

ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish of Wapping, Archdiocese of Westminster

Week Two



Our Parish, Our Responsibility

"Serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received." (1 Peter 4:10)

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This parish is part of the Westminster Roman Catholic Diocese Trust. Charity No. 233699.

Our parish of St Patrick

We can be rightly proud of our parish. For nearly 150 years the Catholics of Wapping have been nourished and supported here. As stewards responsible for the gifts we receive from God, we must look after our church and pass it on to future generations.



Our financial responsibilities:

- Cover day-to-day running costs.
- Pay for building costs and repairs.
- Support parish programmes and projects.
- Save 20% of our income for emergency repairs and future projects.

How we operated in 2018: (numbers rounded to the nearest £100)

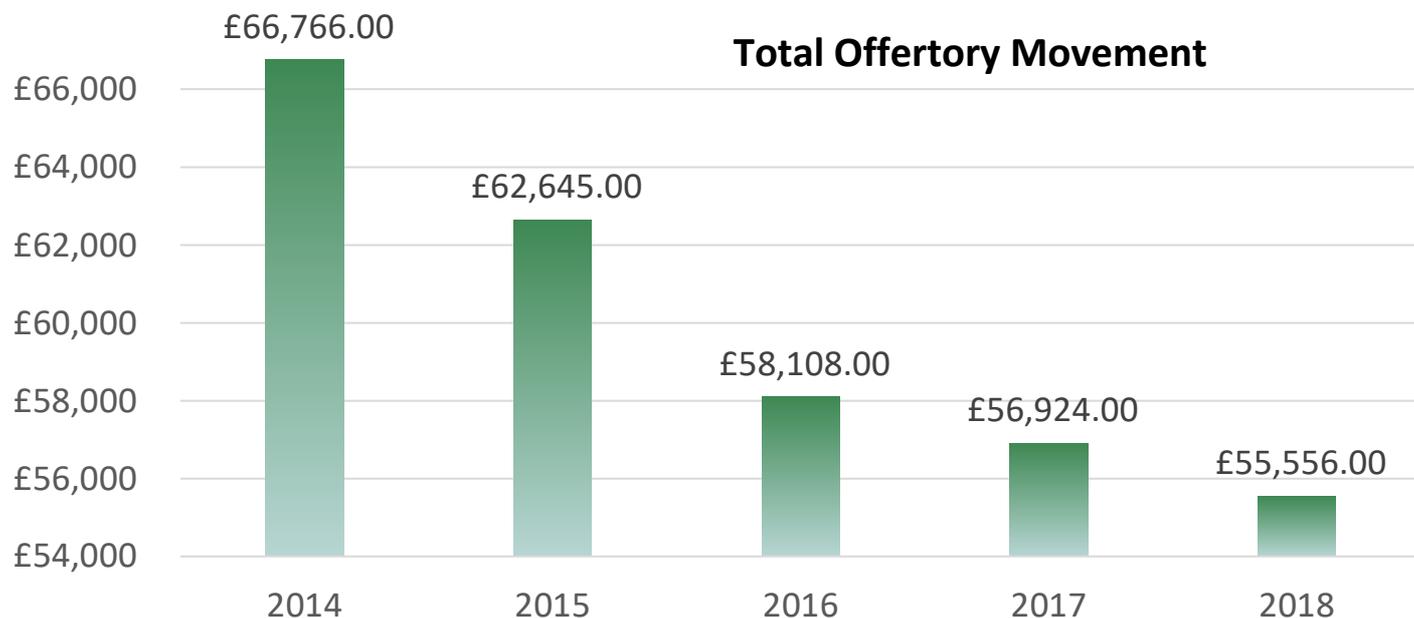
Income		Expenditure	
Offertory envelopes	£8,100	Heat, light, water, council tax & insurance	£19,400
Offertory standing orders	£28,700	Diocesan levy	£30,000
Offertory loose plate	£18,800	Parish administration	£33,000
Gift Aid and VAT refunds	£6,500	Donations/grants	£2,500
Specific donations	£15,500	Liturgical expenses	£6,700
Parish activities & catechetics	£8,000	Parish activities & catechetics	£13,500
Repository, papers & candles	£3,400	Repository, papers & candles	£900
Rents from properties	£39,400	Property repairs and renewals	£33,600
<i>These figures exclude a non-recurring special donation received in 2018.</i>		Parish centre expenses	£1,700
		Purchase of fixed assets	£13,300
Total:	£128,400	Total:	£156,600
(£) Deficit 2018:	-£28,200	(£) Deficit 2018:	-18%

Our parish will have significant needs in the years to come. Once we have addressed the problems with subsidence, we hope to begin a large-scale refurbishment to restore our beautiful church and improve our community facilities. More details on these exciting projects will be available soon.

But did you know that...

Our offertory collections have dropped 17% since 2014!

(That means £11,200 less income in 2018 than 2014)



Gift Aid is easy to do, doesn't cost you a penny and helps our parish!

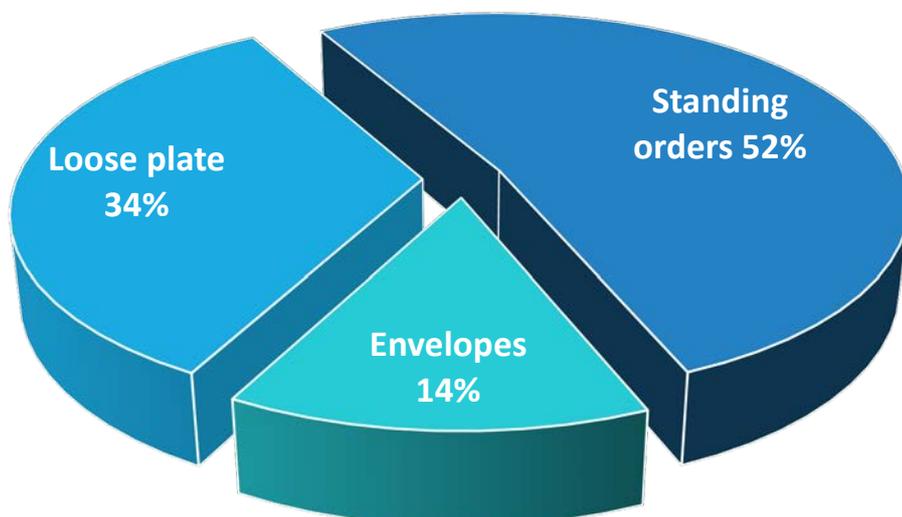
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- **36% of donations were Gift Aided in 2018** – if all donations were Gift Aided the parish would receive an extra £11,300 from Gift Aid returns.
- Last year, 51 (**14%**) out of 352 parishioners Gift Aided.
- If you pay UK income or capital gains tax, please sign up to Gift Aid.

Gift Aid allows us to receive an extra 25p from the Government for every £1 you donate!

Standing Order is the best way to support our parish!

This provides secure, regular income that is easy to Gift-Aid and costs less time and money to process than envelope and loose plate donations.



Sign-up next week – all you need is your bank account number and sort code.



Please reflect upon the following:

- How am I using my time, talents and treasure to glorify God and benefit my parish community?
- Does my financial contribution to the parish reconcile my means with its needs?
- Do I give regularly, using a standing order or weekly envelopes?
- Do I give efficiently, using Gift Aid if I pay UK tax, to ensure that my parish gets the most out of my contributions?

Next week you will be able to:

- Sign up to Gift Aid your donations if you pay UK tax.
- Make your offering by Standing Order (you will need your debit card).
- Review and renew the amount you currently give.
- Consider other ways you might volunteer your time in the parish.

In whatever way you decide to help, we are grateful.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to speak to Fr Andrew or to the members of the Finance Committee available at the end of Mass.