

# What are the Church Collections for?

There are two collections taken up in the Church every Sunday and on Holy Days. The first collection is for the support of all the priests including retired priests of the Diocese. The second collection is for SHARE which funds the essential services of the Archdiocese.

Below is a brief explanation of how the money is spent from each collection.

First Collection and Easter/ Christmas Dues	Second Collection - SHARE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Salaries of priests and retired priests - all priests receive a monthly stipend – low income parishes are subsidised by all the other parishes - Priests are treated as Self Employed within the Revenue Tax system.</li> <li>• Maintenance of retired priests.</li> <li>• Medical Care for priests.</li> <li>• Offerings from weddings, baptisms and funerals.</li> <li>• The First Collection and All Dues are lodged to a Common Fund administered by the Diocesan Office.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operating costs of low income parishes.</li> <li>• Financing repairs to churches, houses and pastoral centres in low income parishes.</li> <li>• Child and Adult Safety.</li> <li>• Human Resources.</li> <li>• Vocations</li> <li>• Legal.</li> <li>• Data Protection.</li> <li>• Health and Safety.</li> <li>• Property Management.</li> <li>• Technology.</li> <li>• Archives.</li> </ul>

Occasionally the second collection for SHARE is replaced by special collections for Accord, Crosscare, St Vincent de Paul or Missions for example.

**Crosscare** provides for accommodation to homeless people in Dublin – Youth Programmes – Food Centres.

**Accord** provides marriage guidance and counselling service.

The other collection in the parish is the **Family Offering Collection** – this money is collected weekly by way of an envelope – some parishioners donate by standing order. This collection is the only one that goes towards the upkeep and development of our parish and covers expenditure such as – Secretary and Sacristan Wages, Heat, Light, Electricity, Repairs, Maintenance, Altar Supplies, Candles, Mass Leaflets. Please see over for Receipts and Payments year ended 31 December 2016.

**Easter and Christmas Dues** – these offerings are all lodged to a Common Fund administered by the Diocesan Office and are used to support all the serving and retired priests of the Diocese – Dues are not kept in the parish.

**We hope you find this leaflet helpful in understanding where your contributions go.**

**If you would like to help towards the ongoing upkeep of our church (which is a listed building), please contact our Parish Secretary, Ruth Collender (Tel 6260900/Email: [stphilomenasparish48@gmail.com](mailto:stphilomenasparish48@gmail.com)) who can provide you with ways to donate. You may also leave your contact details into the Sacristy or with any member of the Parish Finance Committee (Gabriel Dunne, Marion Callaghan, Gerard McDonagh, Joseph Scally).**

<b>ST PHILOMENA'S PARISH YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016</b>	
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>€</b>
Family Offering	82,473
Shrines	11,268
Stole Fees	2,551
Deposit Interest	18
Donations and Bequests	4,500
Catholic Newspapers, Mass Cards & Intentions	2,618
Mass Celebrant Supplies	835
Tax Refund on Donations for 2011 and 2012	25,155
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>129,418</b>

<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>€</b>
Wages	35,551
Rent, Rates, Insurance, LPT	11,150
Repairs, Maintenance, Refurbishment, Security	33,370
Light and Heat	11,268
Altar Supplies	4,524
Missalettes and Mass Booklets	3,518
Church Organist & Mass Celebrant Supplies	9,996
Courses, Seminars, Retreat, Volunteers	5,517
Telephone, Postage, Stationery, Office Equipment	9,053
Schools	3,457
Accountancy & Legal Fees	654
Bank Charges	375
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>128,434</b>
<b>Excess Income over Expenditure</b>	<b>984</b>

### **CHARITABLE DONATIONS**

Did you know that by contributing a minimum donation of €250 in any one year, our parish can claim a tax refund from the Revenue Commissioners at no cost to the parishioner? The amount can be made up of the Family Giving contribution and the Easter/Christmas Dues. Certain terms and conditions apply.

**Example:** If you make a donation of €250- St Philomena's Parish can claim a tax refund of €112.32 – that's equal to 45% of your donation, giving the parish a total benefit of €362.32.

**Should you wish to make a Donation to our Parish, you may do so directly through the Parish Bank Account:-**

**Ulster Bank, Palmerstown Branch**  
**St Philomena's Church No. 1**  
**IBAN: IE61 ULSB 9850 4529 4870 21**  
**BIC: ULSB IE2D**