

Dear parishioners of St Marys with St Bernard's. I understand that the current COVID-19 pandemic is hitting families hard financially. These are difficult times for everyone, with many families in the parish uncertain about their health, job security and income. Each day I remember you all at Holy Mass, and pray that you are in good health, and that your spiritual and prayer life is continuing to flourish during this crisis.

I appeal to those parishioners who are more financially secure, and are able to continue supporting the parish financially on a regular basis. Remember, all parish income comes from you our parishioners. These funds finance the running of the whole parish including the upkeep of our considerable estate of Church, Halls and Presbytery; established now for nearly 150 years. Sadly, it's currently no longer possible to visit and gather in the Church in person, but you can still continue to support your parish by giving regular donations in the following ways.

**1. Set-up a New regular standing order via your own Bank. To do this simply call the parish house on 01236 423 550.**

Leave your name and address, and I will post out the Standing Order form to be completed fully by you. Donations via Standing Order can be set up whether you are a tax payer or not. Once completed, simply post the entire form back to me (Fr Travers), at St. Marys Church Hozier Street Whifflet Coatbridge ML5 4DB. I will forward the form onto your bank/building society to complete the process; this can take a few weeks.

*If you are a UK tax payer the parish can claim an extra 25p tax relief on your donation, which means that the parish receives £1.25 for every £1 you donate, at no extra cost to you.*

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**2. During these times you may want to take the opportunity to review your current standing order amount.** If you already have a standing order set-up for the parish, simply contact your bank or building society and update the amount you give each month.

**3. A donation directly into the parish bank account.** If you are not a tax-payer but would like to donate via standing order, you can simply ask your bank or building society to set-up a regular monthly or one off payment into the parish account.

Whatever your situation, you can make regular or individual one-off donations into the parish RBS bank account details below:

Account Name: **ST MARYS & ST BERNARDS**

Account Number: 00151382

Sort Code: 83-17-13

**4. Continue Using your Current Mass Donation Envelopes.** Call the parish house on **01236 423 550** and arrange with myself (Fr Travers), for the collection of your weekly gift aid envelopes, and/or any other cash donations to help support St. Marys with St Bernard's Parish.

You parish thanks you for your continued support, God Bless.



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Fr Travers PP