



“... be rich in good works, generous and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future...” - 1 Timothy 6:18-19

### Did you know?

Catholic parishes in England do not receive State funding unlike countries such as Germany or Italy. As such, we are reliant upon offertory collections to meet our running costs.

So what and how you give, and whether we are able to claim back Gift Aid on your donations all make a big difference.

### Next Week -

We will be informed of how our parish runs & what is needed to keep our beautiful church serving this community.

Please reflect on how you feel called to contribute and thank you for all you currently do – remember the Bible promises we will be blessed hundredfold in return! **God is never outdone in generosity!**

If you have any questions, please ask a volunteer after Mass or contact:

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“For where your treasure is,  
there your heart will be also.” - Matthew 6:21

WEEK 1

# OUR LADY OF SORROWS & ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

## ISLEWORTH



## OUR CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

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

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

-I Chronicles 29: 14

**Stewardship** is an important teaching from Christ. In the Gospels, the good steward is rewarded for being generous with others and prudent with the talents he is entrusted with, returning these to his master with interest.

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

We are called to receive God’s gifts gratefully, look after them responsibly, share them in love for others, and return a portion to the Lord.

Periodically reflecting on our blessings and renewing our commitment to our Catholic Faith through our giving is therefore an important part of spiritual growth and Christian discipleship.

### When we give with a grateful, generous heart we...

- ✓ Grow closer to God.
- ✓ Remember all we have comes from God.
- ✓ Declare our trust & commitment to Him.
- ✓ Show our freedom in relation to money.
- ✓ Share in the joy of giving.

“...give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

- Luke 6:38



### Each one of us is blessed with a unique portion of Time, Treasure & Talents to share with others and invest in our communities.

As good stewards, we are called to regularly reflect on how our offerings reflect our circumstances.

### Is my offering to God planned, prayerful & proportionate?

The Bible tells us to return a tithe to God, traditionally defined as 10% of our income – otherwise known as ‘proportionate giving’. **The contemporary definition for a tithe is to give “5 & 5”:**

- 5% of your income to charity (including your parish!).
- 5 hours a month of your time volunteering

The table below can help you to work out what this might look like for you.

HOUSEHOLD INCOME		WEEKLY GIVING GUIDE		
Hourly Wage	Annual Salary	2%	3%	5%
£7.20	£13,100	£5	£8	£13
£10	£18,000	£7	£10	£17
£15	£27,000	£10	£12	£26
£20	£36,000	£14	£21	£35
£25	£45,000	£17	£26	£43

The late Cardinal Basil Hume suggested we offer to God our first hour’s pay each week.

“...to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded.”

- Luke 12:48