

Additional Notes

Q. Why is the tax refund under gift aid so high this year?

A. In 2016, two years repayments of tax on gift aid were received as the claim for 2015 was lodged a few months late and was received in February 2016.

Q. What is the amount of Offertories made under gift aid declarations?

A. The amount of £52,424 (gift aided) offertories includes offerings made by standing order and through the weekly gift aid envelopes where the donor has completed a gift aid declaration. The amount of £28,696 (non-gift aided) includes all other offerings made by cash/cheque through the collections made at mass.

Q. What was the Other Collection for Parish?

A. This includes the shares of income from the concert by Solihull Symphony Orchestra in the Church, the Parish Quiz Night and the Parish 200 Club.

Q. What generates the Parish Hall income?

A. The Out of School Club, Pre-School Group, Shirley Bridge Club and St Mary's Nursery (at St Aidans) pay for the use of the premises.

Q. What generates Rental income?

A. Income from rental of car park to school, following resurfacing work in 2015.

Q. What is the Diocesan Levy?

A. Broadly speaking, a levy of 25p in the £1, on most of the income received in the Parish is paid to the Diocese. The Diocese uses the funds from the levy towards paying for the running costs of the Diocesan administration.

Q. What is included in Church-Liturgical/Pastoral?

A. These are the costs of consumables such as altar wine and hosts, music costs, flowers, candles etc. Lower figure this year due to improved control of spending.

Q. What is included in Newspapers?

A. This the cost of the newspapers, magazines and other publications which are provided in the Church. Lower this year, as now supplied on sale or return basis (unsold copies are returned and not paid for).

Q. What is included in Clergy Costs?

A. All costs including Priest's stipend (salary), National Insurance Contributions, payments to Supply Priests and motoring expenses.

Q. What is included in Personnel Wages?

A. Wages, National Insurance Contributions for House Cleaner, Church Cleaner, Organist and other casual labour. Reduced costs this year as no longer have paid Parish Secretary.

Q. What is included in the various Presbytery Costs?

A. Establishment costs refer to gas, electricity, council tax and water. Maintenance refers to building repairs and gardening. Presbytery Expenses refers to food, furnishings and other sundry costs.

Higher maintenance costs include restoration of wooden flooring in hall and office, garden landscaping and refurbishment of Parish office and downstairs cloakroom.

Q. What is included in Office Expenses?

A. Telephone & internet charges, stationary, postage, printing and maintenance of office machinery. Also, this year includes payment for consultancy and administrative services bought in, which reflects the increase in costs this year.

Q. What is included in Church Establishment & Church Property Maintenance?

A. The establishment costs refer to electricity, gas and water & waste disposal. Maintenance refers to repairs of the heating system, electrical repairs, building repairs and grounds maintenance. It includes the costs of the Church, Parish Hall and St Aidan's.

Main items of maintenance this year include

- replacement of lighting in the Day Chapel and underneath the balcony in the Church,
- restoration work on Parish Hall Floor & creation of office in the Parish Hall,
- removal of tree stumps at front of church and tree cutting around the site,
- plumbing repairs in Parish Hall
- guttering and drains cleaning and repairs
- spire scaffolding and inspection costs

Q. What is included in New Building Costs?

A. Expenses incurred on professional fees in connection with plans for new works.

Q. What is the Diocese Unit Trust?

A. Parishes are required to hold any surplus funds in reserves in the Diocese Unit Trust Fund, and can withdraw funds to meet exceptional expenditure. The latest valuation is £190,265, an increase of £3617.

Q. Why are the 2015 comparison figures different to the figures in the accounts published in June 2016?

A. A correction was of £538.10 was made to reflect a payment which was duplicated.

Second Collections During 2016 (2015 in brackets)

Pro Life	£ 515.19	(£ 350.90)
Pax Christi		(£ 468.50)
Catholic Education Service	£ 657.17	(£ 507.00)
Cathedral Maintenance	£ 531.81	(£ 503.65)
Holy Places	£ 485.70	(£ 407.50)
Clergy Training Fund	£ 834.45	(£ 514.25)
Catholic Communications	£ 612.28	(£ 451.00)
Peter's Pence	£ 540.50	(£ 446.00)
Day for Life	£ 656.69	(£ 332.00)
Racial Justice	£ 567.23	(£ 421.00)
Johnson Association	£ 647.43	(£ 566.50)
Catholic Youth Service	£ 579.63	(£ 654.43)
Poor Parishes Fund	£ 759.55	(£ 661.00)
Family Fast Days-CAFOD	£2,861.58	(£2,437.00)
Father Hudson's Society	£1,195.90	(£ 561.50)
CAFOD Nepal Appeal	£ 100.00	(£1,822.50)
CASE (Evangelisation)	£ 544.64	
Apostleship of the Sea	£ 619.90	
APF World Mission Sunday	£ 622.87	
Friends of the Holy Land	£ 627.81	
St Basils Centre	£ 445.57	
Ukraine Appeal	£1,127.98	
Survive MIVA	£ 464.12	
Walsingham Shrine	£ 562.62	
Society of African Missions	£1,065.37	
Housing Justice		(£ 375.00)
St Joseph's Home		(£1,945.00)
St Mary's Charitable & Educational Trust		(£ 336.00)
St Chad's Sanctuary		(£1,793.00)