



SHEPHERD'S TABLE

ANNUAL REPORT 2024

Shepherd's Table was formed 4 years ago to support less fortunate families in our parish and broader community. This has been achieved by providing a hot, two course meal twice a month in the Parish Centre and by providing food vouchers, or hampers, to struggling families in 5 of our local schools. This support to the schools is greatly appreciated by the families receiving the support and by the support staff at the schools. Shepherd's Table has received letters and cards from families expressing their appreciation and disbelief at our generosity.

This ministry is only successful because of the generous financial support of the parish community and other members in the community who support us. In 2023 we received a \$2000.00 donation from the John McFoundation Inc which was both unexpected and appreciated. Thank you John.

A crucial reason for our success is the amazing group of volunteers who prepare the meals every fortnight with love, openness and spirit. Our guests appreciate the food but also the way in which they are accepted and treated by the volunteers. There is a great atmosphere and buzz at the meals.

I would also like to thank the members of the Shepherd's Table Management Committee for their enthusiasm for the ministry and the work they do in order for us to succeed. We are also supported by the priests and parish team for which we are grateful.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Income: In the past 12 months we have received \$12,198.00 made up of 'Tap and Go' \$4,485.00, Donations \$7,545.00 and interest of \$168.00.

Expenditure: In the past 12 months we have spent \$15,124.00 which includes Hampers/Vouchers, \$7,642.00, Meals \$4,808.00, Maintenance fee to Parish \$1,300.00 and other operating costs.

This means that in 2023/4 we operated at a loss of \$2,926.00 - this is why our fund raiser on the 2nd of June is important to us.

Going forward we wish to continue our work and hopefully extend our reach in the wider community. However, this cannot be achieved without your continued financial support and through your work as volunteers.

On behalf of the families and individuals we have supported and continue to support we thank you for your generosity.

Max Bennett

President Shepherd's Table