

FROM
THE ARCHBISHOP OF SYDNEY

DIOCESAN CHURCH HOUSE,
GEORGE STREET,
SYDNEY.

January 24th, 1940

Reverend and Dear Sir,

I shall be most grateful if you will bring before your Parishioners on *SUNDAY, JANUARY 28th*, the needs of our Church of England National Emergency Fund, which as you already know through the pages of the Bulletins already sent out, is the effort of the Church in this diocese to serve the troops in the camps or when they visit the city. The Church Huts at Ingleburn and in the Cathedral grounds are already in course of construction, the latter to be officially opened on February 1st, by His Excellency the Governor and the former shortly afterwards. We are also putting in hand a smaller building at the Royal Australian Air Force Headquarters at Richmond. The united cost of these three buildings, with necessary equipment, will run into about £ 5,000, of which a sum of £ 1,500 has already been subscribed by individual donors.

I would be glad if each parish in the diocese would make an effort to collect on Quinquagesima Sunday or another Sunday in February a sum of £ 10. A few parishes have already done this and more. If all the parishes will fall into line, the initial cost of inaugurating our work will largely be met. I am most appreciative of what some Rectors and Church members, through the Church Women's Association have already done. In one case that I know of, the Rector has brought the claims of the Fund before his parishioners, not only by an appeal in Church and through the pages of his Parish paper, but by individual conversation with as many of them as possible. The result has been very successful.

I am not asking the Parishes to devote an ordinary Sunday collection to this work, as I well know that the parochial finances depend so much on these ordinary collections. What I appeal for is a special effort on the part of Church people, to be appealed for on Sunday, January 28, and to be responded to by means of the special envelopes on Sunday, February 4, or another Sunday in February, *the envelopes being distributed on the preceding Sunday.*

The amounts contributed as the result of this appeal will be acknowledged under the name of each parish in the Diocesan Magazine of March 1.

May I ask you to extend from me an invitation to your parishioners to be present at the opening of the Cathedral Hut on Thursday, February 1st, at 3.30 p.m., by His Excellency the Governor.

Believe me,

Yours sincerely,

Howard Sydney