

Understanding Parish Collections & Funding

“A church is not merely a building, but the people who breathe life into it.”

On a weekly basis there are two regular collections at every weekend Mass in our Parish. Funds collected are vital for the ongoing running of our Parish and we would be grateful for you to consider this when thinking about your charitable commitments to our parish.

The First Collection - Money from the First Collection on Sunday Masses primarily goes towards paying the living expenses of the Parish Priest, including the monthly salary, food and housekeeper. The surplus is then forwarded to the Archdiocese to support Priests in smaller Parishes and Migrant Chaplains. The Christmas and Easter Offerings, along with Baptism and Wedding donations are also forwarded to the Archdiocese.

The Second Collection - Money from the Second Collection during Sunday Masses supports St Christopher’s Parish which includes:

- The upkeep and maintenance of the Church, Presbytery & Parish property
- Parish and School Insurance
- Parish staff wages including superannuation
- Priest’s motor vehicle expenses
- Utilities, resources, Church and Parish running costs
- Parish functions and incentives



Archdiocese is the Charitable Works Fund (CWF) - One of the ongoing commitments the parish has to the Archdiocese is the Charitable Works Fund. Each parish is given a quota to meet with three appeals per year. Our annual quota exceeds **\$2,600.00**. So if donations do not reach the quota then the short fall is financed by the Second Collection.

Weekly Planned Giving Envelopes & Monthly Credit Card Giving - St Christopher’s Parish offers a **50%** tax deduction. To enable tax deductibility, donations received are used to offset the School Building Fund Loans. At the end of each financial year, a receipt is available for contributors if desired. A clipboard is normally left in the church foyer for contributors to note their request for a receipt in June each year.

Other Collections throughout the Year

Project Compassion	During Lent which constitutes the major source of funds for Caritas, for its work in assisting the disadvantaged in many overseas countries.
Holy Places Appeal	On Good Friday to promote missionary work of the Church and support education, health, medical and social works for the people of the Holy Land and to preserve and restore the sacred historical sites.
St Vincent de Paul Society	The Winter and Christmas Appeals enable the St Vincent De Paul Society to assist the disadvantaged in our community.
Holy Father’s Appeal (Peter’s Pence)	is a collection for the intentions of the Holy Father
Priests’ Retirement Appeal	Supports sick and retired Priests.
World Mission Day Appeal	Occurs in October and the money collected goes to Catholic Mission to help the poor in Australia and abroad.



Bequests - Have you ever considered leaving a Bequest in your Will to St Christopher's?

Bequests are a powerful reflection of the values and principles you treasure. What a great way to continue making a positive contribution to our Parish Community!

Supporting Our Parishes - Parishes and migrant chaplaincies create a strong positive presence in their communities and are essential partners in Catholic Schools. Our Catholic identity finds fluent expression through them. The Catholic Church has a strong tradition of giving that follows in the footsteps of St Paul who spoke about caring for one another; it has established and supported many worthwhile charities throughout its long history.

This culture of charity continues on, but a parish can only sustain itself and these charitable works with the help of its parishioners whose generosity makes great things possible. Your generosity in supporting the Priests and good works of the Church is gratefully acknowledged.



St Christopher's Parish, Holsworthy
Help us to continue our good works of the Church!