



## **Vox Populi**

9 November 2023

While we all look forward to the beauty and wonder of the Christmas Season it can also be a time of additional stress.

This time of year can be extra-busy with family visits and activities, planning, and of course increased financial pressures – certainly not helped by another interest rate hike this week for many families.

However it is a time of year when we can think about what we can do for others.

Giving is the practical part of our faith and integral to our mission.

Pastoral Works Broken Bay is the pastoral charity of our Catholic community, enabling us to reach further and wider in helping our local community, and more deeply connect us to the mission of Jesus.

Our two appeals each year, in May and November, help support two key Diocesan ministries, the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) and the Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Program. It also contributes to St Lucy's School and St Edmund's College which educate students with disabilities, and supports the deaf community through the Ephpheta Centre.

Every gift, no matter how small, provides the opportunity to add to the happiness of someone else. This November Pastoral Works Broken Bay Appeal is our last for 2023. Although everyone must have a great deal on their mind at this time, perhaps we can think about a contribution to the PWBB appeal.

There are many ways to donate – through envelopes made available by the parishes or through online giving. All parishes have been sent a comprehensive resources kit they can share with parishioners.

Thank you to everyone who has supported, or continues to support our Pastoral Works. Your contribution really does make a difference.