

Church of
St Luke,
Pinner



Week One

OUR CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

*"...serve one another with whatever gift
each of you has received" - 1 Peter 4:10*

Dear Friends,

At the heart of being Catholic is following Christ and sharing in his mission to build his kingdom here on earth. This weekend we begin a three-week planned-giving campaign during which we will reflect on our parish's financial position and our personal call to support the Church's mission.

Just as Christ invites us into his family of families, the Church, we invite you to prayerfully consider the gifts that our loving God has very generously blessed each one of us with, and how you might share them. This weekend and for the next two weekends, I am asking each member of our parish to consider how you may apply your gifts of time, talent and treasure for the benefit of our parish.

Our reason for giving is out of gratitude to God, who has given us everything, and the weekend offertory collection is the principal way by which we are asked to financially support the mission of the parish. The pandemic had a devastating impact on our parish and many others. Mass attendance declined significantly and our expenditures have gone up. Consequently, our income now barely covers our operating expenditures, let alone allowing us to prudently build-up reserves for the future benefit of the parish. (It is worth saying that we do not receive any direct financial support from the Diocese or the government.) As well, there have been significant property-related expenditures in the past few years to maintain our grounds and repair our four buildings.

Over the next couple of weeks, the Finance Committee will be presenting details of our financial position and our vision for the parish and will be inviting parishioners to contribute to the mission of the parish.

With thanks for your continuing support and every blessing.

Vincent Brady



**DID YOU
KNOW...**

**...we do not receive funding
from the government, the
Vatican or the Diocese?**

All we have comes from God, so we are His Stewards.

These gifts could be our faith, our friends and family, our skills or possessions.

Together, let us regularly reflect on our blessings and how we respond to God's gifts not only by practising our faith but also by giving of ourselves. Together they help us with our personal and spiritual growth.

By giving to God & to others, we grow & we can give by:

- ☑ Joyfully recalling that all we have comes from God
- ☑ Declaring our trust in His provision and care
- ☑ Sharing in the joy of giving and seeing the amazing fruits it brings

"...all things come from you, and of your own have we given you."

1 Chronicles 29:14

Our vision, for our parish...

As Catholics we are called to be disciples of Christ and to share in his mission of building the Kingdom of God in this world. Here are three priorities for our St Luke's parish which allow us to support this mission:

To nurture our faith in our parish community

At the heart of our faith is the celebration of Sunday Mass, where we gather as brothers and sisters in Christ to worship our loving Lord. Every Mass, indeed every parish activity, is an opportunity to deepen our faith, grow closer to Christ through our prayer and devotion, develop friendships, and care for one another as we witness our faith to each other. The day-to-day operation of our parish allows us to experience a beautiful liturgy, offer sacramental preparation, pastoral outreach, and social activities that nourish and build our faith-filled community.

To maintain and enhance our Parish Property

We take great care of our historic parish buildings and grounds that enhance the celebration of the Mass, allow us to build our parish community and attract the wider Pinner community to St Luke's. However, the older the properties become, the more repair and maintenance is required through wise investment and spending. Healthy financial reserves are necessary for stability and resilience going forward.

To make our parish attractive and welcoming to the wider Pinner community

Our mission to help build God's kingdom on earth requires us to make the Catholic faith available to people that both come to St Luke's and those that live around us. We encourage the wider Pinner community to join us for events in the parish and, in turn, we support other Catholic parishes, religious denominations and organisations in Pinner and beyond.



**DID YOU
KNOW...**

**...in 2024 it cost £335,990
just to keep our church doors
open?**

What does this Parish church mean to me?

As Stewards of this Parish, we are each responsible for the upkeep of our Parish, with a duty to pass it on to future generations in even better condition than when we received it.

What you decide to give is personal to you. Traditionally, communities of the faithful tithed, giving 10% of their income. Some like to break this down into '5 and 5':

- 5 hours of service to Parish ministry (sharing your time, talents and prayer)
- 5% of their income.

Whatever you decide, the amount should suit your circumstances and be meaningful to you. The table below can help you to work out suggested weekly giving percentages, that you can change or adjust at any time.

HOURLY WAGE	ANNUAL SALARY	2%	3%	5%
£14.80*	£28,860	£11	£16.65	£27.75
£15	£30,000	£11.50	£17	£29
£20	£36,000	£14	£21	£35
£25	£46,000	£18	£26	£44
£30	£55,000	£21	£32	£53
£38	£70,000	£27	£40	£67

*As of May 2026, the London Living Wage is calculated at £14.80 per hour

"Each one should give as much as he has decided on his own initiative, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

2 Corinthians 9:7

Please take this leaflet away with you

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