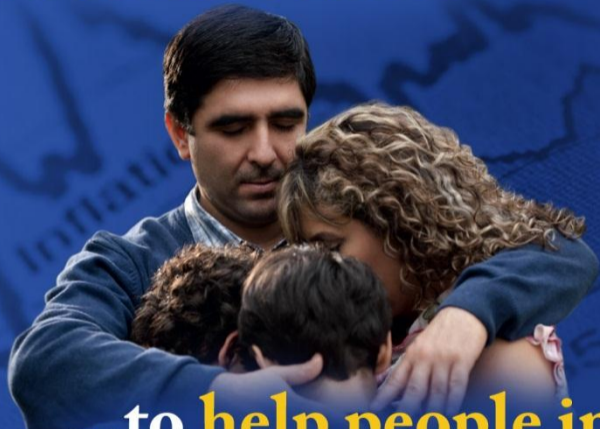


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# Gathering Prayer



**Archbishop**

**In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.**

**All:**

**Amen**

**Archbishop:**

**Let us pray.**

**God of Goodness and compassion, we thank and praise you for your steadfast love. You satisfy our thirst and fill the hungry with good things. Into the dry desert of human failings bring the living waters of your grace. We ask this through your Son Jesus.**

**All:**

**Amen**

# A Trusting Psalm

Kevin Bates

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**“I have called you by name, you are mine”**



**“You are precious in my sight”**

**I invite you to  
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# Vee's Story

# Together We Pray



**Eternal and loving God  
in you we live and move and have our being.  
Breathe through us again this day;  
give us the courage to be open  
and welcoming to your Spirit  
that we may reach out to help people  
in need and so follow in your ways.  
Amen.**

# Archbishop's Address



# A Briefing for Parish Priests & Appeal Representatives



**Brett Mendez**  
Consulting Manager, Lifelink



# Archbishop's Christmas Letter - Parish Distribution

Archbishop's Christmas Appeal for  LifeLink 2011



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Through the telling of one man's story, this article hit home for me and I'm sure for many readers, how quickly the loss of employment resulting from ill health, depleted savings and mounting debts dramatically changed this man's life.

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Forced by circumstance to reach out for help for the first time, this man expressed a great sense of disbelief and almost shame in his current situation. **I believe he showed great bravery.** It takes tremendous courage to reach out to someone you do not know and say to them: *please help me!*

**Let this be a reminder for us all that we should not hold preconceptions about those in need.** Why someone asks for our help is almost irrelevant; that we reach out to them is of fundamental importance.



In the writings of St John the Apostle, he reminds us that it is not enough to simply have Faith. God asks us to demonstrate this through our deeds and our actions.

St John writes: *Children, our love must be not just words or mere talk, but something active and genuine. This is the proof of love, that he laid down his life for us, and we too ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. If anyone is well-off in worldly possessions and sees his brother in need but closes his heart to him, how can the love of God be remaining in him?*

**In the act of reaching out to others, sometimes it may require us to extend ourselves.** This can be particularly challenging to do as we all have our own worries and needs.

Generosity is not necessarily easy; it may require some level of sacrifice. When it does, it is even more special

in this year. Our Archdiocesan agencies providing care with electricity and gas assistance, mental & protection for women and children escaping



think I am confident we can do, if we all work over a few dollars, or choose to forgo that usual will indeed make a difference.

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# Christmas Appeal Poster

Please  
display these  
prominently.

Archbishop's Christmas Appeal for  LifeLink 2011



“Let’s reach out...



...to help people in need  
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Please, give generously on appeal weekend  
**19/20 November 2011**



[www.lifelink.com.au](http://www.lifelink.com.au)

# Inside your appeal information kits

**IMPORTANT APPEAL DATES FOR YOUR PARISH TO CONSIDER**

**Thursday 11 November 2011**

- Parish members to give parish of Archbishop's appeal letters (see inside for envelopes), appeal posters and appeal weekend appeal envelopes. You will be responsible for any return to the Office of 12.00pm and 2.00pm on an appeal point day.

**Thursday 17 November 2011**

**Liturgical Launch for Parish Priests and Appeal Representatives**

Archbishops Liturgical Launch for parish priests and appeal representatives, to be held in Mary's Cathedral, Perth, 9.00am - 12.00pm on Thursday 17.00pm. Hospitality will be provided at the Cathedral Parish Centre immediately following the Service.

**Saturday 12 & Sunday 13 November 2011**

**Parish Newsletter - Release Dates of appeal weekend and week.**

- Appeal envelopes to be returned to parishes by 12.00pm on Saturday 12.00pm.
- Appeal posters to be returned to parishes by 12.00pm on Sunday 13.00pm.

The Archbishop requires the letters be handled by parishes, and will collect the collection.

**Saturday 19 & Sunday 20 November 2011**

**Parish Newsletter News 1**

- Place the appeal weekend special collection envelopes in the pews with or prior to the Holy Eucharist.
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**Parish Priests requested to launch appeal and appeal posters to be returned to parishes on the day of the appeal - Holy Week presiding Bishop speaks on 19th - Proposed**

**Monday 21 November 2011 onwards...**

- Deliver envelopes to the ODF Office in either direction to be advised.
- Appeal posters to be returned to parishes by 12.00pm on Monday 21.00pm.
- Having the appeal posters for those who are unable to be returned to parishes.
- Cover the appeal posters for those who are unable to be returned to parishes.

**Bulletin Notice (on weekend 12/13 November 2011)**

The Archbishop's Christmas Appeal for LifeLink will be held over weekends on 12/13 November 2011.

Please collect your copy of Archbishop's letter's personal letter or Mass kit weekend, ready for storage during the week and go generously to support the collection work of our Archbishop's special appeal.

We encourage your donation directly to LifeLink in the early paid envelope provided, or via your message & donation to a parish which will be held in Mass kit weekend. You may also donate through credit card via www.life-link.com.au

**Bulletin Notice (on weekend 19/20 November 2011)**

The Archbishop's Christmas Appeal for LifeLink will be being held for the Archbishop's liturgical launch.

If you did not collect Archbishop's letter's personal letter or Mass kit weekend, please get your letter and Mass kit ready to go, or get one of the special collection envelopes which have been provided on the same letter for you.

We ask you to give your generous support to help the work of our Archbishop's social service agencies and help anyone in need.

You may also wish to go to the launch event on Saturday 19.00pm and Sunday 20.00pm.

**Prayers of the Faithful**

Lord, we pray for all your people who are in need throughout the Archdiocese.

Help us to work together, so that goodness may be lifted from the situation of your people.

Through our generous gifts, let us bring their suffering and illness our love for our brothers and sisters who reach out to us for help.

May we all share in God's wonderful gifts of mercy, grace and understanding.

**IMPORTANT NOTES FOR THE 2011 Archbishop's Christmas Appeal for LifeLink**

**PLEASE...TAKE THE TIME TO READ THESE FEW NOTES**

Ensure that you read and discuss with your parish priest how he wishes the appeal conducted in your parish... (if the appeal representative is not the parish priest)

**SOME OF THE ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED & ARRANGED ARE:**

- Who will be called on to distribute the Archbishop's Christmas Appeal letter to parishioners in your parish, at Mass on the weekend of:
- Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 November 2011** (This is the week prior to the appeal weekend)
- Who will be called on to distribute the new envelopes on Appeal Weekend which is **Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 November 2011**
- Who will be called on to arrange the "special collection" of new envelopes on the appeal weekend?

**APPEAL POSTERS:**

- Please display the appeal posters prominently in the weeks leading up to the appeal launch, to ensure your parish knows about the appeal.

**APPEAL LETTERS AND ENVELOPES:**

- One Archbishop's Appeal Letter has been provided for every member of your parish OR one per family. Some parishioners may have received a personal letter mailed by the Archbishop to their home.
- PLEASE DO NOT RETURN ANY UN-USED ENVELOPES TO LifeLink.** Dispose of thoughtfully.


- If your parish received too many appeal materials, please telephone Miss Gith Huang on 9427 8311. We will assist you to continue to reduce appeal costs in future years.
- Our goal is to maximise the amount of funds provided to our LifeLink agencies to deliver services to people in need, and to ensure we maximise your giving generosity!
- Special Collection Pew Envelopes should be made available on the pews on Appeal Weekend.
- You do not have to send a letter in the week prior, and for parishioners who may prefer to make a gift at the Mass at Day.
- TAX DEDUCTIBLE RECEIPTS** can only be issued when a name and address is provided on these envelopes.

**THINGS TO DO AFTER THE APPEAL:**

- Please do not save donation envelopes or credit which has been donated. We will advise all parish priests of the amount raised by your parish.
- Appeal envelopes should be delivered, if possible, to: LifeLink - C/- Archbishop's Finance Office - 81 Fitzgerald Street, Northbridge PERTH WA 6003
- If your parish cannot deliver collected donations to the LIFE LINK Office, please contact Miss Gith Huang on 9427 8311, and we will organise to collect these from your parish, at a time convenient for you.
- If your parish print permits, we would sincerely appreciate appeal letters and new envelopes being made available in the weeks preceding the appeal weekend.
- We value your feedback...

How can we improve the Archbishop's Christmas Appeal in your parish? We will gain on all your thoughts and suggestions to the Archbishop for his consideration.

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
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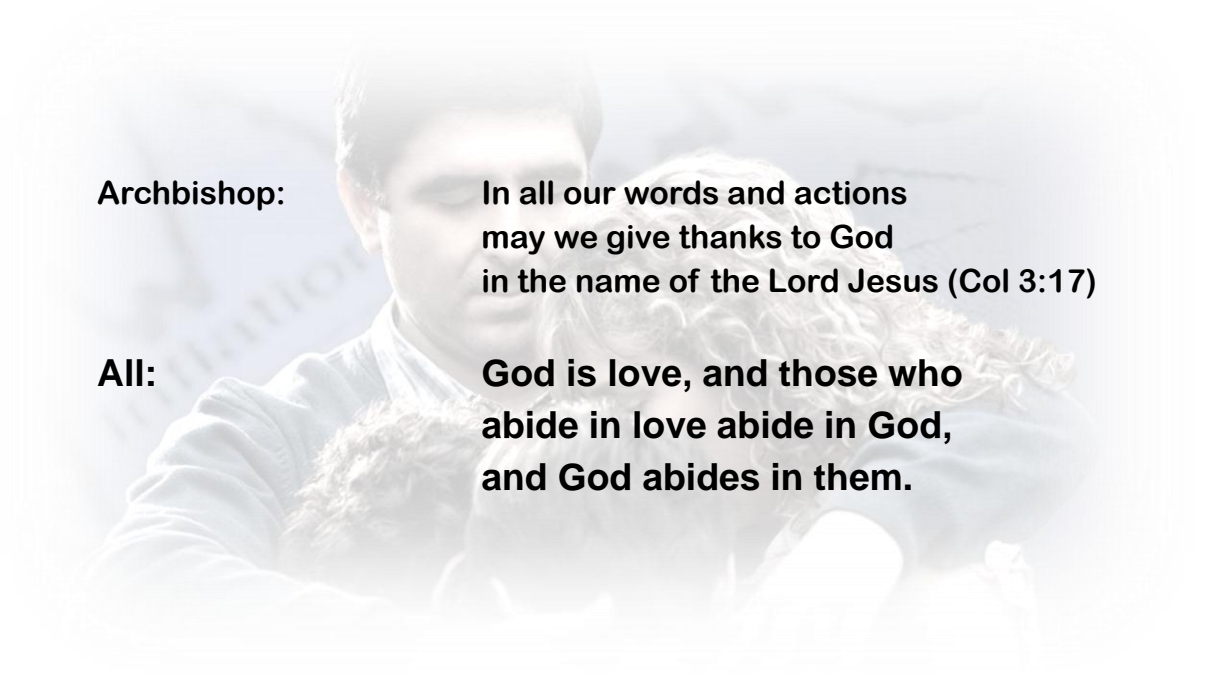
# Final Blessing and Commissioning



**Archbishop:**

**I have called each one of you here today specifically to commission you as my representatives in your parishes, and so promote the Good News of Jesus Christ, to love God and love one another.**

**There are many people in our midst who are in need, and as a Christian Community we are challenged by the Gospel message to assist them in whatever way we can.**

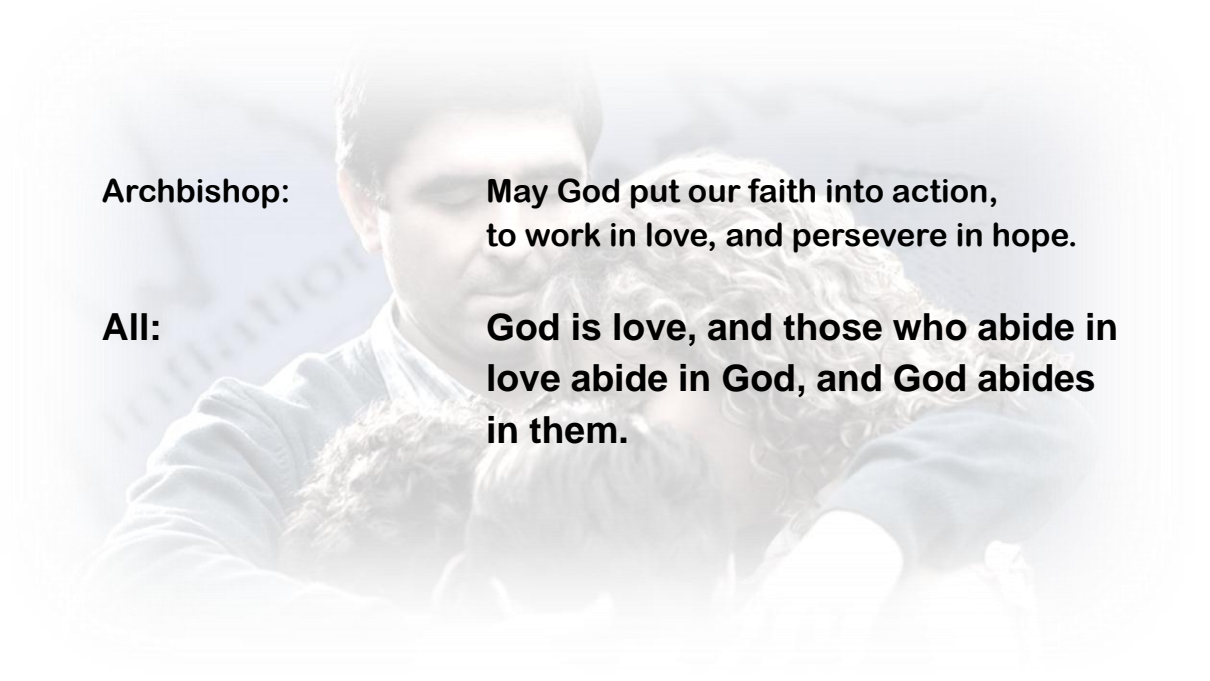


**Archbishop:**

**In all our words and actions  
may we give thanks to God  
in the name of the Lord Jesus (Col 3:17)**

**All:**

**God is love, and those who  
abide in love abide in God,  
and God abides in them.**



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to work in love, and persevere in hope.**

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**As we have been gathered, so we must be sown back into the world to witness to the power of God's transforming love, to support and challenge each other, to bring healing and justice to the world around us.**

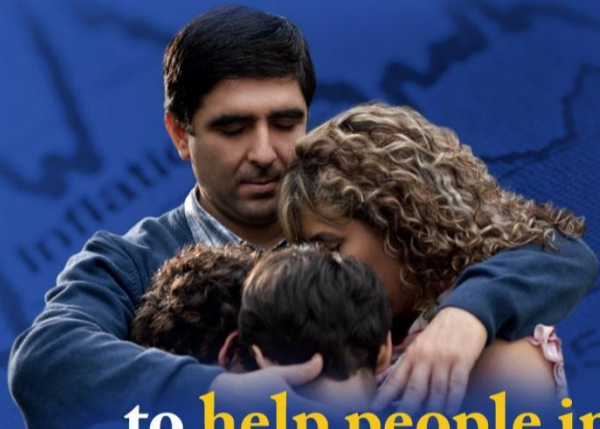
**May almighty God bless you + In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

**Leave this place confident that God's Love and my gratitude go with you as you proclaim the message of Jesus to care for those in any kind of need.**

**All:**

**Amen.**

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