



## DEAR PARISHIONERS

Once again it gives me pleasure to be able to share with you the financial statement of the parish for the year 2017. I think this simple breakdown gives us a clear overview of where the money comes from and how it is used. I am grateful to the members of our excellent finance committee and our excellent team of counters. It is a great help that we have these groups, willing to use their time and their professional expertise to ensure that we are able to prepare proper accounts. When the accounts are audited we always receive complimentary comments about the way they are presented. I am also very grateful to Hayley Metcalfe, our administrator, who has taken on the responsibility of the day to day recording of income and expenditure.

Last year we were again able to more than break even, but I am concerned about the future because we do have some considerable expense in the offing, with parts of the church badly in need of repair. The confessional unit, which was a relatively recent attachment to the side of the church, is very unsatisfactory and although we are trying to carry out temporary repairs to prevent the leaks, it does need some serious restructuring. Also if you look at the mullions around the magnificent stained-glass window at the entrance to the church you will see that there, for a start, we have remedial work necessary on the stonework. This does not come cheaply. We are looking carefully at the possibility of grants in view of the fact that the church is an architectural treasure and is listed, but we may still need to raise some extra money to cover all these costs.

Finally, I thank all of you who contribute so generously throughout the year not only to the weekly collections, but also to the many extra appeals and particularly to our mission in Zimbabwe. May I once again remind you that the planned giving does realise an extra 20% on what you give, so if you are not registered and are able, please fill in the form at the back of the church and we will do the rest. Also, it is worth considering making your regular contributions by direct debit, if you do not already do so. It makes life so much easier for the counters! And just remember that many people do pay by direct debit, so do not jump to the wrong conclusion if the collection plate bypasses some of the congregation!

Thank you again for all the support.

Timothy J. Buckley, CSsR  
(Parish Priest)

## PARISH INCOME 2017

|                                    |             |
|------------------------------------|-------------|
| Offertories                        | £111,625.82 |
| Tax Refund - Gift Aid              | £22,216.28  |
| Votives                            | £6,421.29   |
| Piety Stall                        | £1,153.60   |
| Papers                             | £4,528.08   |
| Donations & Miscellaneous Receipts | £4,954.99   |
| Altar & Flowers                    | £0.00       |

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**£150,900.06**

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### Diocesan & Special Collections

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**£10,340.51**

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| Catholic Education Services        | £240.71   |
| Lenten Alms                        | £437.95   |
| CAFOD                              | £1,413.19 |
| Holy Places                        | £877.35   |
| Home Missions                      | £424.19   |
| Priests Training Fund              | £1,076.83 |
| World Communications               | £531.74   |
| Provsion for Priests in Retirement | £1,000.09 |
| Peter's Pence                      | £338.29   |
| Apostleship of the Sea             | £626.98   |
| Day for Life                       | £467.62   |
| Nugent Care                        | £315.03   |
| APF World Missions                 | £816.07   |
| LAMP                               | £634.79   |
| Animate Youth Services             | £462.89   |
| Friends of the Holy Land           | £676.79   |

## PARISH EXPENDITURE 2017

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|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Personnel Costs                | £20,237.67  |
| Travel & Hospitality           | £816.44     |
| Office Expenses                | £10,240.78  |
| Domestic & Establishment Costs | £23,114.69  |
| Property Costs                 | £15,710.18  |
| Liturgical & Pastoral Costs    | £10,853.63  |
| Assessment Fund                | £14,090.25  |
| School Levy                    | £4,633.60   |
| Piety Stall                    | £1,011.68   |
| Newspapers                     | £4,105.91   |
| Contribution to Monastery      | £33,800.00  |
| Miscellaneous                  | £16.02      |
| Diaconate & Clergy Costs       | £310.00     |
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|                                | £138,940.85 |

*Misc Receipts includes Insurance Claim of*      £4,570.00

