

WEEK 2

**MARY,  
MOTHER OF GOD  
PONDERS END**



**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 Mary, Mother of God

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.

### Like any household, our parish has to:

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



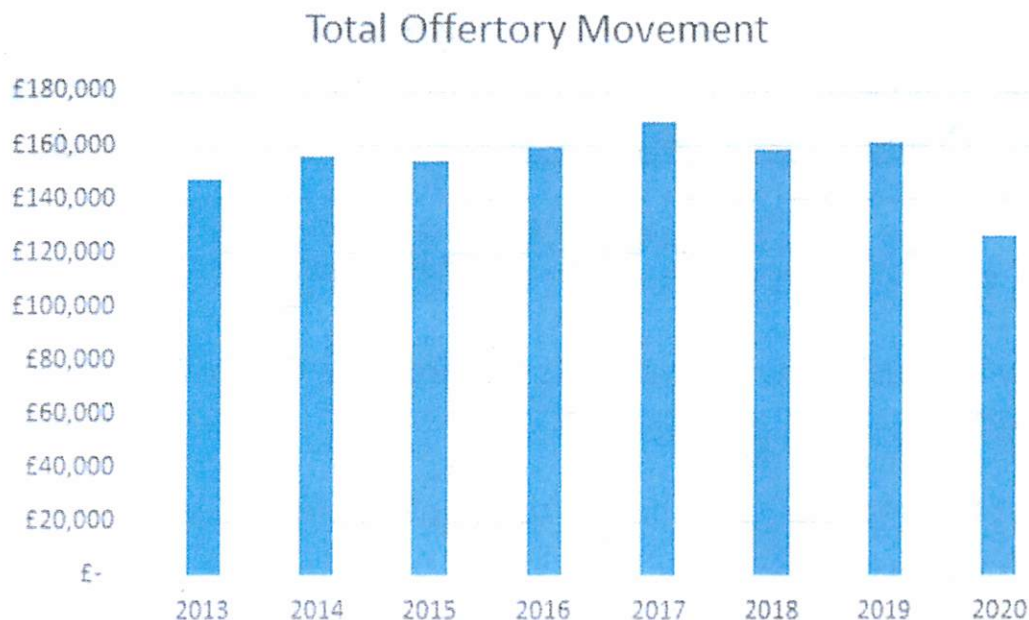
### How we operated in 2020

Income		Expenditure	
Offertories Envelopes	£41,653	Parish Ministry	£13,751
Offertories SOs	£70,817	Heat, Light, Water & Council Tax & Insurance	£10,665
Offertories Loose Plate	£14,034	Contribution to the Diocese	£60,581
Tax Refunds	£26,582	Parish administration	£13,353
Christmas/Easter Offerings, Stipends, Fees	£7,256	Liturgical Expense	£14,693
Parish Activities & Catechetics	£3,068	Parish Activities & Catechetics	£5,774
Repository, paper & candles	£17,691	Candles, Repository & Papers	£8,431
General Donations & Fund Raising, Specific Donations	£2,857	Donations/Grants	£2,090
Rents - Investment and Functional Properties	£0	Property repairs and renewals	£12,646
Growing in Faith	£0	Purchase of Fixed Assets	£32,540
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£183,958</b>	<b>Total:</b>	<b>£174,524</b>

## But did you know that...

### Our offertory collections have dropped 20% since 2019

(That's a drop of over £30,000)



Gift Aid is easy to do, doesn't cost you a penny and helps our parish!

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- If all donations in 2018 were Gift Aided the parish would have received an extra **£5,500** from Gift Aid returns.
- If you pay UK income or capital gains tax please sign up to Gift Aid.

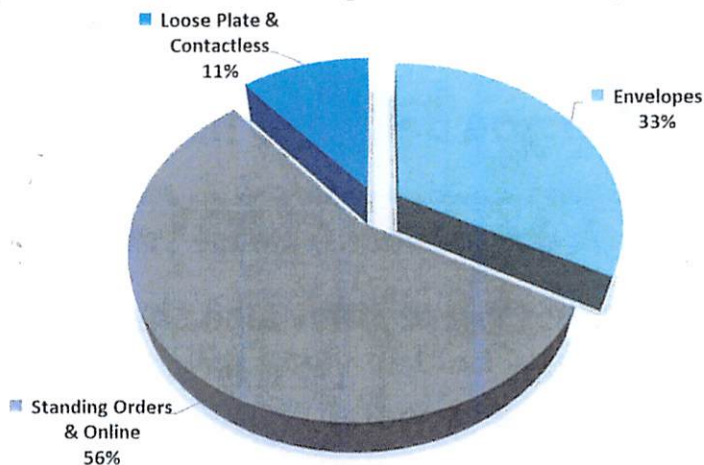
Gift Aid allows us to receive an extra 25p for every £1 you donate!

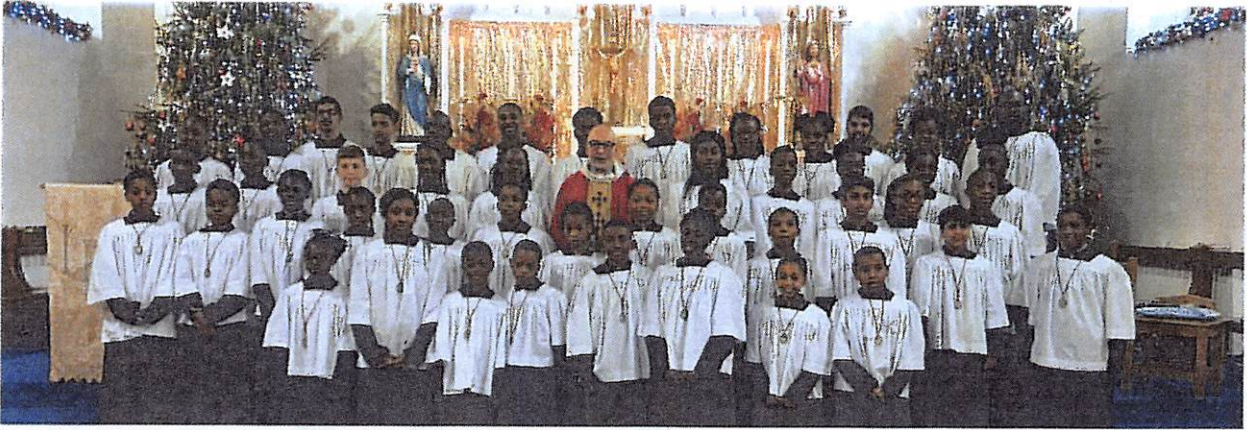
Standing Order is the best way to support our parish!

This provides secure, regular income that is easy to Gift Aid & costs less time & money to process than envelope & loose plate.

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

Methods of Giving as % Total Offertory 2020





## 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?
- \* 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 Gift Aid your donations if you pay UK tax.
- Make your offering by Standing Order
- Review & renew the amount you currently give.
- Sign up for volunteering.

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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