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Dear Parent(s)

Welcome back to a New School Year!

I hope your child/children have settled well into their new class. While wishing them a wonderful year of learning, growth and fun, I wish you a Grace-filled year and pray for God’s Blessings on your family. May the Lenten Season that we have just begun bring you into greater communion with God as you accompany your child/children in the faith journey!

I would like to say a very sincere thank you for your valuable contribution towards your parish levy for the year 2015 and to those families who have already contributed towards the parish levy for 2016. Your parish contribution helps to ensure that Catholic life continues to be available in our parish. Your participation as Parishioners, including your enrolment in our Catholic Parish Primary School, clearly shows that this matters to you.

Parish levies or parishioner’s thanksgiving commitments are crucial to the parish as these are our sole funding for the Maintenance and Staffing of our Parish, Pastoral Services, Ongoing Utilities expenses, Preparation and celebration of Sacraments etc. I hope this helps with your understanding of the need for each family to contribute to the parish levy or thanksgiving.

The letter sent from the Principal and myself towards the end of last year indicated the structure of your financial involvement in our Parish and School for 2016. In this letter am outlining the arrangements for you to submit your Parish Levy.

Following a review of our thanksgiving program, we have made a few changes to enable the system to work more efficiently and make payments easier for families. The changes are outlined below:

- In addition to the existing methods of payments (cash, cheque and credit card payments) we have introduced Direct debit payments. Anyone wishing to change their payment methods can contact the Parish office
between 9am-4pm Mon–Fri. Thanksgiving forms are also available in the school office and parish office

- Commencing from this year pledge statements/receipts will be issued following the school calendar year i.e. Jan – Dec.
- In order to reduce costs envelopes will no longer be issued to school families. This is based on our review of the number of envelopes that were used and received last year.

For families who are not part of the thanksgiving program (unless you have had a discussion previously with me) I request you to please complete a thanksgiving form and return it to the parish office. I look forward to a year of fellowship with you and our families in building our faith community.

God bless you all!

Fr Joseph Olickal
Parish Priest