

OC – Offertory Collection

This weekly collection traditionally taken by passing the plate around during the offertory is the main source of income for our parish. It is used to pay all administrative and general expenses including but not limited to liturgical expenses, heating, lighting, insurance, household, Building Loan Fund top-up, etc. Our parish's essential contribution to the operation of the Diocese, via the Diocesan levy, is mostly derived from this source.

BF – Building Loan Fund

We are the custodians of St Mary's Church, which is a grade 2 listed building, and The Old School, listed by association. We should all be proud of the substantial essential maintenance and refurbishment work that our donations have paid for in the past 20 years. The church was significantly transformed and modernised in 2001, a new roof was installed on The old School in 2008, The Old School was refurbished in 2015 and the church itself refurbished in 2017. For each of these significant and expensive projects a loan was secured with agreed repayment schedules. That building loan currently stands at £78,000 (at 1st April 2020) and is paid off at the rate of £5,000/quarter. The Building Loan Fund is the main beneficiary of the fundraising work that is undertaken at St Mary's and income raised in this manner is not subject to the Diocesan levy.