



Please reflect upon the following:

- * How am I using my time, talents and treasure to glorify God and benefit my Parish community?
- * How can I share my time and talents with 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 volunteer your time and talents in your Parish.
- Review and renew the amount you currently give.
- Sign up to **Gift Aid** your donations if you pay UK tax.
- Make your offering by Standing Order – bring your bank details (Acc. no. & Sort code – on your bank card) with you in this case.

However you decide to help, we are grateful.

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

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WEEK 2

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PARISH

ST MARY'S CHURCH, WOODBRIDGE ROAD, IPSWICH
CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY & ST. MICHAEL, KESGRAVE



OUR PARISH OUR RESPONSIBILITY

"They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous in giving and always ready to share..."

- 1 Timothy 6:18-19

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Our Parish of St Mary's

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 parish and pass it on to future generations in excellent condition.



Like any household, our Parish has to:

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

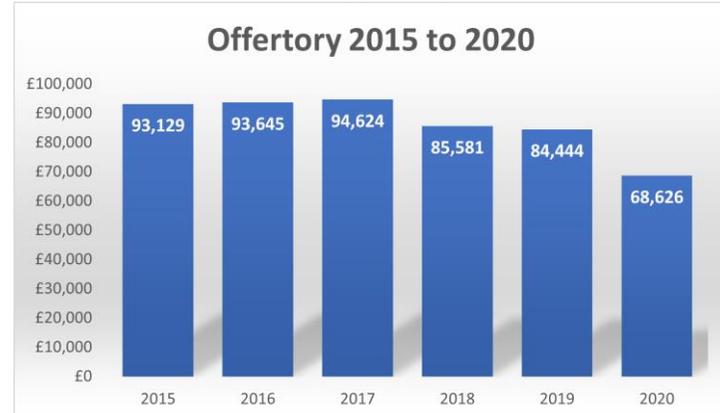
How we operated in 2020

Income		Expenditure	
Offertory (Envelopes)	£10,179	Parish Ministry	£15,168
Offertory (Loose Cash)	£12,100	Contribution to the Diocese	£32,997
Offertory (Standing Order)	£46,347		
Christmas & Easter collections	£2,555	Christmas & Easter collections	£7,000
Gift Aid Income	£15,806		
Second Collections & Appeals	£3,625	Second Collections & Appeals	£3,625
Parish activities/events	£10,784	Parish activities/events	£5,521
Shop, papers and candles	£2,107	Shop, papers and candles	£2,536
Mass stipends, stole fees	£6,483	Mass stipends, stole fees	
Interest on investments and dividends	£1,437	Property repairs & renewals	£28,865
Rents from properties	£6,450	Supplies & furniture	£12,481
Catechists	£80	Parish administrative costs	£16,308
Other grants		Catechists	£201
Donations	£4,135	Donations and grants	£1,678
Refunds and Insurance claims	£6,644	Heat, light, water, council tax & insurance	£11,103
Total	£128,732	Total	£137,483
Deficit (£)	-£8,751	Deficit (%)	-7%
<i>Alive in Faith</i>	£5,839		

Thanks to your support, our Parish buildings are in good condition, and are regularly maintained. For all parishes to grow we also need to invest in our spiritual development and the parish continues to examine ways in which to do this for the future. However without your generosity we would not be able to continue maintaining our parish physically and spiritually.

But did you know that...

Offertory collections have dropped by 19% (£15,818) since 2019



Gift Aid – ‘the good way to give to your Church’

It's easy to do, doesn't cost you a penny and helps our Parish!

If you are a UK taxpayer please consider signing up to Gift Aid – the Parish can claim 25p for every £1 you donate.

- 244 out of 567 parishioners attending Mass were Gift Aid Donors in 2019
- Every donation you make is worth **25%** more to your Church, at no cost to you
- If more people sign up to Gift Aid, we will receive extra **funds** each year

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Standing Order is the best way to support our Parish!

This provides secure, regular income that is easy to Gift Aid, easy to reconcile and takes less time and money to process than envelope and loose change.

Sign up next week – all you need is your account number & sort code.

