

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Planned Giving Envelopes Renewal

The last envelope in the weekly boxed sets of Offertory envelopes is today.

New boxes for the forthcoming year are at the back of the Church awaiting collection – Sidemen and members of the Finance Committee are available to distribute them. Please collect your set **to-day**. (Please note that, unlike previous years, the boxes will not be left out for collection during the week)

You may wish to take the opportunity to change to using a banker's standing order instead of envelopes. If so, standing order forms are on the table for collection. Please complete and send it to your bank or, if a user of internet banking, use the bank account information to create your own instruction. If changing to a standing order, please leave your envelope box on the table having marked it "S.O."

If you pay Income Tax and have not signed a Gift Aid Declaration, please complete a Declaration (copies are on the table) and hand it back today or return it to the Parish Office during the week.

There is a list for anything further. Please write your name on this list if:

- you are expecting a box and it is not present
- Your name or address is incorrect (in order that the Parish records may be amended)
- You do not currently use envelopes but would like to commence using them.

New requested boxes of envelopes will be available for collection next week.

Gift Aid

Whilst the majority of Parishioners who use Planned Giving envelopes or donate by Bankers Standing Order, have signed Gift Aid Declarations, there are many who have yet to sign.

Please remember that signing a Gift Aid Declaration means that the Church can recover one quarter of the value of each person's offertory. In the tax year to April this year, this refund amounted to just in excess of £26,000. Potentially it could be as high as £35,000 if everyone who donated their Offertory by Planned Giving envelopes or Bankers Standing Order, signed a Declaration.

Anyone can sign a Declaration provided they pay Income Tax.

If you are unsure as to whether you have already signed a Declaration, please contact the Parish Office who have a list of Declarations. (Alternatively complete a Declaration, as any duplicated Declarations will be destroyed).

Thank you, once again for your continued support.