

...”but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal.” – Matthew 6:20



Please reflect upon the following:

- How am I using my time, talents and treasure to glorify God and benefit 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, or by using the Dona Contactless machine?
- **Do I give efficiently, using Gift Aid if I pay UK tax to ensure my parish gets the most out of my contributions?**

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ST. LAWRENCE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

FELTHAM



OUR PARISH – OUR RESPONSIBILITY

*“How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?
Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action”
– 1 John 3:17-18*

Our parish is a gift we have received from those who went before us. As Stewards of this parish, what will be our legacy to future generations? We need to cover costs as well as ensure our parish continues to grow and develop its mission of reaching out with the message of God’s infinite love. **Every contribution you give makes a difference.**

So what goes into running our parish each year?

Regular Income in 2023		Regular Expenditure in 2023	
Weekly Offertory	£156,165	Clergy & Non Clergy Salaries	£ 64,656
Tax Refunds (from Gift Aid)	£7,167	Other Expenses	£49,700
All other income	£55,167	Property Repairs & Renewals	£11,637
Legacies	£0	Utilities, council tax & Insurance	£25,936
Specific Donations (includes Parish Centre Donations & fund raising)	£23,312	Parish Administration Expenses	£5,093
Received from G.I.F.	£45,000	Purchase of Fixed Assets	£16,259
Repository, papers candles	£12,234	Diocesan Assessment	£43,663
		Loans repaid plus interest	£9170
TOTAL	£254,045	TOTAL	£226,114

On 31st December 2023 our Bank Balance stood at £156,165. The Loan repayments is now paid off. **Thank you.**

Please continue to support our parish and our Finance Committee with your donations and fundraising.

Your support to date has allowed our parish to:

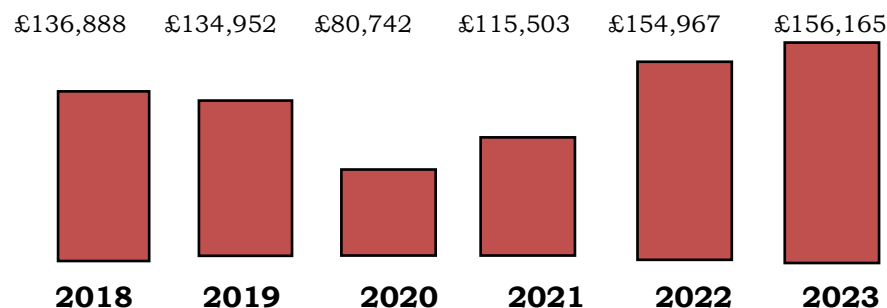
1. Renew the bathroom in the Presbytery
2. Donated £2,000 to St Lawrence's School new build
3. Install Live Streaming and a new sound system
4. Roof and gutter maintenance for the Church and Presbytery.
5. CCTV installed.

Thank You!

We have recently had a Diocesan Parish Building Survey: These are some of the items we need to upgrade:

- a) Resurfacing the grounds around the church
- b) The Church boiler room needs upgrading
- c) Storage of hall items outside of the premises
- d) Church choir loft renovation
- e) Renew church lighting
- f) Ongoing maintenance to comply with Health & Safety regulations.

Our primary source of income – the offertory collection is as follows over the past six years:



Gift aiding your donations is easy, and it does not cost you a penny but makes a **real** difference to our parish.

God of Mission
 Who alone brings growth
 to your Church,
 Send your Holy Spirit to give
 Vision to our planning,
 Wisdom to our actions,
 And power to our witness.
 Help our church to grow in numbers,
 In spiritual commitment to you,
 And in service to our local community,
 Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
 Amen.