

SACRED HEART, BRIDGETON PARISH FINANCES



The Parish Fabric and Finance Committee has now met on a number of occasions. We propose to publish a financial report for the year. This will happen after the end of the financial year in March. In the meantime we would like to bring some matters to your attention.

THANK YOU!

First of all, a word of thanks. The level of giving by those who attend Mass here in Sacred Heart is already very generous and greatly appreciated. Your generosity is particularly appreciated given the economic climate we have been living through during the past few years.

However, as anyone who has to pay household bills knows, costs continue to mount. The same is true for the parish. As you are already aware, heating, lighting and insurance costs for the parish take up a massive proportion of the amount given in the collection each week.

Consequently, we would be very grateful if you can review what you give in the collection and see if you could give a little more. An extra £1 from everyone would make a big difference. If that's not possible for you, then please simply give what you can afford. No one should be prevented from coming to Mass out of a sense of embarrassment if their financial situation means they can give little or even nothing.



If you find yourself in financial difficulty and don't want to let the collection bag pass you, you might wish to place an empty envelope in the bag.

There are some things you might like to consider doing which would be very helpful to the parish.

- You could Gift Aid your offerings if you pay tax.
- You could make your offerings by Standing Order.
- You could leave a legacy.

GIFT AID

The first thing we would like you to think about is Gift Aid. In a two weeks' time, we will make an appeal to all taxpayers to agree to Gift Aid their donations to the parish. You will hear a presentation at Mass and be invited to sign up. Information about this is available today. The records we have need to be checked and updated. We would ask those who are already signed up to Gift Aid, to do so again. Check and if necessary update your information. This simply means giving your address details and signing and dating the Gift Aid Declaration. This very straightforward gesture means that the parish can recover from the Government the tax you pay on any offering you make. If you are a taxpayer and don't already Gift Aid your donation, please do so now and give this additional financial support to the parish at no extra cost to yourself.



STANDING ORDER

If you don't already do so, please consider making your offering by Standing Order. Some parishioners already do this. It means that if for some reason you are unable to attend Mass in the parish on a particular weekend, your offering will still be passed on. If you already make your donation by Standing Order, please check that you have the correct details for the parish bank account. If you wish to give by Standing Order, please complete and return one of the forms which will be provided when we make the appeal.

ENVELOPES

For us to be able to keep the required records, you will be provided with a book of collection envelopes for the year. Please place your envelope with your offering in the collection bag. The envelope will be printed with your own unique number and ensure that your offering is recorded. The amount you give is completely confidential. If you choose to make your offering by Standing Order you can still place your envelope in the collection bag, even if your donation is going directly from your bank account and your envelope is empty.

LEGACIES

The parish has benefitted considerably in the past from the thoughtfulness of parishioners who make the parish a beneficiary when drawing up their Will. If you are in a position to do so, please consider leaving the parish something in your Will.



GIFT AID APPEAL

The parish Gift Aid Appeal will take place at all Masses on
Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th March 2014.

If you aren't able to come to Mass in Sacred Heart that week-
end to hear the appeal, please considered signing up neverthe-
less. Just speak to Mgr Conroy. It's very straightforward.

Please give some thought to the ways you might be able to
support the parish financially.

Please consider Gift Aid if you are a tax payer

Please consider giving your offering by Standing Order

Please consider leaving something to the parish in your Will.

**OFFERING
GIFT AID
STANDING ORDER
LEGACY**

Thank you!