

Dear Parishioner of St Helen's Catholic Church,

As Chair of the Parish Finance Committee I writing to make this appeal to you.

Firstly thank you to all those who have been continuing to make your weekly offering to the Parish in these difficult times. We are all aware that there are many people in our families, our parish, and our country and throughout the world affected by the Covid 19 Pandemic, now in its third month.

In common with businesses, families and individuals St Helen's parish has been financially affected.

Without the regular Sunday Masses the parish income has been considerably reduced.

Throughout this lockdown it is still necessary to see to the regular maintenance of the church premises and to pay the bills as they arrive. Some of these are on Standing Orders such as the monthly contribution to the Diocese and the general Utilities Providers.

Without the usual weekly collections the parish is unable to meet all its financial obligations. While some people may themselves be financially insecure and at this time not able to contribute, as a parish community, it is our responsibility to maintain our parish in all its needs.

If you are able to make your usual weekly contribution to the parish this would greatly help.

You can pay direct if using online banking to our parish account

Account Name: Our Lady Help of Christians & St Helen

Sort Code: 40 13 22

Account Number: 31019288

IF YOU GIFT AID

In the reference please put Name and GA (eg. J Brown GA)

The narrative line is only about 17 characters long, so please put as much of your name as possible

IF YOU DO NOT GIFT AID AND THEREFORE DO NOT USE GIFT AID ENVELOPES

In the reference please put: PLATE GIFT

Manual Payments - For those of you NOT using online banking:

FOR GIFT AID

Put your weekly offering into your Gift Aid envelope and pop it through the presbytery letter box

FOR LOOSE PLATE

Put your weekly offering into any envelope (marking it 'plate')

Please deliver your envelope to the parish at your convenience.

If you wish to gift aid and do not at present use our scheme please send email to parish office and we will contact you.

Alternatively payment can be made through the Link on St Helen's Facebook page – a scheme set up by the Diocese, or you can pay directly to the parish. More details about this will soon be on our parish webpage.

The costs of this mail-shot are being borne by a member of the Finance Committee to whom we are grateful.

Thank you for your prayers for our priests and for our parish. Any help you are able to provide during this difficult period is very much appreciated.

Your sincerely

Eileen Campling
Chair, Finance Committee
St Helens Church
Westcliff on Sea
Dated 1st June 2020

