

SCHULL PARISH CO CORK

Dear Parishioners,

I hope this letter finds you well.

Covid19 has affected the lives of all of us, both young and old, in very significant ways. Huge changes have occurred in our families and in our parish.

Unfortunately it is believed that this virus will be with us for some time to come and we have been forced to think and act in new ways.

Like most households the internet has become an important element in our lives and we've all had to embrace this technology.

The Diocese of Cork and Ross in conjunction with the Parish of Schull are launching new methods to enable Parishioners to continue to support their local Priests and Parish Community.

Attached is a brochure that explains new ways in which you can contribute to the upkeep and ongoing development of Schull Parish:-

The Online Donate Facility and/or the Standing Order.

We are aware that this may not suit everyone and the familiar ways of contributing to the collections at Mass and returning envelopes for the Christmas and Easter Offerings and Station Dues will remain in place for those who prefer the traditional methods.

We would appreciate it if you would read this brochure and would welcome any feedback.

We take this opportunity to thank you for your generosity and continued support.

May God bless you and help you through these challenging times.

Yours sincerely,

Fr. Alan O'Leary, Parish Priest.

SCHULL PARISH CO CORK

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How to make a Donation online



- ☐ Visit the parish's website or social media page (on your PC, tablet or smartphone).
- ☐ Click the DONATE button on the home-page.
- ☐ Click once on a DONATE Button to donate to one of the collections listed.
- ☐ Fill in the the amount you wish to donate (either once off or recurring) and your Bank Debit/Credit Card details and follow the instructions to the end.

SUSTAINING YOUR FAITH COMMUNITY

SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH

AND DIOCESE FINANCIALLY

Until the Covid-19 pandemic, parishes met their budgetary needs thanks to the generosity of successive generations of Catholics.

People have made it possible for parishes to meet all their bills and priests have been supported also with offerings from the people.

But a lot has changed.

The Covid-19 Pandemic led to the closure of churches throughout the Diocese of Cork and Ross for a considerable period of time. As a result, people were unable to contribute to the upkeep of their parish faith community through the weekly Offertory Collection. This meant a substantial reduction in income for parishes.

People can now support their local parish and provide an income for their priest(s) by using one or more of these established and some new methods:

1. Contributing to the collections taken up at Mass
2. Returning envelopes for clergy offerings or Station Dues
3. Using the parish's new online *Donate* facility
4. Setting up a *Standing Order* on a bank account

This leaflet explains methods 3 and 4.

But, first, what's the money for?



1. The Weekly Offertory Collection

The Offertory Collection helps the parish pay its week-to-week bills. These include online communications, lighting, parish IT, heating, insurance, wages of parish office employees, ongoing repairs, upkeep and maintenance of churches, the purchase of necessary supplies.

2. The Priests' Income Collections

(Spring, Autumn, Christmas Day and Easter Sunday)

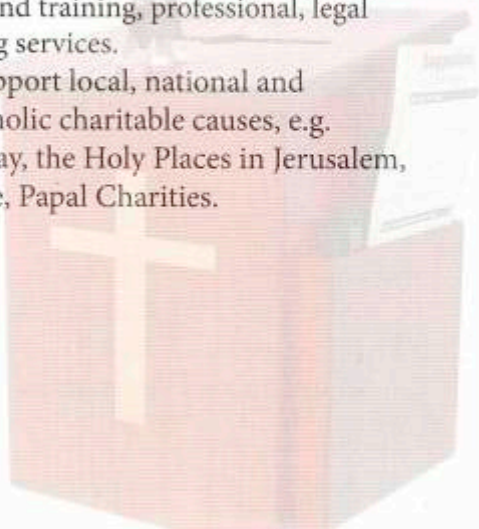
The Offertory Collection does not provide an income for priests. The income of priests is from separate offerings made by the faithful.

The quarterly Priests' Income Collection helps priests meet their living and ministry expenses (utilities, motor costs, food, study, healthcare, equipment, etc).

3. Annual Diocesan Collections

These collections are taken up during the year as a second collection in church, usually one per month. They help fund the Diocesan Offices and services which provide support and advice to parishes in areas such as schools and education, safeguarding, GDPR, Garda vetting, pastoral development and training, professional, legal and accounting services.

They also support local, national and universal Catholic charitable causes, e.g. Mission Sunday, the Holy Places in Jerusalem, Marriage Care, Papal Charities.



NEW WAYS TO HELP

DONATE Online

Online transactions are an integral part of our daily lives using a credit card or a debit card.

The diocese and our parishes have engaged a professional service to manage all our online donations.

A Donate button has been added to our parish website. (When a parish doesn't yet have its own website, donations for the parish can be made through the website of the diocese.)

It is a safe, confidential and convenient online method for making a once-off or recurring donation to your parish or the diocese or your local clergy.

STANDING ORDERS

In addition to Donate online facilities, people are more and more finding Standing Orders and Direct Debits from their bank accounts as helpful for arranging their finances.

Standing Orders can be used to support your parish and diocesan faith communities. There is a Standing Order form with this leaflet and it has your parish data already included. You just need to put in your bank account information and hand it in to your bank or to the parish.

If you use online banking, you can use this data to set up the Standing Order yourself online.

It could also be helpful if you might let your local parish know that you intend to use the Standing Order method of donation.

REBATE OF INCOME TAX

If an individual donates €250 or more to her or his parish in a year, that parish can claim a refund of tax paid on that donation at a specified rate, currently 31%.

In the case of a donation of €500, this equates

to an additional benefit through a tax refund of €224 at no additional cost to the individual and will bring the total value of the donation made to €724. Any payments made by standing order or through the online donate facility will also qualify.

For more information on how your parish might benefit from a tax refund to increase the value of your donation, please contact your local parish office.

DONATE TO THE DIOCESE

You can make a donation directly to the Diocese of Cork and Ross by using the online *Donate* button on the diocesan website at WWW.CORKANDROSS.ORG

You can also make a donation to one of the parishes of the diocese on the same website by selecting the parish you wish to receive your donation.

SUSTAINING YOUR PARISH FAITH COMMUNITY FINANCIALLY: LEARNING LESSONS FROM THE COVID-19 EXPERIENCE

The ability of parishes to continue to operate and meet their financial commitments is a matter of grave concern.

This leaflet presents various methods that people might like to use to help their parish financially.

Thank you.

MORE INFORMATION

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Thank you

Your
generosity
sustains
the parish,
people
& services

There are several ways
you may give financially to your parish



DONATE



DIOCESE OF CORK AND ROSS

STANDING ORDER (*Set Up Form*)

SCHULL PARISH, CO CORK

SUNDAY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

To the Manager _____

Branch Address _____

I /We hereby authorise and request you to debit my / our account

(Details of the account from which payments will be made)

Account Name: _____

IBAN

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and to Credit the Beneficiary/Receiver account:

Account Name: *Schull Parish No.1 account*

IBAN:

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Receiver Reference (*Parish envelope number or your name*):

(Reference will appear on the parish bank statement)

*Start Date (*cannot be historic*)

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Frequency: Weekly ☐ Quarterly ☐

Fortnightly ☐ Annually ☐

Monthly ☐ Other ☐

Number of Payments: *until further notice*

Amount of each payment € _____

Signature _____ Date _____

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* *Please allow 10 working days prior to the first payment due date.*

**PLEASE RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO THE PARISH
OR DIRECTLY TO YOUR BANK**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO THE PARISH

WWW.CORKANDROSS.ORG

The Parish of Schull

Financial Accounts for Y/E 31/12/2019

	€	€
Income Statement	2019	2018
Incoming Resources		
Offertory collection	42,475	41,856
Shrines	8,857	8,388
2 nd Offertory collection	5,882	4,729
Miscellaneous receipts	<u>15,938</u>	<u>19,578</u>
Total Incoming Resources	73,152	74,551
Resources Expended		
Repairs and Maintenance	23,039	32,458
Diocesan payments	7,543	10,638
Light & Heat	9,450	11,210
Insurance	10,502	9,706
Miscellaneous Church expenses	<u>28,941</u>	<u>37,682</u>
Total resources Expended	79,475	101,694
Surplus / (Deficit) of Incoming Resources over Resources Expended	-6,323	-27,143