

Additional Notes

Q. Why is the tax refund of gift aid lower this year?

A. In 2018, two years repayments of tax on gift aid were received due to a delay in processing the 2017 claim by the Diocese Gift Aid Office.

Q. What is the amount of Offertories made under gift aid declarations?

A. The amount of £48,787 (gift aided) offertories includes offerings made by standing order and through the weekly gift aid envelopes where the donor has completed a gift aid declaration. The amount of £25,620 (non-gift aided) includes all other offerings made by cash/cheque through the collections made at mass.

Q. What was the Grant Received?

A. This grant was the second payment received from the Listed Places Of Worship Grant Scheme in respect of the repairs to the Church Roof, and Lights over the Sanctuary and the replacement lighting.

Q. What is included in Other Collections for the Parish Received?

A. Donations totalling £1,043.99 were received towards cost of installing the framed pictures of the Stations of the Cross and also the purchase of a new coin counter for the Parish Office.

Q. What generates the Parish Hall income

A. The Out of School Club, Pre-School Group, Shirley Bridge Club all pay for the use of the premises.

Q. What generates Rental income?

A. Income from rental of car park to school, following resurfacing work in 2015.

Q. What is included in Other Income?

A. The Quiz Night in the summer raised £104 and other contributions on the occasions of weddings and events.

Q. What is the Building Fund/Organ Fund income?

A. In November, an appeal was made for funds to contribute to the costs of future building projects and this raised £5,975.07 up to end of December. The aim of the Organ Fund is to raise money towards restoration costs of the Church Organ. £1,126.10 was raised from a book sale, individual donations and a retiring collection at the funeral of the former organist Peter Barnett.

Q. What is the Diocesan Levy?

A. Broadly speaking, a levy of 25p in the £1, on the offertory income received in the Parish is paid to the Diocese. The Diocese uses the funds from the levy towards paying for the running costs of the Diocesan administration and Catholic Education Service.

Q. What is included in Church-Liturgical/Pastoral?

A. These are the costs of consumables such as altar wine and hosts, music costs, organist, flowers, candles etc. Also a contribution is made to the School's costs of spiritual provision for children receiving first Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Q. What is included in Newspapers?

A. This the cost of the newspapers, magazines and other publications which are provided in the Church which are supplied on sale or return basis (unsold copies are returned and not paid for).

Q. What is included in Clergy Costs?

A. All costs including Priest's stipend (salary), National Insurance Contributions, payments to Supply Priests and motoring expenses.

Q. What is included in Personnel Wages?

A. Wages, National Insurance Contributions for House Cleaner, Secretary and other casual labour.

Q. What is included in Office Expenses?

A. Telephone & internet charges, stationary, postage, printing and maintenance of office machinery. Also, includes payment for consultancy and administrative services bought in.

Q. What is included in the various Presbytery Costs?

A. Establishment costs refer to gas, electricity, council tax and water. Maintenance refers to building repairs and gardening. This year some replacement windows were fitted, along with new alarms which were partly covered by settlement of the insurance claim. Presbytery Expenses refers to food, furnishings and other sundry costs.

Q. What is included in Church Establishment & Church Property Maintenance?

A. The establishment costs refer to electricity, gas and water & waste disposal. Maintenance refers to repairs of the heating system, electrical repairs, building repairs and grounds maintenance. It includes the costs of the Church, Parish Hall and St Aidan's.

Main items of maintenance (over £1,000 each item) this year include; survey and follow-up remedial works on the lightning protection system for the Church, 3-yearly survey of the Church Spire and the laying of paving slabs and installation of bicycle parking at rear of church.

Q. What is the Diocese Unit Trust?

A. Parishes are required to hold any surplus funds in reserves in the Diocese Unit Trust Fund, and can withdraw funds to meet exceptional expenditure. The latest valuation is £233,644, an increase of £13,898.

Q. What is included in Exceptional & New Building Works?

A. Repairs to the Parish Hall Roof (£12,240) and major renovation of the pedestrian access from the Stratford Road up to the Parish Hall/ School (£48,230).

Second Collections During 2019 (2018 in brackets)

Pro Life		(£ 583.29)
Catholic Education Service	£ 104.00	(£ 335.85)
Cathedral Maintenance	£ 537.61	(£ 472.79)
Holy Places	£ 631.50	(£ 531.60)
Clergy Training Fund	£ 697.78	(£ 816.97)
Catholic Communications	£ 593.85	(£ 592.73)
Peter's Pence	£ 492.38	(£ 511.83)
Day for Life	£ 516.72	(£ 551.44)
Johnson Association	£ 682.20	(£ 621.26)
Catholic Youth Service	£ 849.57	(£ 511.79)
Poor Parishes Fund	£ 704.25	(£ 727.44)
Family Fast Days-CAFOD	£5,641.79	(£5,253.38)
Father Hudson's Society	£ 605.30	(£ 631.08)
CASE (Evangelisation)	£ 398.47	(£ 503.51)
Apostleship of the Sea	£ 573.70	(£ 526.77)
APF World Mission Sunday	£ 576.49	(£ 584.86)
St Basils Centre	£ 378.25	(£ 250.00)
Aid to the Church in Need	£ 561.75	(£2,361.08)
St Mary's Charitable & Educational Trust	£ 500.00	(£ 200.00)
Columban Fathers Mission	£1,003.28	
Defibrillator Collection	£1,079.15	

Figures include other Parish Donations of £3,900 from general Parish Funds (£2,800 in 2018)