planned Giving				
Planned Giving by Envelope Collection	\$63,558.20	\$64,699.85	-\$1,141.65	-1.8%
Planned Giving by BPoint Donations	\$1,016	\$467	+\$549	+117.6%
Planned Giving by Credit Cards	\$121,888.13	\$126,520.03	-\$4,631.90	-3.7%
Planned Giving by EFT	\$46,463	\$47,590	-\$1,127	-2.4%
Total Planned Giving	\$232,925.33	\$239,276.88	-\$6,351.55	-2.7%
Unplanned Giving				
Loose Collection	\$90,127.75	\$93,348.35	-\$3,220.60	-3.5%
Goodgiving Parish Giving	\$8,668.09	\$9,973.96	-\$1,305.87	-13.1%
Unfettered General Donations	\$5,597.28	\$7,746	-\$2,148.72	-27.7%
Fettered Donations - Flowers	\$8,070	\$4,940	+\$3,130	+63.4%
Unfettered Bequests	\$0	\$5,000	-\$5,000	-100%
Total Unplanned Giving	\$112,463.12	\$121,008.31	-\$8,545.19	-7.1%
Tap and Go Donations				
\$5 Tap and Go Donations - Candle Alcove	\$2,085	\$8,935	-\$6,850	-76.7%
\$10 Tap and Go Donations - Foyer 1	\$4,040	\$20,570	-\$16,530	-80.4%
\$10 Tap and Go Donations - Foyer 2	\$10	\$0	+\$10	-
\$10 Tap and Go Donations - Back Door	\$0	\$10,615	- \$10,615	-100%
Tap and Go Donations - Main Foyer	\$21,360.21	\$19,312.62	+\$2,047.59	+10.6%
Tap and Go Donations - Northern Entrance	\$5,065	\$330	+\$4,735	+1,434.8%
Tap and Go Donations - Marian Shrine Candle Stand	\$13,579.74	\$471	+\$13,108.74	+2,783.2%
Tap and Go Donations - Western/Rear Entrance	\$11,825.58	\$1,260	+\$10,565.58	+838.5%
Tap and Go Donations - Southern Entrance	\$4,752.58	\$246	+\$4,506.58	+1,831.9%
Tap and Go Donations - Main Foyer Candle Stand	\$17,635.63	\$417	+\$17,218.63	+4,129.2%
Tap and Go Donations - Pew Garden	\$822.86	\$0.82	+\$822.04	+100,248.8%
Total Tap and Go Donations	\$81,176.60	\$62,157.44	+\$19,019.16	+30.6%
Chaplaincies				
Indonesian Chaplaincy	\$4,232.57	\$4,862.10	-\$629.53	-12.9%
Filipino Chaplaincy	\$2,032.01	\$1,291.24	+\$740.77	+57.4%
Spanish Chaplaincy	\$0	\$508.80	-\$508.80	-100%
Total Chaplaincies	\$6,264.58	\$6,662.14	-\$397.56	-6%
Total Parish Giving	\$432,829.63	\$429,104.77	+\$3,724.86	+0.9%

	FY25	FY24	\$ Difference	% Difference
PEW Store				
PEW Garden Sales	\$9,125.13	\$11,710.56	-\$2,585.43	-22.1%
Piety Stall Sales	\$6,088.06	\$11,651.25	-\$5,563.19	-47.7%
Total PEW Store	\$15,213.19	\$23,361.81	-\$8,148.62	-34.9%
Rental Income				
Rent: 186 Boundary Street Castle Cove	\$100	\$100	-	-
Rent: 8B Deepwater Road Castle Cove	\$100	\$100	-	-
Rent: St Peter's Green - 5 Felton Avenue	\$25	\$50	-\$25	-50%
Harrington Hall Hire	\$0	\$850	-\$850	-100%
Kirk Street Car Park	\$24,600	\$10,250	+\$14,350	+140%
OOSH License (Harrington Hall)	\$20,000	\$20,000	+\$0	+0%
Magnificat Meeting Room Hire	\$1,000	\$0	+\$1,000	-
Total Rental Income	\$45,825	\$31,350	+\$14,475	+46.2%
Church Bookings				
Weddings	\$1,100	\$4,250	-\$3,150	-74.1%
Funerals	\$4,727.27	\$6,537.85	-\$1,810.58	-27.7%
Total Church Bookings	\$5,827.27	\$10,787.85	-\$4,960.58	-46%
Pastoral Programs Income				
Sacramental Program Income	\$11,917.82	\$13,670.56	-\$1,752.74	-12.8%
Promotional Merchandise Sales	\$0	\$885	-\$885	-100%
Total Pastoral Programs Income	\$11,917.82	\$14,555.56	-\$2,637.74	-18.1%
CDF Interest Income				
Interest: Church Account	\$335.14	\$401.75	-\$66.61	-16.6%
Interest: Atrium Account	\$21.90	\$0	+\$21.90	-
Total CDF Interest Income	\$357.04	\$401.75	-\$44.71	-11.1%
Wages Reimbursements				
CCD Salary	\$21,176.36	\$51,323.19	-\$30,146.83	-58.7%
Lindfield-Killara Reimbursement	\$18,817.09	\$14,012.78	+\$4,804.31	+34.3%
Total Wages Reimbursements	\$39,993.45	\$65,335.97	-\$25,342.52	-38.8%

	FY25	FY24	\$ Difference	% Difference
Other Income				
Devotional Candles	\$28,415.96	\$25,895.18	+\$2,520.78	+9.7%
Total Other Income	\$28,415.96	\$25,895.18	+\$2,520.78	+9.7%
Operating Income Grants from SPSPF				
SPSPF Wages Reimbursement	\$83,729.45	\$124,646.06	-\$40,916.61	-32.8%
Total SPSPF Wages Reimbursement	\$83,729.45	\$124,646.06	-\$40,916.61	-32.8%
SPSPF Dividend Grant				
SPSPF Dividend Grant	\$400,000	\$200,000	+\$200,000	+100%
Total SPSPF Dividend Grant	\$400,000	\$200,000	+\$200,000	+100%
Total Operating Income Grants from SPSPF	\$483,729.45	\$324,646.06	+\$159,083.39	+49%
Total Operating Income	\$1,064,108.81	\$925,438.95	+\$138,669.86	+15%

	FY25	FY24	\$ Difference	% Difference
Operating Expenses				
Altar & Church Requisites				
Candles, Candle Oil & Incense	\$12,542.38	\$4,328.79	+\$8,213.59	+189.7%
Flowers & Plants	\$4,196.11	\$6,923.59	-\$2,727.48	-39.4%
Flowers - Fettered Donations	\$4,228.65	\$2,774.10	+\$1,454.55	+52.4%
Decorations	\$1,581.05	\$13,964.72	-\$12,383.67	-88.7%
Altar Wine	\$380	\$0	+\$380	-
Altar Breads	\$2,724.75	\$2,269.50	+\$455.25	+20.1%
Lectionaries, Hymn & Mass Book	\$1,146.95	\$375.58	+\$771.37	+205.4%
Mass Sheets	\$726	\$960.27	-\$234.27	-24.4%
Linen, Vestments & Dry Cleaning	\$40.91	\$354.67	-\$313.76	-88.5%
Church Music & Video Licences	\$3,593.61	\$3,180.19	+\$413.42	+13%
Miscellaneous for Altar & Church	\$1,033.56	\$4771	+\$985.85	+2,066.3%
Total Altar & Church Requisites	\$32,193.97	\$35,179.12	-\$2,985.15	-8.5%
Administration Expenses				
Advertising, Sponsorship & Marketing	\$2,800.95	\$8,008.42	-\$5,207.47	-65%
Publications & Subscriptions	\$2,234.49	\$1,573.78	+\$660.71	+42%
Bank & Merchant Fees	\$7,497.92	\$4,850.46	+\$2,647.46	+54.6%
Security Charges	\$3,105.64	\$2,351.35	+\$754.29	+32.1%
Gifts & Donations	\$10,012.52	\$6,178.54	+\$3,833.98	+62.1%
Administration Support	\$2,500	\$0	+\$2,500	-
Total Administration Expenses	\$28,151.52	\$22,962.55	+\$5,188.97	+22.6%
Property Insurance Expenses				
ISR & Crime Insurance	\$32,707.70	\$30,708.72	+\$1,998.98	+6.5%
Claims Management Fee	\$935.91	\$0.00	+\$935.91	-
Contribution to Property Aggregate Pool	\$9,359.10	\$0.00	+\$9,359.10	-
Public Liability Insurance	\$16,557.78	\$12,705.21	+\$3,852.57	+30.3%
Excess Liability > \$20m	\$625.95	\$0-	+\$625.95	-
Excess Liability > \$50m	\$818.64	\$0-	+\$818.64	-
Personal Accident Insurance	\$1,307.99	\$987.03	+\$320.96	+32.5%
Total Property Insurance Expenses	\$62,313.07	\$44,400.96	+\$17,912.11	+40.3%
Motor Vehicle Expenses				
Clergy Lease Plan	\$12,000	\$12,000	-	-
Clergy Motor Vehicle Expenses	\$5,554.24	\$6,804.87	-\$1,250.63	-18.4%
Car Insurance, Registration & CTP	\$4,188.28	\$2,414.46	+\$1,773.82	+73.5%
Total Motor Vehicle Expenses	\$21,742.52	\$21,219.33	+\$523.19	+2.5%

	FY25	FY24	\$ Difference	% Difference
IT & Telecommunications Expenses				
Software Licensing & Subscriptions	\$3,086.96	\$2,922.81	+\$164.15	+5.6%
Daraco Support System	\$11,990.03	\$9,283.90	+\$2,706.13	+29.1%
WiFi, Internet, Cloud & Network	\$1,244.53	\$1,281.72	-\$37.19	-2.9%
Computer Expenses & Repairs	\$253.62	\$694.31	-\$440.69	-63.5%
Telephones	\$11,729.10	\$3,035.85	+\$8,693.25	+286.4%
Computer Hardware	\$8,351.97	\$2,453.64	+\$5,898.33	+240.4%
IT Equipment less than \$1,000	\$0	\$335.44	-\$335.44	-100%
Electronic Signs Data Plan Fee	\$360	\$360	-	-
Total IT & Telecommunications Expenses	\$37,016.21	\$20,367.67	+\$16,648.54	+81.7%
Office Expenses				
Printing & Stationery	\$10,485.65	\$11,564.23	-\$1,078.58	-9.3%
Postage & PO Box Rental	\$1,126.77	\$1,934.75	-\$807.98	-41.8%
Photocopying & Photocopiers	\$28,481.56	\$23,880.89	+\$4,600.67	+19.3%
Miscellaneous Office Expenses	\$961.38	\$1,735.94	-\$774.56	-44.6%
Total Office Expenses	\$41,055.36	\$39,115.81	+\$1,939.55	+5.0%
Accounting Fees				
Accounting Fees	\$13,837.50	\$15,637.50	-\$1,800	-11.5%
Total Accounting Fees	\$13,837.50	\$15,637.50	-\$1,800	-11.5%
Water, Rates and Utilities				
Water Rates	\$2,606.79	\$2,412.39	+\$194.40	+8.1%
Council Rates	\$1,280	\$1,236	+\$44	+3.6%
Electricity	\$11,576.35	\$12,665.49	-\$1,089.14	-8.6%
Office Gas	\$751.46	\$1,203.96	-\$452.50	-37.6%
Total Water, Rates and Utilities	\$16,214.60	\$17,517.84	-\$1,303.24	-7.4%
Repairs & Maintenance Expenses				
Repairs & Maintenance: Church & Environs	\$29,761.02	\$19,130.74	+\$10,630.28	+55.6%
Repairs & Maintenance: Office & Environs	\$8,603.77	\$11,217.30	-\$2,613.53	-23.3%
Repairs & Maintenance: Meeting Rooms	\$8,398.46	\$5,184.07	+\$3,214.39	+62%
Repairs & Maintenance: Harrington Hall	\$6,015.71	\$2,080.57	+\$3,935.14	+189.1%
Repairs & Maintenance: Kirk Street Carpark	\$8,431.71	\$5,963.81	+\$2,467.90	+41.4%
Repairs & Maintenance: 100 Archer Street	\$2,411.73	\$0	+\$2,411.73	-
Repairs & Maintenance: Grounds	\$0	\$166.13	-\$166.13	-100%
Repairs & Maintenance: General	\$0	\$177.16	-\$177.16	-100%
Maintenance Contractor	\$21,145.70	\$11,211.35	+\$9,934.35	+88.6%
Church & Office Gardening	\$14,421.37	\$11,629.75	+\$2,791.62	+24%
Rubbish Management	\$11,828.78	\$9,468.69	+\$2,360.09	+24.9%
Total Repairs & Maintenance Expenses	\$111,018.25	\$76,229.57	+\$34,788.68	+45.6%

	FY25	FY24	\$ Difference	% Difference
Cleaning Expenses				
Cleaning: Parish Office	\$4,568.02	\$3,092.08	+\$1,475.94	+47.7%
Cleaning: Church	\$18,634.01	\$13,732.51	+\$4,901.50	+35.7%
Cleaning: Parish Meeting Rooms	\$19,179.29	\$14,285.91	+\$4,893.38	+34.3%
Cleaning: Harrington Hall	\$5,189.32	\$10,045.96	-\$4,856.64	-48.3%
Total Cleaning Expenses	\$47,570.64	\$41,156.46	+\$6,414.18	+15.6%
Furniture & Fixtures				
Church	\$2,379.05	\$570.16	+\$1,808.89	+317.3%
Parish Office	\$2,051.64	\$1,403.08	+\$648.56	+46.2%
Presbytery	\$618.68	\$1,013.72	-\$395.04	-39%
Harrington Hall	\$4,057.58	\$0	+\$4,057.58	-
Total Furniture & Fixtures	\$9,106.95	\$2,986.96	+\$6,119.99	+204.9%
Employment Expenses				
Wages & Salaries	\$470,754.32	\$445,717.20	+\$25,037.12	+5.6%
Annual Leave Accrual	-\$3,379.06	\$12,506.08	-\$15,885.14	-127%
Annual Leave Loadings Accrual	\$0	-\$3,213.02	+\$3,213.02	+100%
Long Service Leave Accrual	\$3,563.03	\$7,652.68	-\$4,089.65	-53.4%
Staff Superannuation	\$55,099.47	\$50,368.05	+\$4,731.42	+9.4%
Workers Compensation	\$6,424.35	\$5,314.36	+\$1,109.99	+20.9%
Total Employment Expenses	\$532,462.11	\$518,345.35	+\$14,116.76	+2.7%
Staff Welfare & Training Expenses				
Staff Education & Development	\$257.63	\$2,550.63	-\$2,293	-89.9%
Mentoring	\$0	\$6,286.10	-\$6,286.10	-100%
Staff Meetings	\$1,065.89	\$2,341.27	-\$1,275.38	-54.5%
Staff Amenities	\$6,663.17	\$6,076.59	+\$586.58	+9.7%
Recruitment	\$0	\$424	-\$424	-100%
Staff Administration Costs	\$764.25	\$137.26	+\$626.99	+456.8%
Total Staff Welfare & Training	\$8,750.94	\$17,815.85	-\$9,064.91	-50.9%
Superannuation/Supervision Clergy Expenses				
Clergy Superannuation	\$7,504.06	\$7,094.28	+\$409.78	+5.8%
Clergy Pastoral Supervision	\$1,415.35	\$2,078	-\$662.65	-31.9%
Total Superannuation/Supervision Clergy Expenses	\$8,919.41	\$9,172.28	-\$252.87	-2.8%
PEW Store Purchases				
Piety Stall Purchases	\$6,602.66	\$6,915.74	-\$313.08	-4.5%
PEW Garden Purchases	\$14,075.09	\$11,744.14	+\$2,330.95	+19.8%
Total PEW Store Purchases	\$20,677.75	\$18,659.88	+\$2,017.87	+10.8%

FY25	FY24	\$ Difference	% Difference
------	------	---------------	--------------

Pastoral Programmes

Children's Ministry

Sacramental Programs	\$6,532.14	\$5,149.35	+\$1,382.79	+26.9%
Family and Children's Ministry	\$913.35	\$1,083.46	-\$170.11	-15.7%
Catechists Ministry	\$571.62	\$2,347.86	-\$1,776.24	-75.7%
General Administration for Children's Ministry	\$9.99	\$97.27	-\$87.28	-89.7%
Total Children's Ministry	\$8,027.10	\$8,677.94	-\$650.84	-7.5%

Youth Ministry

Ignite Conference	\$6,484.55	\$2,085	+\$4,399.55	+211%
Praise & Worship Event	\$2,387.69	\$0	+\$2,387.69	-
Youth Ministry Catering Expenses	\$5,711.53	\$7,964.20	-\$2,252.67	-28.3%
Youth Special Events	\$140.24	\$337.91	-\$197.67	-58.5%
General Administration for Youth	\$471.30	\$815.14	-\$343.84	-42.2%
World Youth Day Expenses	\$0	\$1,715.51	-\$1,715.51	-100%
Young Adults Retreat	\$2,231.03	\$2,772.71	-\$541.68	-19.5%
Xavier Preaching Seminar	-\$75.00	\$0	-\$75	-
Total Youth Ministry Expenses	\$17,351.34	\$15,690.47	+\$1,660.87	+10.6%

Music Ministry

Organ Scholar	\$8,200	\$3,416.65	+\$4,783.35	+140%
Choral Scholar	\$2,566.71	\$3,033.29	-\$466.58	-15.4%
Musicians & Singers	\$1,159	\$1,250	-\$91	-7.3%
Sheet Music Expenses	\$573.95	\$551.88	+\$22.07	+4%
Books and Folders	\$26.36	\$400.55	-\$374.19	-93.4%
Professional Development	\$1,363.64	\$0	+\$1,363.64	-
General Administration for Music	\$950.27	\$2,095.95	-\$1,145.68	-54.7%
Total Music Ministry	\$14,839.93	\$10,748.32	+\$4,091.61	+38.1%

Other Pastoral Program Expenses

Alpha	-\$797.50	-\$78.69	-\$718.81	-913.5%
MenAlive	\$0	\$405.05	-\$405.05	-100%
Seniors Ministry	\$199.80	\$165.97	+\$33.83	+20.4%
Adult Faith Formation	\$4,658.95	\$1,060.88	+\$3,598.07	+339.2%
Total Other Pastoral Program Expenses	\$4,061.25	\$1,553.21	+\$2,508.04	+161.5%

Parish Community Events

Parishioner Events	\$14,323.21	\$10,987.42	+\$3,335.79	+30.4%
Parish-in-Council	\$19,177.80	\$18,793.04	+\$384.76	+2%
Parishioner Morning Teas	\$2,372.20	\$4,251.65	-\$1,879.45	-44.2%
OLOD Feast Day	\$7,731.30	\$4,064.60	+\$3,666.70	+90.2%
Easter Celebrations	\$464.64	\$0	+\$464.64	-

	FY25	FY24	\$ Difference	% Difference
Christmas Celebrations	\$3,351.02	\$0	+\$3,351.02	-
Youth In Council	\$2,992.65	\$0	+\$2,992.65	-
Community Lunches	\$2,151.76	\$0	+\$2,151.76	-
Total Parish Community Events	\$52,564.58	\$38,096.71	+\$14,467.87	+38%
Mission Outreach				
Stations Of The Cross	\$4,076.12	\$1,750	+\$2,326.12	+132.9%
Christmas Carols on the Concourse	\$2,441.38	\$0	+\$2,441.38	-
Street Fair	\$1,045.87	\$2,762.09	-\$1,716.22	-62.1%
Parish-in-Council External Training	\$727.27	\$0	+\$727.27	-
Seminarians Benefit Dinner	\$146.24	\$0	+\$146.24	-
Total Mission Outreach	\$8,436.88	\$4,512.09	+\$3,924.79	+87.0%
Jubilee 2025 Expenses				
Jubilee Hospitality	\$2,044.49	\$0	+\$2,044.49	-
Jubilee General Administration	\$4,265.00	\$0	+\$4,265	-
Total Jubilee 2025 Expenses	\$6,309.49	\$0	+\$6,309.49	-
Total Pastoral Programmes	\$111,590.57	\$79,278.74	+\$32,311.83	+40.8%
Total Operating Expenses	\$1,102,621.37	\$980,045.87	+\$122,575.50	+12.5%
	FY25	FY24	\$ Difference	% Difference
Non-Recurring Income				
Fettered Donations & Bequests				
Donations: Church, Office & Presbytery	\$8,500	\$30,612.50	-\$22,112.50	-72.2%
Total Fettered Donations & Bequests	\$8,500	\$30,612.50	-\$22,112.50	-72.2%
SPSPF Grants				
Capital Works and Major R&M Grants				
Presbytery Renovation	\$0	\$311,582.06	-\$311,582.06	-100%
Capital Works & Major Repairs	\$0	\$263,253.68	-\$263,253.68	-100%
Presbytery Extension	\$57,683.99	\$62,339.91	-\$4,655.92	-7.5%
Tabernacle Refurbishment	\$3,550	\$0	+\$3,550	-
Renovation of Prayer Room, Library & Piety Store	\$97,184.40	\$0	+\$97,184.40	-
New Parish Office Bathroom	\$28,138.93	\$0	+\$28,138.93	-
Refurbishment of Choir Lofts	\$6,749.80	\$0	+\$6,749.80	-
Church Renovation	\$99,650.37	\$0	+\$99,650.37	-
Additional Unbudgeted Works	\$147,660.48	\$0	+\$147,660.48	-
Total Capital Works and Major R&M Grants	\$440,617.97	\$637,175.65	-\$196,557.68	-30.8%

	FY25	FY24	\$ Difference	% Difference
Precinct Development Grant				
Feasibility Costs	\$21,375.00	\$49,099.55	-\$27,724.55	-56.5%
DBB Costs	\$5,147.13	\$32,967.08	-\$27,819.95	-84.4%
Total Precinct Development Grant	\$26,522.13	\$82,066.63	-\$55,544.50	-67.7%
Total SPSPF Grants	\$467,140.10	\$719,242.28	-\$252,102.18	-35.1%
Total Non-Recurring Income	\$475,640.10	\$749,854.78	-\$274,214.68	-36.6%
Non-Recurring Expenditure				
Fettered Donations Expenses				
Advent Wreath	\$0	\$5,000	-\$5,000	-100%
Capital Items: Demee Bequest	\$0	\$26,372	-\$26,372	-100%
Tabernacle	\$8,000	\$0	+\$8,000	-
Total Fettered Donations Expenses	\$8,000	\$31,372	-\$23,372	-74.5%
Furniture & Fixtures				
Choir Folders	\$0	\$4,267.10	-\$4,267.10	-100%
Church	\$0	\$1,017.90	-\$1,017.90	-100%
Meeting Rooms	\$0	\$261.77	-\$261.77	-100%
Harrington Hall	\$0	\$181.82	-\$181.82	-100%
Presbytery	\$0	\$935.45	-\$935.45	-100%
Parish Office	\$0	\$7,403.99	-\$7,403.99	-100%
Total Furniture & Fixtures	\$0	\$14,068.03	-\$14,068.03	-100%
Major Repairs & Maintenance				
Kirk Street Carpark	\$0	\$1,300	-\$1,300	-100%
Church	\$0	\$14,136.46	-\$14,136.46	-100%
Total Major Repairs & Maintenance	\$0	\$15,436.46	-\$15,436.46	-100%
SPSPF Grants Expenditure				
Capital Works and Major R&M Grants				
Presbytery Renovation	\$0	\$311,582.06	-\$311,582.06	-100%
Capital Works & Major Repairs	\$0	\$263,253.68	-\$263,253.68	-100%
Presbytery Extension	\$57,683.99	\$62,339.91	-\$4,655.92	-7.5%
Tabernacle Refurbishment	\$3,550	\$0	+\$3,550	-
Renovation of Prayer Room, Library & Piety Store	\$97,184.40	\$0	+\$97,184.40	-
New Parish Office Bathroom	\$28,138.93	\$0	+\$28,138.93	-
Refurbishment of Choir Lofts	\$6,749.80	\$0	+\$6,749.80	-
Church Renovation	\$99,650.37	\$0	+\$99,650.37	-
Additional Unbudgeted Works	\$147,660.48	\$0	+\$147,660.48	-
Total Capital Works and Major R&M Grants	\$440,617.97	\$637,175.65	-\$196,557.68	-30.8%

	FY25	FY24	\$ Difference	% Difference
EREA Precinct Development				
EREA: Feasibility Costs	\$21,375.00	\$49,099.55	-\$27,724.55	-56.5%
EREA: DBB Costs	\$5,147.13	\$32,967.08	-\$27,819.95	-84.4%
Total EREA Precinct Development	\$26,522.13	\$82,066.63	-\$55,544.50	-67.7%
Total SPSPF Grants Expenditure	\$467,140.10	\$719,242.28	-\$252,102.18	-35.1%
Total Non-recurring Expenditure	\$475,140.10	\$780,118.77	-\$304,978.67	-39.1%
Net Profit/Loss	-\$38,012.56	-\$84,870.91	+\$46,858.35	+55.2%
	FY25	FY24	\$ Difference	% Difference



FY25 Balance Sheet vs. Last Year

30 June 2025 vs. 30 June 2024

	30 June 2025	30 June 2024	\$ Difference	% Difference
Assets				
Cash at Bank				
Church Account	\$34,227.97	\$69,616.30	-\$35,388.33	-50.8%
Atrium Account	\$18,964.44	\$16,307.04	+\$2,657.40	+16.3%
Electronic Payments	-\$38,592.30	\$0	-\$38,592.30	-
Total Cash at Bank	\$14,600.11	\$85,923.34	-\$71,323.23	-83%
Receivables				
Trade Debtors	\$30,057.95	\$22,310.92	+\$7,747.03	+34.7%
Refundable LSL	\$2,106.62	\$2,106.62	\$0	0%
Supplier & Misc Clearing Account	\$53.96	\$187.36	-\$133.40	-71.2%
Total Receivables	\$32,218.53	\$24,604.90	+\$7,613.63	+30.9%
Prepaid Insurances				
ISR & Crime	\$7,128.18	\$3,412.10	+\$3,716.08	+108.9%
Claims Management Fee	\$311.97	\$0	+\$311.97	-
Contribution to Property Aggregate Pool	\$3,119.76	\$0	+\$3,119.76	-
Public Liability	\$4,107.63	\$4,235.07	-\$127.44	-3%
Excess Liability > \$20m	\$208.74	\$0	+\$208.74	-
Excess Liability > \$50m	\$272.88	\$0	+\$272.88	-
Personal Accident/Voluntary Workers Insurance	\$326.45	\$328.97	-\$2.52	-0.8%
Total Prepaid Insurances	\$15,475.61	\$7,976.14	+\$7,499.47	+94%
GST				
GST Collected	\$79.86	-\$392.88	+\$472.74	+120.3%
GST Paid	\$29,049.46	\$19,525.86	+\$9,523.60	+48.8%
Total GST	\$29,129.32	\$19,132.98	+\$9,996.34	+52.2%
Capitalised Assets				
Church	\$35,195.09	\$35,195.09	\$0	0%
Precinct Redevelopment	\$43,232.68	\$43,232.68	\$0	0%
Total Capitalised Assets	\$78,427.77	\$78,427.77	\$0	0%
Freehold Land - Valuer General Valuation				
Parish Use Properties				
94 Archer Street Chatswood	\$22,400,000	\$22,400,000	\$0	0%
94A Archer Street Chatswood	\$3,460,000	\$3,460,000	\$0	0%
96 Archer Street Chatswood	\$3,040,000	\$3,040,000	\$0	0%

	30 June 2025	30 June 2024	\$ Difference	% Difference
98 Archer Street Chatswood	\$3,040,000	\$3,040,000	\$0	0%
100 Archer Street Chatswood	\$2,830,000	\$2,830,000	\$0	0%
99 Archer Street Mercy College	\$8,640,000	\$8,640,000	\$0	0%
101 Archer Street Mercy College	\$6,060,000	\$6,060,000	\$0	0%
3 Kirk Street Chatswood	\$2,630,000	\$2,630,000	\$0	0%
5 Kirk Street Chatswood	\$2,630,000	\$2,630,000	\$0	0%
Total Parish Use Properties	\$54,730,000	\$54,730,000	\$0	0%
Investment Properties				
St Peters Green	\$8,668,840	\$8,668,840	\$0	0%
St Peters Green	\$6,580,728	\$6,580,728	\$0	0%
St Peters Green	\$785,377	\$785,377	\$0	0%
565 Mowbray Road	\$2,965,052	\$2,965,052	\$0	0%
8B Deepwater Road Castle Cove	\$11,200,000	\$11,200,000	\$0	0%
186 Boundary Street Castle Cove	\$1,720,000	\$1,720,000	\$0	0%
Total Investment Properties	\$31,919,997	\$31,919,997	\$0	0%
Total Freehold Land - VG valuation	\$86,649,997	\$86,649,997	\$0	0%
Total Assets	\$86,819,848.34	\$86,866,062.13	-\$46,213.79	-0.1%
	30 June 2025	30 June 2024	\$ Difference	% Difference
Liabilities				
Trade Creditors	\$59,688.05	\$81,868.32	-\$22,180.27	-27.1%
Prepaid Dividend from SPSPF	\$40,000	\$0	+\$40,000	-
Credit Cards				
Mastercard Corporate Account	\$10,428.96	\$0	+\$10,428.96	-
Credit Card	\$0	\$2,590.72	-\$2,590.72	-100%
Fraud Transactions Under Investigation	-\$17.76	-\$454.43	+\$436.67	+96.1%
Total Credit Cards	\$10,411.20	\$2,136.29	+\$8,274.91	+387.3%
Staff Entitlements				
Provision: Annual Leave	\$27,487.08	\$30,866.14	-\$3,379.06	-10.9%
Provision: Long Service Leave	\$26,679.01	\$23,115.98	+\$3,563.03	+15.4%
Total Staff Entitlements	\$54,166.09	\$53,982.12	+\$183.97	+0.3%
Payroll Liabilities				
Superannuation Payable	\$4,581.34	\$0	+\$4,581.34	-
PAYG Tax Payable	\$7,168.00	\$7,786.42	-\$618.42	-7.9%
Total Payroll Liabilities	\$11,749.34	\$7,786.42	+\$3,962.92	+50.9%

	30 June 2025	30 June 2024	\$ Difference	% Difference
Atrium - Childrens Ministry Program				
Atrium Income & Expenses Prior Years	\$11,673.55	\$11,673.55	\$0	0%
Atrium Income & Expenses FY23/24	\$4,633.49	\$4,633.49	\$0	0%
Atrium Income & Expenses FY24/25	\$1,421.88	\$0	+\$1,421.88	-
Total Atrium - Childrens Ministry Program	\$17,728.92	\$16,307.04	+\$1,421.88	+8.7%
Social Justice Programs				
Social Justice General	\$15,521.92	\$18,600.10	-\$3,078.18	-16.5%
Jesuit Refugee Services/ASRC	\$0	\$3,052	-\$3,052	-100%
StreetWork	\$0	\$15,071.88	-\$15,071.88	-100%
Total Social Justice Programs	\$15,521.92	\$36,723.98	-\$21,202.06	-57.7%
General Clearing Accounts				
Wedding Bonds Refundable	\$600	\$0	+\$600	-
2024 Adult LIFE Retreat	\$0	-\$1,480	+\$1,480	+100%
PWBB Payable	\$110	\$0	+\$110	-
Peter's Pence Appeal	\$1,085	\$0	+\$1,085	-
Total General Clearing Accounts	\$1,795	-\$1,480	+\$3,275	+221.3%
Special Events Clearing Accounts				
Freedom Feast	\$9,963.60	\$13,593.05	-\$3,629.45	-26.7%
Bequests				
Unfettered Bequests	\$34,334.18	\$34,334.18	\$0	0%
Specific Purpose Donations				
Tabernacle Refurbishment	\$0	\$5,000	-\$5,000	-100%
GrantConnect Clearing	\$0	\$23,100	-\$23,100	-100%
Eucharistic Chapel	\$4,157.35	-\$5,634.52	+\$9,791.87	+173.8%
Total Specific Purpose Donations	\$4,157.35	\$22,465.48	-\$18,308.13	-81.5%
Total Liabilities	\$259,515.65	\$267,716.88	-\$8,201.23	-3.1%
Net Assets	\$86,560,332.69	\$86,598,345.25	-\$38,012.56	-
Equity				
Retained Earnings	\$1,199,848.25	\$1,284,719.16	-\$84,870.91	-6.6%
Property Revaluation Reserve	\$85,398,497	\$85,398,497	\$0	0%
Current Year Earnings	-\$38,012.56	-\$84,870.91	+\$46,858.35	+55.2%
Total Equity	\$86,560,332.69	\$86,598,345.25	-\$38,012.56	0%
	30 June 2025	30 June 2024	\$ Difference	% Difference



Pastoral Profit & Loss vs. Last Year

1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025

	FY25	FY24	\$ Difference	% Difference
Income				
Clergy Giving				
Cash & Cheque	\$148,547.10	\$149,749.80	-\$1,202.70	-0.8%
FCCP Clergy Giving	\$5,835.35	\$6,102.74	-\$267.39	-4.4%
Tap & Go Clergy Giving				
Tap & Go: Main Foyer	\$19,049.40	\$10,894.48	+\$8,154.92	+74.9%
Tap & Go: Western Entrance (Rear)	\$8,271	\$780	+\$7,491	+960.4%
Tap & Go: Southern Entrance	\$4,941.99	\$230	+\$4,711.99	+2,048.7%
Tap & Go: Northern Entrance	\$4,232.35	\$180	+\$4,052.35	+2,251.3%
Total Tap & Go	\$36,494.74	\$12,084.48	+\$24,410.26	+202%
Online Clergy Giving				
Clergy Giving by BPoint	\$39,069.94	\$35,565.67	+\$3,504.27	+9.9%
Clergy Giving by EFT	\$8,150	\$7,250	+\$900	+12.4%
Total Online Clergy Giving	\$47,219.94	\$42,815.67	+\$4,404.27	+10.3%
Net Clergy Giving by Goodgiving				
Clergy Giving by Goodgiving	\$5,822.50	\$6,824.80	-\$1,002.30	-14.7%
Charges for Clergy Giving by Goodgiving	-\$144.68	-\$186.31	+\$41.63	+22.3%
Total Net Clergy Giving by Goodgiving	\$5,677.82	\$6,638.49	-\$960.67	-14.5%
Easter Offerings	\$1,360	\$1,370	-\$10	-0.7%
Christmas Offering	\$9,599.60	\$11,670	-\$2,070.40	-17.7%
Total Clergy Giving	\$254,734.55	\$230,431.18	+\$24,303.37	+10.5%
Stole Fees				
Baptisms	\$5,686	\$5,015	+\$671	+13.4%
Weddings & Anniversaries	\$700	\$200	+\$500	+250%
Funerals	\$1,800	\$2,950	-\$1,150	-39%
Total Stole Fees	\$8,186	\$8,165	+\$21	+0.3%
Mass Intention Offerings	\$50	\$1,170	-\$1,120	-95.7%
Interest Received	\$199.77	\$219.82	-\$20.05	-9.1%
Total Income	\$263,170.32	\$239,986	+\$23,184.32	+9.7%

	FY25	FY24	\$ Difference	% Difference
Expenses				
Deanery/Diaconate Expenses	\$0	\$391.28	-\$391.28	-100%
Household Expenses				
Food & Beverage	\$29,926.80	\$26,492.21	+\$3,434.59	+13%
Other Household Consumables	\$0	\$449.32	-\$449.32	-100%
Electricity & Gas	\$4,690.62	\$6,891.30	-\$2,200.68	-31.9%
Security Cost	\$2,345	\$2,284	+\$61	+2.7%
Contract Cleaning	\$7,750	\$8,220	-\$470	-5.7%
Total Household Expenses	\$44,712.42	\$44,336.83	+\$375.59	+0.8%
Mass Supply				
Mass Supply	\$549	\$0	+\$549	-
Bishop's Sustentation	\$39,475.54	\$35,997.89	+\$3,477.65	+9.7%
Pastoral Surplus	\$178,433.36	\$159,260	+\$19,173.36	+12%
Total Expenses	\$263,170.32	\$239,986	+\$23,184.32	+9.7%
Net Profit/Loss				
	\$0	\$0	\$0	-
	FY25	FY24	\$ Difference	% Difference





HOPE

Our Lady of Dolours
CATHOLIC PARISH