

Catholic Parishes Of North Mackay, Farleigh

PARISH MINISTRY

NAME _____
(First Name & Surname)

ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____ (to receive rosters)
(Please print clearly)

WHICH PARISH COMMUNITY AND MASS DO YOU WISH TO BE INVOLVED IN

Please tick one

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| <input type="checkbox"/> St Joseph's, North Mackay, Saturday 6:00pm | <input type="checkbox"/> St Joseph's, North Mackay, Sunday 9:00am |
| <input type="checkbox"/> St Brendan's, Bucasia, Sunday 7:30am | <input type="checkbox"/> St Brigid's, Farleigh, Saturday 6:00pm |
| <input type="checkbox"/> St Helen's, Calen, Sunday 9:00am | <input type="checkbox"/> Star of the Sea, Seaforth, Sunday 7:00am |
| <input type="checkbox"/> St Peter's, Midge Point, Sunday 9:15am | |

☛ **PLEASE NOTE: In-service Programs are given prior to the commencement of Liturgy Ministries (Readers, Ministers of Communion and Leaders of Celebration/Word with Communion). It is important that all ministers old and new attend so that members are up to date with any requirements or changes.**

Please tick which ministry/ministries you wish to join or wish to continue with:

LITURGY

- Musicians.....
- Singer.....
- Leader - Celebration/Word with Communion...
- Reader.....
- Minister of Communion.....
- Children's Liturgy of the Word
 - Leaders.....
 - Helpers.....
- Offertory Family.....
- Altar Servers Coordinator.....
- Altar Servers.....
- Take up Collection.....
- Sunday Collection Counters.....

CHURCH CARE

- Church Grounds.....
- Church Cleaning after Funeral.....
- Church cleaning Morning.....
- Church cleaning Afternoon.....
- Church cleaning Evening.....
- Church Laundry.....
- Sacristan.....
- Odd Jobs around the Parish.....
- Banner Making.....
- Banner Co-ordinating.....
- Flower Arranging.....
- Pious Goods Stall (St Joseph's).....

SOCIAL/FUNDRAISING

- Ushers / Welcomers at Mass.....
- Morning tea after 9am Mass (St Joseph's).....
- Planned Giving Program helpers (St Joseph's)
- Norfair (helpers).....
- Farleigh Fair (helpers).....
- Craft (St Joseph's) - helpers to setup.....

SPIRITUAL

- Sacramental Program.....
- Baptismal Preparation.....
- Teaching/helping R.E. in State Schools.....
- Charismatic Prayer Group.....
- Padre Pio (Farleigh).....
- Rosary Groups.....
- Rosary (before Funerals).....
- Adult Faith Discussion Group.....
- Lenten Discussion Group.....
- R.C.I.A Catechist.....

CARE & CONCERN

- Anointing Mass Morning Tea.....
- Home Visits.....
- Communion to the sick.....

GROUPS

- Stella Maris.....
- St Vincent de Paul Society.....
- Catholic Women's League (CWL).....

OTHER

- Lap top operation for weekend Mass.....
- Youth Group.....
- Youth Group Co-ordinator.....



As Catholics we are not to focus on ourselves but are called by our Baptism to reach out and share our time, our service and our income with our brothers and sisters.

STEWARDSHIP

As we begin a new year, let us take time to plan and make stewardship of time and talent a part of our lifestyle and stewardship of our financial resources a part of our budget.

Your first responsibility is to take care of your needs and the needs of your family - not necessarily all their wants. In looking at what we need versus what we want, we end up placing material things and money in their proper perspective.

“Everyone must give according to what he has inwardly decided; not sadly, not grudgingly, for God loves a cheerful giver.” (II Corinthians 9:7)

All too often, stewardship is presented only with the Church support or the funding of other charities as the goal. This is too limiting. Stewardship also involves time and talent.

“For your heart will always be where your riches are.” (Matthew 6:21)

Time

A true understanding of stewardship begins with taking care of and sharing the gift of time. Stewardship of time involves the realization that none of us “owns” time. Each of us is given only so much of it, and planning a careful schedule in order to have the time to work, to rest, to play, and to pray is vital in the stewardship of our physical, emotional, spiritual, and intellectual lives.

In a busy society like ours, time is one of the most precious possessions we have. How we spend our time is perhaps the clearest indication of our progress in a life of being a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Talent

Our talents are the special blessings that each of us has received from a loving Creator who prizes the diversity and abundant variety of all creation. When we volunteer to work for our parish or diocese or to help a neighbour with a difficult job, what we have to give is much more than our time. We also give something of ourselves, those characteristics that make each of us distinctive as human beings. We call these our “talents”, those things that we’re good at or that we especially like to do. When we volunteer to help others by sharing our talents with them, we give them something far more precious than our time or money. We give them something of ourselves, and intimate sharing of “who we are” for the good of others.

All of the parishes, schools, agencies, and institutions of the Church in our country are blessed with thousands of volunteers who share their talents with others. These gifts of self are every bit as important as the financial contributions we make to support the Church’s ministry.

Treasure

True stewardship is taking care of and sharing all that we have and all that we are – our time, talents, and treasure. Why is it so important to share our treasure?

Money and all of the things that we possess (our treasure) are gifts from God that we are asked to care for and generously share for our own benefit and the good of others. It is important for us to share our money and all of our material possessions for two reasons: first, because all the good things that God has made (including money) are meant to be shared, and second, because each of us has a need to give.

Why do we need to give? We need to give our money to individuals and to families in need, to the Church, and to other worthwhile charitable organisations because giving money is good for the soul and because we need to return thanks to a loving God for all of the many blessings each of us has received.

One of the most frequently asked questions in any stewardship educational program is “How much do I have to give?” The answer (from a stewardship perspective) is nothing. We don’t have to give anything. “How much do we want to give?” is the question that stewardship asks. Stewardship is not minimum giving. It is maximum giving. That means giving as much as we can, as often as we can, from the heart as a faith response because we are generous stewards who want to share our time, talent, and treasure with others.

Frequently, in discussions of stewardship (or “sacrificial giving”), reference will be made to “the biblical tithe” (giving 10 percent of income) and other norms that could provide helpful guidelines for generous giving. As disciples of Jesus, each of us has a responsibility to support the Church and to contribute generously to the building up of the Body of Christ. The emphasis in the bishops’ pastoral, stewardship: A disciple’s response, is not on “tithing” (giving a fixed percent of income), but on giving according to our means. In many ways, this is a far more challenging norm. It challenges us to be good stewards not only in how much we give away, but in what we do with all our resources.