



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?
- * How can I share my time and talents with my Parish community?

Next week you will be able to:

- Sign up to volunteer your time and talents in your Parish.
- Review and renew the amount you currently give.
- Sign up to **Gift Aid** your donations if you pay UK tax.
- Make your offering by Standing Order – bring your bank details (Acc. no. & Sort code – on your bank card) with you in this case.

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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WEEK 2

BRANDON AND MILDENHALL CATHOLIC PARISH



OUR PARISH OUR RESPONSIBILITY

“They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous in giving and always ready to share...”

- 1 Timothy 6:18-19

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF EAST ANGLIA
Registered Charity Number 278742

Our Parish of Brandon and Mildenhall

has a rich history as the spiritual centre in the lives of many. As Stewards responsible for the gifts received from God, we must treasure and 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 and repairs.
- Support Parish programmes and projects.
- Save a % of our income for emergency repairs and future projects.

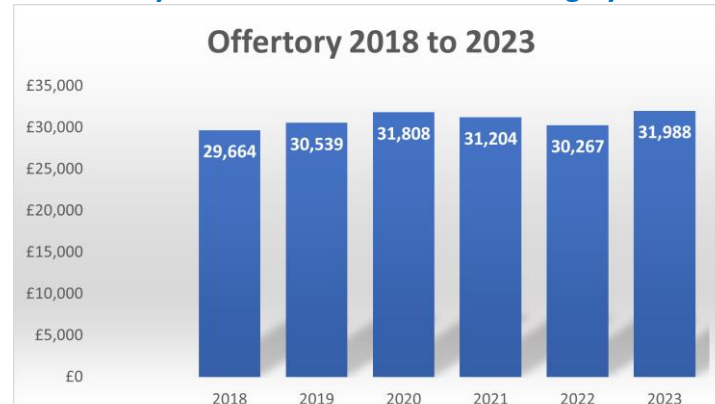
How we operated in 2023

Income		Expenditure	
Offertory (Loose Cash – 19%)	£6,077	Parish Ministry	£12,324
Offertory (St Order – 68%)	£21,757	Contribution to the Diocese	£12,574
Offertory (Cheques– 13%)	£4,158		
Christmas & Easter collections	£1,118	Christmas & Easter collections	£1,118
Gift Aid Income	£4,741	Heat, light, water, council tax & insurance	£19,116
Second Collections & Appeals	£1,492	Second Collections & Appeals	£1,492
Parish activities/events	£4,605	Parish activities/events	£
Shop, papers and candles	£461	Investments and interest	£404
Mass stipends, stole fees	£1,374	Shop, papers and candles	£978
Interest on investments and dividends	£52	Property repairs & renewals	£8,373
Rents from properties	£6,839	Supplies & furniture	£2,596
Other income	£2,362	Parish administrative costs	£3,638
Donations	£3,671	Donations and grants	£70
		Other costs	£5,749
Total	£58,698	Total	£68,955
Deficit (£)	£10,256	Deficit (%)	17%

Thanks to your support, both our churches and Parish buildings are in good condition. Looking forward, we wish to ensure that we have sufficient funds to maintain both our churches and presbytery too.

But did you know that...

Offertory collections have remained largely static



Gift Aid – ‘the good way to give to your Church’

It's easy to do, doesn't cost you a penny and helps our Parish!

If you are a UK taxpayer please consider signing up to Gift Aid – the Parish can claim 25p for every £1 you donate.

- 20 out of 79 parishioners attending Mass were Gift Aid Donors in 2023
- Every donation you make is worth **25%** more to your Church, at no cost to you
- If more people sign up to Gift Aid, we will receive extra **funds** each year

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Standing Order is the best way to support our Parish!

This provides secure, regular income that is easy to Gift Aid, easy to reconcile and takes less time and money to process than envelope and loose change.

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

