

## **STELLA MARIS CHURCH MINISTRIES**

### **The Steel Pan Ministry**

The Stella Maris Steel Band was conceptualized in 2001 by Monsignor Richard Albert and Ruthven Jackie, the Church's former Musical Director, when they received a gift of steel pans from Trinidad. In September 2002, the steel band was formed. Darren Young and Dr. Hilary Brown led the band until September 2004 when Angela Gay Magnus took over as the Musical Director. The band presently has 18 members, limited only by the number of pans that are available.

The band has played extensively in Jamaica and travelled to Lourdes, France, in 2005. In 2006, the band did a three-week tour of the United Kingdom, playing at concerts in various towns and for mass and services in Catholic and Anglican Churches. The 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary concert in 2012 continued the tradition of fund raising for various charities such as the Consie Walters Cancer Care Hospice and The Stella Maris Foundation.

The band is kept very active, rehearsing 3 nights per week, playing at Masses (on average every 6 weeks), weddings, funerals and numerous church related and corporate events.