



## DEAR PARISHIONERS

Firstly, I wish to apologise for the delay in making this financial report available: this is entirely my fault because various teams have had the information available and I have been remiss in providing this cover note. That said, it gives me pleasure to present the Church accounts for year to 31 December 2018, which are shown on a 'receipts and payments' basis. Our total income of £152k showed a modest increase on the previous year while our expenditure showed a marked increase to £175k, resulting in a total deficit of £23k. This compared to a surplus of £11k in 2017.

The Finance Committee report that there is no cause for concern, as an annual deficit was expected following two large 'one-off' expenditures which were paid during the year. The first was the total cost of the repair, re-plastering and re-painting of the Our Lady Altar and side isle; work which was largely undertaken during 2017, though finished off in January 2018. The second was a recharge of several years' cleaning costs. But for these two expenditures, which totalled £24k, 2018 would have shown a breakeven position.

In addition to the 'Church funds', the mandatory Diocesan and similar collections realised a total in excess of £8k, which was passed on directly to the relevant organisations. Our Parish also raised many thousands of pounds for other special appeals, including the money raised for Project Zimbabwe.

May I take this opportunity to thank the large team of people who come together to look after our finances: the Sunday collecting teams, the weekly counting teams, the 'gift aid' team, Hayley our Parish Administrator who handles all of the day to day accounting and our Finance Committee.

And finally, I want to thank every one of you for contributing so generously, not just to the regular collections but also to the many special collections which you are invited to support.

Thank you again for all the support.

Yours sincerely in the Lord,

Timothy J. Buckley, C.Ss.R  
(Parish Priest)

## PARISH INCOME 2018

Offertories	£110,564.71
Tax Refund - Gift Aid	£24,102.27
Votives	£7,949.26
Piety Stall	£1,300.30
Papers	£4,748.91
Donations & Miscellaneous Receipts	£2,790.50
Altar & Flowers	£90.00
	£151,545.95
Diocesan Mandatory Collections	£6,538.00
Animate Youth Services	£407.42
APF World Missions	£567.52
Apostleship of the Sea	£519.42
Catholic Education Services	£412.04
Day for Life	£377.04
Holy Places	£641.45
Home Missions	£207.00
Lenten Alms	£406.00
Nugent	£416.84
Peters Pence	£257.19
Priests Training Fund	£871.29
Retired Priests	£1,414.29
WorldCommunications	£40.50
Optional Collections	£1,847.22
Cafod	£1,663.07
Crib Collections	£165.05
Pax Christi	£19.10

## PARISH EXPENDITURE 2018

Personnel Costs	£35,676.94
Travel & Hospitality	£1,804.88
Office Expenses	£9,552.85
Domestic & Establishment Costs	£21,611.12
Property Costs	£27,749.13
Liturgical & Pastoral Costs	£16,762.45
Assessment Fund	£13,228.44
School Levy	£4,633.60
Piety Stall	£1,169.84
Newspapers	£6,206.98
Contribution to Monastery	£34,450.00
Miscellaneous	£1,394.13
Diaconate & Clergy Costs	£608.41
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	£174,848.77

