

Did you know? Catholic parishes in England do not receive funding from the State, so we are reliant upon offertory collections to meet our running costs.

This means what & how we give as parishioners has a significant impact on our parish's ability to be financially independent, meet running costs & plan ahead.

Insert picture of parishioners / parish life here

Support our parish – Next week can you:

- Reflect on the amount you currently give.
- Make your parish offering by Standing Order –*you just need your Account No. & Sort Code*
- Gift Aid your donations – *if you pay UK tax*
- Sign up to volunteer in the life of the parish!

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

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WEEK 2
**OUR LADY OF SORROWS
& ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
ISLEWORTH



**OUR PARISH
OUR RESPONSIBILITY**

“Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.”

- 1 Peter 4:10

Our Parish of Our Lady of Sorrows & St Bridget

has a rich history as the spiritual centre in the lives of many. As Stewards responsible for the gifts received from God, we must look after our beautiful church & pass it on to future generations in excellent condition.



And like any household, our parish has to

- Cover day-to-day running costs.
- Pay for building costs & repairs.
- Also support Parish Programmes and Projects
- Save 20% of our income for emergency repairs & future projects.

How we operated in 2015: Numbers rounded to nearest hundred

Income		Expenditure	
Offertory (loose cash)	£29,200	Parish ministry*	£42,500
Offertory (envelope)	£39,100	Liturgical costs	£6,300
Offertory (standing orders)	£27,200	Gas, electricity and water	£7,400
Tax recovered with Gift Aid	£12,500	Contribution to the Diocese	£26,200
Parish activities, sundry income & donations	£17,100	Parish activities, Catechetics, grants & miscellaneous.	£17,300
Parish centre revenue	£700	Property costs	£17,200
Legacy	£3,000		
Repository, paper & candles	£8,600	Repository, paper & candles	£5,400
Total:	£137,400	Total:	£122,400
(£) Operating Surplus 2015	£15,000	(%) Operating Surplus 2015	11%

*Parish ministry = clergy stipends, non-clergy salaries, office & admin, housekeeping, supply priests & travel expenses.

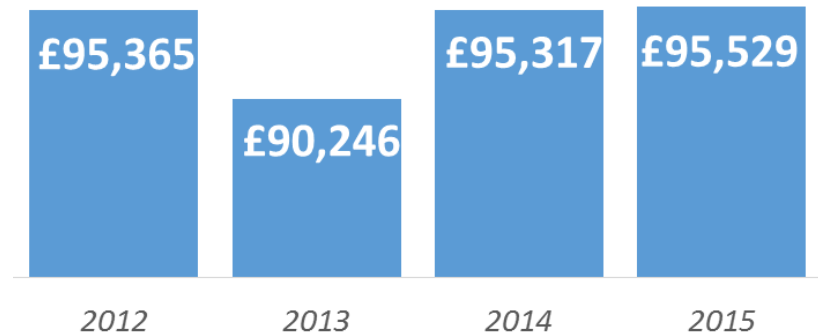
Although as you can see we had an operating surplus of 11% in 2015, we are actually in an overall deficit of £..... This is following a number of recent repairs and renewals to the fabric of our beautiful church. We therefore need to pay off our loan and looking forward, to set aside 20% of our income each year in reserve for emergency costs & essential repairs.

The good news is that with your generosity and support, we have -

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But did you also know that...

Offertory collections are static despite Mass Count increasing whilst operational costs continue to go up.



41% of offertory gifts & donations were Gift Aided in 2014.

We are missing up to **£14,252 in Gift Aid returns!** Just 129 out of 835 parishioners Gift Aid! If you are a UK Taxpayer, please support our parish in this free, easy way. **Gift Aid means our parish can reclaim from HMRC the tax you have already paid on your donation - 25p back for every £1!!!**

Sign up next week to boost your giving at **NO EXTRA COST TO YOU!!**



Make your offering by Standing

Order! This is a donation that goes out automatically from your bank account each month. Giving this way:

- ✓ Lets you plan, budget & record your giving. You control the amount & can cancel whenever necessary!
- ✓ Provides our parish with regular income that can be easily Gift Aided & is easier, costs less & is more secure to count, bank & record than giving by loose plate or envelope.

It's easy to set up - bring your Account Number & Sort Code next week.

