

Parish appeal for giving by regular standing order

Weekly cash placed in the offertory basket is always gratefully received, and every contribution helps the life of the church. But giving by regular standing order is one of the most helpful ways to support our parish because it gives us something especially important: steady and reliable income.

The parish has ongoing responsibilities throughout the whole year. We must heat and light the church, maintain parish buildings, support the celebration of the sacraments, provide materials for parish ministry, meet insurance and administration costs, and help sustain the mission of the Church locally. These needs do not arise only on Sundays; they continue every week.

When parish income depends mainly on weekly cash in the basket, it can rise and fall sharply because of holidays, illness, bad weather, changing Mass attendance, or people simply not having cash with them. A standing order, even for a small amount, helps the parish plan ahead with greater confidence and ensures that support continues even when someone cannot attend Mass in person.

Regular giving can also be easier for you. Rather than finding cash each week, a chosen amount is given automatically and can be planned within your household budget. A small monthly standing order can make a significant difference over the course of a year, while still allowing you and your family to give according to your means.

Standing orders also reduce cash handling and administration, which is safer, simpler, and more efficient for the parish. It helps those responsible for parish finances to budget sensibly and ensures that more time and attention can be given to worship, pastoral care, outreach, and the mission entrusted to the parish community.

But most importantly, giving by standing order is a sign of faithful stewardship. It says, in a practical way, that we value our parish and want to help sustain its prayer, worship, service, and witness. Weekly cash in the basket remains welcome, but regular standing order giving provides the dependable foundation that enables the parish to continue serving God's people with confidence.