



*Declare*  
BEFORE  
**God**

God loves giving

*For God so loved  
the world that he  
gave his only Son...*



# Three myths

A dandelion seed head is shown in silhouette against a warm, golden sunset background. Several seeds are captured in mid-air, blowing away from the seed head, creating a sense of movement and lightness. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

*1. We need to earn God's love*

*2. We won't enjoy life if we obey God*

*3. God needs to be appeased*

*We need to buy God off*

# *Giving shapes our hearts*

A group of hands of various skin tones are shown holding red hearts. The hearts are of different sizes and are being held in a way that they appear to be part of a larger, collective gesture. The background is dark, making the red hearts and the light skin tones stand out.

*Giving is so much  
more about our need  
to give than God's  
need to receive*

# First fruits

A pair of hands is shown from the wrist up, cupped together and holding a tangled string of warm white LED lights. The lights are glowing brightly, creating a warm, golden glow. The background is a blurred sunset or sunrise sky with soft, warm colors of orange, yellow, and pink, and some darker, silhouetted clouds. The overall mood is peaceful and hopeful.

*It all belongs to God*

# How do I give?

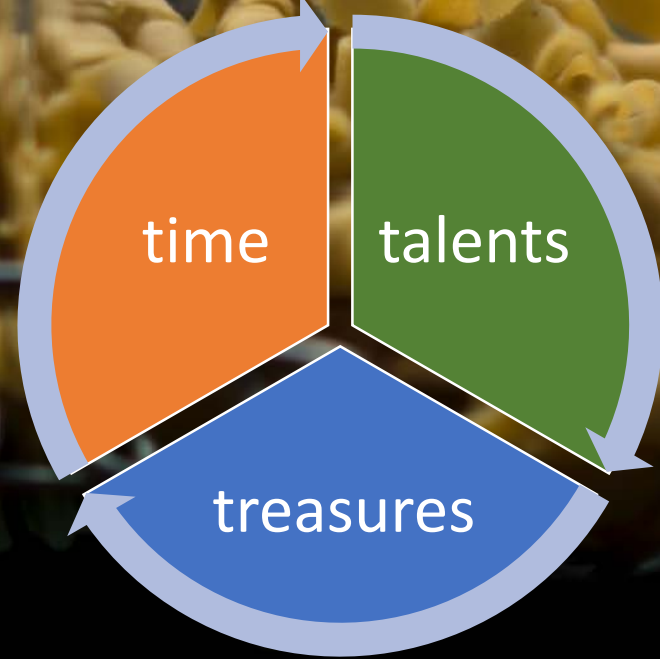
The background of the image shows the interior of a church. In the foreground, there is a dark wooden altar with a white cloth and some items on it. Behind the altar, there are two large, arched stained glass windows. The windows are divided into several panes with different colors: blue, green, yellow, and purple. The lighting is soft and warm, typical of a church interior.

*Do I give intentionally?*

*Do I give by accident?*

# What do I give?

*Do I give my best?*



*Or only the leftovers?*

# Giving steps #1



*Baby  
steps!*

*Give regularly*

*Make it a PRIORITY*



# Teaching of New Testament

*Our giving should be:*

*Proportional*



*Regular*

# Do not be afraid!

A wooden walkway with railings leads into a misty, foggy landscape. The walkway is made of dark wood and has a simple railing. The background is a soft, hazy white and grey, suggesting a foggy or misty day. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

*Fear is not  
from God*

*Beware of fear*

**Giving takes practice**



# Giving steps #2

Pick a percentage  
that you can afford

*Then add 1%*

# Giving steps #3

# Aim to TITHE

*The first 10% belongs to God*

# Stewardship of Treasure

Making a commitment to supporting the mission of Jesus

## END OF FINANCIAL YEAR REVIEW

Will you grow  
**one step**  
this year?

Complete the  
Commitment form  
this weekend

34% \$0 - \$5 / week (up to \$21/month)

26% \$5 - \$10 / week (up to \$42/month)

16% \$10 - \$15 / week (up to \$65/month)

9% \$15 - \$20 / week (up to \$85/month)

9% \$20 - \$30 / week (up to \$130/month)

3% \$30 - \$40 / week (up to \$175/month)

\* 2% \$40 - \$50 / week (up to \$215/month)

1% \$50 - \$75 / week  
(up to \$325/month)

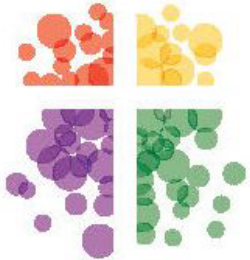
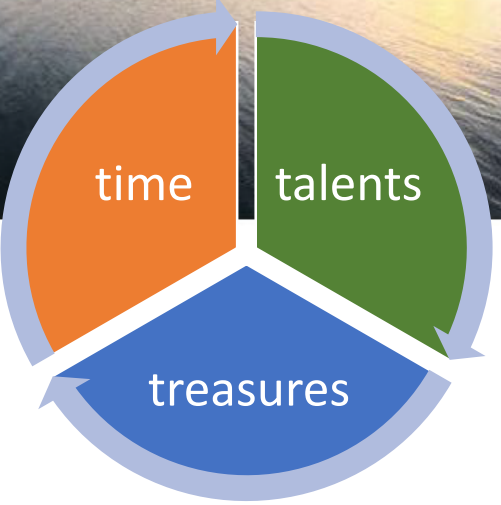
\$75 - \$100 / week  
(up to \$430/month)

Over \$100 / week

\* This is my current parish giving level. I am challenged to grow by one step in the year ahead - Fr Richard



Lake Illawarra sunset by Sinh Le



**Saint Paul's**  
CATHOLIC PARISH ALBION PARK

# 1867 - 2017

*Honouring 150 years of Parish life*

# Parish Ministry Directory

*At St Paul's we are striving to grow in faith. The information in these pages is here to make you feel that this is your home and give you a sense of belonging as we begin our 151st year.*

*Fr Richard Healey, Parish Priest*

If you want to find out the exact time that a group meets each week, visit the calendar page on the parish website: [stpaulsparish.org.au/calendar](http://stpaulsparish.org.au/calendar)

In the following list, the  $\diamond$ : indicates who the point of contact for the ministry or group is.

If no person or contact is given, call the Parish Office to find out more, or simply tick the box on the enclosed form.

## Alphabetical listing of 41 groups & ministries

Please complete one form per person



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Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Parish Liturgy - *current & desired*

Please tick the appropriate box for each ministry that you are interested in joining or would like to know more about, are currently involved in, or would like to step away from.

<input type="checkbox"/> Interested	<input type="checkbox"/> Current	<input type="checkbox"/> Step Away	___Acolyte   ___Adult Server   ___Altar Server
<input type="checkbox"/> Interested	<input type="checkbox"/> Current	<input type="checkbox"/> Step Away	Baptism Team
<input type="checkbox"/> Interested	<input type="checkbox"/> Current	<input type="checkbox"/> Step Away	Bookshop
<input type="checkbox"/> Interested	<input type="checkbox"/> Current	<input type="checkbox"/> Step Away	Car Park Attendant <i>during special events</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Interested	<input type="checkbox"/> Current	<input type="checkbox"/> Step Away	Church Cleaning * <b>Particular need for volunteers</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Interested	<input type="checkbox"/> Current	<input type="checkbox"/> Step Away	Communion Minister <i>during Mass</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Interested	<input type="checkbox"/> Current	<input type="checkbox"/> Step Away	Communion Minister to the Sick
<input type="checkbox"/> Interested	<input type="checkbox"/> Current	<input type="checkbox"/> Step Away	Computer Operator
<input type="checkbox"/> Interested	<input type="checkbox"/> Current	<input type="checkbox"/> Step Away	Eucharistic Adoration <i>Participant &amp; Leaders</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Interested	<input type="checkbox"/> Current	<input type="checkbox"/> Step Away	Hospitality Group
<input type="checkbox"/> Interested	<input type="checkbox"/> Current	<input type="checkbox"/> Step Away	KidsChurch <i>during 10am Mass</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Interested	<input type="checkbox"/> Current	<input type="checkbox"/> Step Away	Money Collector <i>during Mass</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Interested	<input type="checkbox"/> Current	<input type="checkbox"/> Step Away	Money Counter
<input type="checkbox"/> Interested	<input type="checkbox"/> Current	<input type="checkbox"/> Step Away	Music/Choir: ____Adult ____Child ____Young Adult
<input type="checkbox"/> Interested	<input type="checkbox"/> Current	<input type="checkbox"/> Step Away	Reader * <b>Particular need at 10am Mass</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Interested	<input type="checkbox"/> Current	<input type="checkbox"/> Step Away	Sacristans & Linen Group
<input type="checkbox"/> Interested	<input type="checkbox"/> Current	<input type="checkbox"/> Step Away	Welcomer

# Parish Groups and Ministries

Please tick the appropriate box for each group that you are interested in joining or would like to know more about.

Complete both sides of the form

<input type="checkbox"/> Interested	Alpha <i>(Team, Leaders &amp; Helpers)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Interested	Liturgy Team
<input type="checkbox"/> Interested	Catechist or Helper	<input type="checkbox"/> Interested	Messy Church
<input type="checkbox"/> Interested	Catechumenate (RCIA)	<input type="checkbox"/> Interested	Playgroup
<input type="checkbox"/> Interested	Catholic Womens League	<input type="checkbox"/> Interested	Sacramental Team
<input type="checkbox"/> Interested	Charismatic Prayer Group	<input type="checkbox"/> Interested	Social Justice Group <i>in 2018</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Interested	Cemetery Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Interested	St Paul's Parents & Friends
<input type="checkbox"/> Interested	Josephite Associates	<input type="checkbox"/> Interested	St Vincent de Paul * <i>New members needed</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Interested	Legion of Mary	<input type="checkbox"/> Interested	Work Health, Safety and Maintenance Committee
<input type="checkbox"/> Interested	Life Ascending		
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<input type="checkbox"/> Interested	Parish Finance Council <i>(open to be invited if there is a vacancy)</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Interested	Parish Pastoral Council <i>(open to be invited if there is a vacancy)</i>		

**Potential New Ministries for 2017-2018** - *I would be interested in being part of these groups:*

<input type="checkbox"/> Interested	<b>Discipleship Groups</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Interested	<b>Faith Circles</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Interested	<b>Grief Support Group</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Interested	<b>Welcoming Group</b>



# Commitment & response

Please mark your commitment to sharing in the mission of Jesus Christ

- I would like to receive a set of Planned Giving Envelopes. (They will be on the Narthex table next Sunday)
- I currently use weekly Planned Giving envelopes at St Paul's Parish. My Envelope number is \_\_\_\_\_.  
I currently give \$\_\_\_\_\_ a week. I would like to **increase** my giving to \$\_\_\_\_\_ a week.
- I already use direct debit. My Giving number is: \_\_\_\_\_.  
I currently give \$\_\_\_\_\_ a month. I would like to **increase** my giving to \$\_\_\_\_\_ a month.
- I would like to begin using Direct Debit; I will take a form from the Information table in the Narthex.
- I will donate directly through EFT to the Parish account (BSB 066711 ACC 001754) \$\_\_\_\_\_/week.
- I want to find out more about leaving a Legacy Gift. Brochures are available in the Narthex.

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ / 2017

We give



Open up our eyes

